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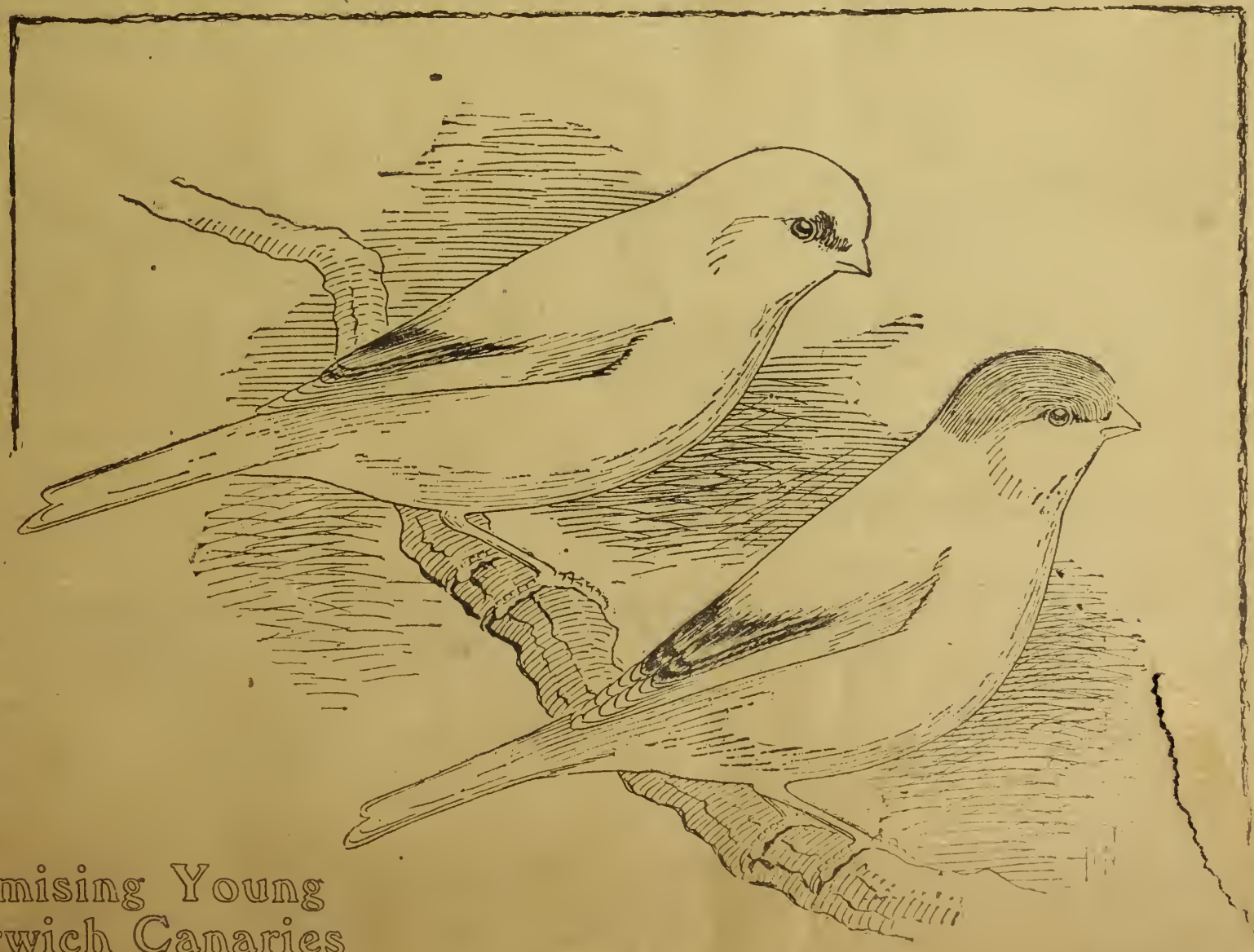

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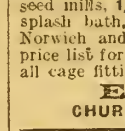

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FEW good large Crests and Crestbreds, cocks or hens, 20/- each; six days' approval; cash or deposit: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford.

BUFF dark Crested cock, 2nd Aberdeen, 20/-; buff dark Crested hen, 4th Aberdeen, 20/-; approval, deposit: China Shop, 9, Drummond-st., Inverness. (755)

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FINE large-headed buff marked Norwich cock, 20/-; or exchange for large, good-coloured cock Hawfinch; approval: Hunter, 98, Derby-st., Ormskirk. (756)

NORWICH cocks, yellow or buff, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; pairs, properly matched, 20/-, 25/- upwards; approval, stamp: Williams, Granley-rd., Cheltenham. (752)

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LIGHT yellow nearly four-pointed cock Goldfinch Mule; exchange dark yellow Goldfinch, Siskin, or Greenfinch Mule, must be large and good; dark buff Redpoll Mule, a big winner, price 30/-; a 1916 dark yellow Linnet Mule, should moult out a good one, price 21/-; approval with pleasure: Andrews, Wexton Olney, Bucks. (753)

FOREIGN BIRDS.

WANTED young Budgerigars: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (750)

SCARLET Bishop, lovely plumage, full colour, 17/6: W. Doig, 31, Howard-st., Arbroath. (753)

PAIR Peachface Lovebirds, in splendid condition; breeders; 60/- to clear: Macready, Jeweller, Stranraer. (754)

ACCLIMATISED Talking Amazon, laughable mimic, 75/-; exchange: Walker, 17, Pembroke-rd., Walthamstow. (755)

HALF-MOON Conure, 15/-; cock yellow Budgerigar 3/6; fine Jay 2/6; cock Bramble 2/6; all perfect condition, outdoors: H. J. Phair, Alresford, Hants.

PAIR Blackcheek Lovebirds, 50/-; cock Rosella, 35/-; Half-moon Parrakeet, 17/6; all outside aviary: Elliott, Burnt Tree, Tipton. (751)

ROSELLA and Cardinal, from outdoor aviary, perfect condition, 25/- and 12/6 each; apply: A. Pruxt, 123, above Bar, Southampton. (748)

BUDGERIGARS, adults 1916 birds, outdoor aviary, greens 6/6 pair, yellow hens 4/6 each; breeding condition: Church, Grocer, Sudbury, Suffolk. (749)

BUDGERIGARS, outdoors, finest possible selected breeding pairs, 7/6; husk nests, 6d.; Zebra Finches, 12/6 pair: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

A FEW selected pairs adult Green Budgerigars, outdoor aviary bred, 9/- pair: S. B. M'Cullough, 25, Courtney-terrace, Lisburn-rd., Belfast, Ireland.

COCK Virginian Cardinal, 35/-; pair Red-billed Weavers, ex. colour, 8/6; four Green Budgerigars, three cocks, one hen, 10/6: Atkinson, 13, Bishopsgate-st., Leeds. (755)

OUTDOOR aviary-bred Budgerigars, from unrelated stock, in breeding condition; finest possible; Greens, 9/- pair; Yellows, 10/6: F. C. Hiden, Aviaries, 17, Worcester-rd., Evesham. (754)

ACCLIMATISED birds, from outdoor aviary, cocks or hens, green Budgerigars, 3/9 each; yellow Budgerigars, 5/- each; Cockatiels, 12/6 each; Barbary Doves, 1/9 each: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

PARADISE Whydah, in perfect condition; 2nd Newcastle, 2nd Gateshead, 1st Darlington, with show cage, 30/- or nearest offer; House-moulted Bramblefinch, 1/6: Pettersson, 8, Springfield-pl., Sheriff-hill, Gateshead. (756)

SELL pair Taha Weavers, 21/-; cock Weavers, Grenadier, Taha, Half-Masked, 10/- each, and two Sitagra (species?), 5/- each; Pintail Wydah, 21/-; pair St. Helena Waxbills, 15/-; cock Red-headed Finch, 8/-: Bainbridge, Thorpe, Surrey. (747)

FROM outside aviary; pairs, Rosellas, £3 10s.; Quakers, nested, 30/-; Cockatiels, reared young, 25/6; young unrelated pair, 18/6; perfect cock Virginian Cardinal, 35/-; wanted hen Californian Quail: F. Barlow, Massicks, The Mount, Rotherham. (754)

BREEDING pairs, acclimatised and in perfect condition. Gouldians, 50/-; Masked Grass Finches, 27/6; Bechenoes, 50/-; Ruficauda Finches, 40/-; Barbreasted Fire Finches, 22/6; Yellow Sparrows, 15/-; cock Ruficauda, 15/-: Steed, Tobacconist, Sudbury, Suffolk. (751)

TALKING grey Parrot £7 10s.; giant mealy Amazon, finger-tame, talker, £4 10s.; pair Alexandrine Rock Parrots, outdoors a year, exhibition birds, £5; gorgeous Salmoucrest Molucca Cockatoo, wonderful talker, mimic, £10; finger-tame Sulphurcrest Cockatoo, 70/-; another, not tame, 45/-; Nosecus Cockatoo, tame, 70/-; bare-eyed Cockatoo, tame, 50/-; Rosellas, 30/-; hen Ringneck Parrakeets, 12/6; tame Senegal Parrot, 50/-; rare Mullers Parrot, 70/-; finger-tame Canarywing, Tui, and Tirica Parrakeets, 17/6 each, 30/- pair; Pigmy Turtle Doves, 50/- pair; Masked Doves, 30/- pair; Senegal half-collared Doves, 20/- pair; Necklace Doves, 25/- pair; Lesser Triangular Spotted Pigeons, 50/-; larger Western Triangular Spotted Pigeons, 40/- pair; these pigeons bred freely outdoors last season: Cross, Otterspool, Aigburth, Liverpool.

PAIRS, Black-bill Senegal Sparrows, 15/-; Ribbon Finches, 10/6; Senegal Blue-bills, 12/6; Red-billed Weavers, 10/6; Orange Bishops, gorgeous full colour, 25/-; Orange Bishops, out of colour, 15/-; Napoleon Bishops, out of colour, 15/-; large Golden Oriole Weavers, 20/-; small Golden Oriole Weavers, 15/-; Shaft-tail Whydahs, 20/-; Red-headed Amadine Finches, 20/-; Zebra Finches, 12/6; Fire Finches, 25/-; also one pair of Masked Doves, 30/-; one only, Green Singing Finch, 8/6; one Senegal Waxbill, 8/6; one Orange-cheek Waxbill, 8/6.

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GREEN Budgerigars, snow plumage, outdoor, 7/6 pair; yellows, 8/6; blue-winged Lovebirds, 10/6 each; Zebra Finches, acclimatised, 12/6 pair; Golden-fronted, Golden-breasted, Jendai, and all Green Conures, 12/6 each; Rosellas, English bred, 55/- pair; tame, talking bareyed Cockatoo, 30/-, Lemon-crested Cockatoo, 30/-; Mandy Conures, 30/-. G. B. Chapman, 25 and 26, High-st., Birmingham.

MACAWS, Cockatoos, Parrots, various Parrakeets and Lovebirds, Crested and Pope Cardinals, Conures, Hawfinches, Budgerigars, Cockatiels, Black-headed Gouldians, Pintail Nonpareils, Swainson's Lorikeets, Spice Birds, Nuns, Avadavats, Silverbills, Orangecheeks, St. Helena Waxbills, Saffron Finches, Cowbirds, Red-headed Finches, Mules, Canaries, Bullfinches. All acclimatised and in show condition. Marmozet and other Monkeys.

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DEAD birds sent will be stuffed mounted on movable springs, for catchers, 2/6 each; postage 3d.: Gent, Beccles. (750)

HAVE quantity cages, also few good birds, ridiculously cheap, suitable catcher, dealer; stamp: Broxup, Stock-st., Burnley. (756)

MOOR cock brown Linnets, three for 2/-; gems, 1/- each; cock Greenfinches, like paint, yellows, three for 1/6; cock Canaries, 7/- each; bred outside: P. Cawood, 25, Britannia-st., Scarborough. (704)

THREE pair of green Borders, 12/6 per pair; approval if carriage paid both ways, three Linnet mules, two Skylarks, green Linnet, Redpoll, 25/- lot: H. Wilson, 29, Townhead, Irvine, Ayrshire.

GRAND house-moulted cock Goldfinch, clear yellow Norwich hen, mule breeder, 10/- pair; 2 cock Goldfinch-Canary mules, lovely songsters, 7/6 each; cash or deposit; approval: Foote, 8, Tanyard, Shaftesbury. (750)

PAIR Yorkshires, 12/6; pair Borders, 10/6; two pairs Doves, three ring, one white, 5/-; hand-reared Thrush, good songster, three years old, 8/6: Miss Davis, Andenshaw Hall, Droylsden, Manchester. Letters please (750)

THREE good Yorkshire cocks, all in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6; house-moulted Siskin, bred Mules, 8/-; hen Bullfinch, bred Hybrids last season, 4/-; four cock Linnets, singing, 1/- each, sell lot, £1 18s.: Robinson, 18, Garbutt-st., Shildon. (753)

SELECTED cock Bullfinches, piping, 8/6 each; aviary moulted hen Bullies, 2/6; Greenfinches, 1/6 pair; tame Starlings, 1/- each; cock Linnet mule, full song, 10/6; pair grand green Budgerigars, 7/6; tame Jackdaw, talking, 3/6; approval, cash or deposit: North, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (755)

MAGNIFICENTLY marked cock Budgie, 3/6; pair White Doves and young one, 4/6 lot; cock Turtle Dove, 1/6; grand H.R. Missel Thrushes, 5/-; large cock Chaffinches, A.M., 3/6; hens 1/6; monster cock Bullies, A.M., 5/-; grand dark cock Goldfinch mule, 7/6; singing; large cock Robin, 2/-; exchange any for large cock Goldies: Weaire, Snodland, Kent.

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WANTED.

WANTED, Canaries, all classes; best price paid: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (748)

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WANTED hen Canaries for cash, or part exchange British singing birds: 117, West-st., Dunstable. (751)

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WANTED big, healthy Norwich; I give from 10/- to 20/- pair for good birds: Scott, 110, Roebank-st., Glasgow. (754)

WANTED, a large quantity of Canaries and all kinds of British birds, for cash: Barnes, Corn Merchant, Merthyr. (738)

WANTED to purchase good stock Norwich; will pay fair price for first-class stuff: Agnew, 63, Regent-st., Eccles, Salford. (704)

TWO or three yellow Norwich hens, must be good, no rubbish; unflighted preferred: Lewis, 46, Green-lane, Kettering. (756)

WANTED, all kinds of Canaries, Mules, British, any quantity; best price paid: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford.

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WANTED 500 Canaries, all varieties, large or small lots; prices reasonable; no risk; I send cash first: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (737)

WANTED Bullfinches and Goldfinches, 2/9 per pair; also Canaries, either sex, highest prices given for all British birds: Dan Patterson, 41c, Hawkhill, Dundee. (755)

WANTED Canaries, all kinds, also Linnets, Twites, Greenfinches, Goldfinches, Redpolls, Bullfinches, Siskins, etc.: Dawson, 689, Duke-st., Glasgow. (753)

WILL buy any quantity Norwich or Yorkshires from one pair to a 100 pairs weekly, 11/- pair. Reynolds, Newham, Sithney, Helston, Cornwall. (751)

WANTED, big unflighted yellow Norwich cock for O.E.G.B. cock and 3 hens, or sell 10/-; approval; yours first: Alex. Philp, Milton, Markinch, Fife.

WANTED, a few Norwich hens, exchange seal fur set, 25/-; ladies' dust coat, 21/-; violin, 40/-; field glasses, 15/-: 560a, Gt. Northern-rd., Woodside, Aberdeen. (748)

WATNED, 1916 cock Song Thrush, healthy, and strong, from Sussex or Hampshire counties; reasonable price; particulars to: Mason, 42, Avarn-rd., Tooting, S.W. (747)

WANTED three pullets and cockerel, 1916 March birds, Leghorns preferred, or offers; will give cock Goldfinch Mule, value 10/-; two cameras, 6/6, 2/6 cash: 197, Basford-rd., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.

WANTED regular supplies of British birds, also any quantity of Canaries, Mules, Foreigners, Parrots, etc., and live stock of every variety; prompt cash: Princess Livestock Emporium 21, Brook-st., Manchester. (752)

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WANTED, cock Goldfinches, Linnet Mules, 7/- each; hens, 1/6 each; Norwich, Yorkshire hens, 3/-; common hens, 2/-; cock Goldfinches, 24/-; hens, 12/- dozen; cash on receipt, or deposit: C. Hobbs, 141, King's-rd., Camden Town, London. (749)

THREE pairs of Norwich Plainheads in exchange for ½-plate reflex camera, Zeiss Tritor lens, f4.5, 1 dozen slides, extra focussing screen, neck strap, solid leather carrying case, cost £12 10s., bought off makers last February; particulars, apply: Glover, 10, Brooks-st., Stoke-on-Trent. (754)

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Young or old Norwich or Yorkshire hens, 36/- doz.: hen Goldfinches, Mules, 15/- dozen; hen Goldfinches 6/- dozen; cock Goldfinches, 18/- dozen; cash or deposit with Editor: W. Rutherford, Bird Importer, Leyton-tone, London, E. (742)

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WANTED

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Club Reports.

PENY-GRAIG C.B.S.

Meeting, Butchers' Arms, Jan. 2. Mr. Laurance presided over an almost full attendance, and a crowd of business was got through in good time. Officers for the year 1917 elected to take up duties after open show, Jan. 25. Chair, Mr. Laurance; vice-chair, Mr. Padfield; sec., Mr. T. L. Evans; asst. sec., Mr. Whiteman; treasurer, Mr. Hollinshead; auditors, Mr. Laurance and Mr. Hurl. Audit to take place after open show.—G. Padfield, asst. sec.

ALFRETON C.B.S.,

Meeting, Red Lion Hotel, Jan. 6, Mr. J. Adnith (chair) presided over a good attendance. Decided to hold a stock pair table show. Classes: Nor. yell. cock, buff hen; buff cock, yell. hen; Yorks. yell. cock, buff hen; buff cock, yell. hen. Novice classes same; 1s. 3d. special each class. Mr. J. Adnitt judge; birds staged by 6. Fee, 1s. Feb. 10, judging competition to follow. New members made: J. Berresford, A. Evans.—Geo. Sawer.

DURHAM CITY C.B.S.

Meeting, Grapes Inn, Jan. 6. Show manager a stewards for show, Jan. 27, were elected. Numero specials were given in. Mr. T. Lancaster gave copper kettle for most points with three nominat birds. Birds to be nominated on entry forms. Fi new members joined.—H. Briggs, Sec.

BARNSLEY (Dove Inn).

Committee meeting, at headquarters, Dec. 17, consider landlord's offer of 25s. for best three month average, one-man-one-bird system. Decided to ma three averages, as follows: 1, 25s.; 2, 15s.; 3, 10s to start first Sunday in New Year, to finish Sund before Easter. General meeting, Jan. 6, M Muildoon chair, with a very good attendance. D cided to encourage only members. The meeti flashed with a very good concert. After busine Mr. R. France sung a very good song, and we h a jovial evening.—J. Hardman, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN NORWICH P.C.

The following is the result of cups and specia won over our three patronage shows N/C Blaydo and Gateshead, for 1916:—Points cup three highe birds, A. Holden, 29 points; 2, C. McKay, 2 special most points N/C, F. W. Laidlow; best undi birds, N/C, F. W. Laidlow; most points, Blaydo M. Matthewson; most points, Gateshead, A. Holde most points novice, Newcastle, T. Taylor; mo points, novice, Blaydon, H. Bird; challenge cu best young bird, Gateshead, A. Holden; special 2m best young bird, Gateshead, C. McKay. At ne meeting, annual, we intend holding a pair sho so members please attend; date and judges a nounced later.—F. W. Laidlow, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Meeting, Jan. 4, Shield Cafe, Bigg Market, M G. Dobson, chair, before a good number of membe After business a discussion arose as to who is t winner of one of the cups at our late show. The has been an error by some of the judges, and t cup has not yet been handed over to the owner the bird which was stated to be the winner at t show. The matter was left over to Februa meeting to try and get a good turn up of membe to attend, so I earnestly appeal to the members turn up and let us have the matter settled. T meeting will also be the annual general meetan We are also going to try to arrange lectures f coming meetings, and if anyone can assist us plea do so.—F. W. Laidlow, Sec.

KIPPAX LINNET CLUB.

General meeting, Commercial Hotel, Kippax, Ja 7; one of the best meetings ever held. Mr. Cooper was re-elected President; Mr. J. Wal Treas.; Mr. R. Plows Sec.; Committee, Messrs. Potter, R. Collinson, T. Lightfoot, B. Norton, Liversedge, jun.; T. Pickersgill. The singing seas commences Jan. 13, at Commercial Hotel, at 3. Fo of our old members are serving their King a Country, and I am sorry to say one of the fo Mr. A. Tomlin, is in hospital. Mr. J. Liversedge discharged after serving nearly two years. We ha every prospect of a good season for 1917. O members who are in France welcome CAGE BIR and will be pleased to see we are making anoth attempt to keep the club on, for we have had year of suspense for 1916. We shall be pleased see both old and new faces at our weekly contes —R. Plows, Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Annual meeting, Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, M F. Heaton chair, before a crowded attendan Officers elected: Prés., Mr. W. Hall, our wort host; vice-pres., Messrs. Bew, Hallam, Taylor, B nett, Tasker, Simpson, Ward, and Boyd; chair, M E. Peel (vice Mr. F. Heaton); sec. and trea Mr. H. Best; committee, Messrs. Barnett, Atk son, Walton, Hallam, Hunter; auditors, Mess Gallagher and Walton. The annual report and b ance sheet was read by the sec., and although t past year has been very heavy in respect to e penses, it shows the club to be in a very sou financial position. Decided that members' show held on the first Saturday in February, and M H. Roebuck and F. Oldroyd, Wakefield, be invit to officiate. Unanimously decided to give £1 the T. Simpson subscription fund from the clu funds. The following were selected as represent tives of the Leeds Club to act as guides und Federation rules: Messrs. Barnett, Best, Fe Hunter, Walton, and Roebuck.—H. Best, sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S

Annual general meeting, headquarters, Jan. Quite a large number attended. Balance-sheet f 1916 was presented and passed as correct, showi a balance of nearly £2 in hand, which, taking in consideration the fact that a large number of o members are away on active service, was consider very satisfactory. Officers and committee for 19 elected: Patrons, Fred Hall, Esq., M.P., Mr. Laing; President, Mr. J. B. Crowe; Vice-President Messrs. J. W. Cranfield, J. B. Waterman; C. Grendell, J. Robson, E. S. Lugg, A. Cunningham, Whitlock; Hon. Solicitor, Mr. H. R. B. Twee Auditors, Messrs. F. Cole, C. H. Grendell; Comm tee, Messrs. A. G. Cant, A. J. Clarke, R. Drae W. Gilbert, H. Page, J. R. Taylor, J. Martin, Whiff Roberts, Clemence, Hall, D. Reeks; Hon. Sec. a Treas., W. Hodson. A vote of thanks to retiri officers and committee was duly carried, also vo of thanks to Mr. Cole as chairman. A vigorous p gramme for the year is in preparation, and n members will find plenty of entertainment and i struction.—W. Hodson, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.

A Good Start for the Coming Charity Show.

General meeting, Jan. 2, White Swan Hotel, Mark Place, over thirty members being present, Mr. G bins presiding. Officers elected for the ensuing yea Pres., Mr. W. A. Gibbins (twenty-four consecuti years as president, and very rarely misses a mee ing); Vice-Pres., Messrs. Allen, Hulse and Freeston Trustees, Hulse and Allen; Auditors, Sturgess a E. Pearson; Treas., Mr. Cayless; Committee, Neale, J. Jolly, H. Deakin, G. E. Wholton, W. Goreham, W. Henney, A. Bent, W. Layton, J. Be W. Cobley, H. Herbert, F. Pole; Joint Secs., E. Day and D. Roberts.

Programme was drawn up for the charity sh which is being held for the purpose of supplying spinal carriage or other necessary articles to t soldiers' wards of the Leicester Royal Infirmary. subscription list was opened to start the funds, a in less than five minutes we had a grand total £2 10s. subscribed, also numerous Canaries we given for the gift class and for competitions, all go to the fund. A vote of thanks to the retiri officers for 1916 closed the meeting.—C. B. Day a Roberts, Joint Secs.

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Poultry, Pigeon and Cage Bird Show, **Jan. 25, 1917. Entries close Jan. 18, 1917.** Judges: Poultry, Mr. Dick Richards; Pigeons, Rabbits, Cavies and Cats, Mr. Sid Bowler; Cage Birds, Mr. Wm. Nicholas. For schedules apply—**Wm. H. Davies, Sec., Woodlands Cottage, City Road, Haverfordwest.**

SUTTON IN-ASHFIELD AND HUTHWAITE

Open Show **Sat., Jan. 20th,** Railway Inn, Sutton. Open Champ. Classes: Norwich 8, Yorks. 4, Crests 4, British 5, Mule or Hybrid 2. Open Novice Classes: Norwich 4, Yorks. 4, Crests 2. Specials, 5/- most points in show, 5/- 1st, 2/6 2nd most points in each section of classes. Judge, J. C. Barnes, Sheffield. Entrance fee, 1/6. **Entries close Tues., Jan. 16th.** For schedule apply—**A. Parkin, 151, Sutton Road, Huthwaite; or C. Connah, 37, Coxmore Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.**

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB OF SCOTLAND. Club Show, **Saturday, January 27th,** Central Halls, 25 Bath Street, Glasgow. Judge, C. Martin, Glasgow. Admission 6d., including tax. Doors open 1.30 p.m.—**S. F Wood, Sec., 4, Tollcross Road, Parkhead, Glasgow** (753)

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Twitterings.

Mr. T. James writes that he and Mr. Escott, who have exhibited as Escott and James, have mutually agreed to dissolve partnership, and show independently in future. Mr. James's address is now 15, Taverville Terrace, Porth, Glam., instead of 13.

Mr. S. Wilcock, secretary Open Norwich Plainhead Club, writes that in his report of the result of the year's competitions (published in our issue of Jan. 6), he should have given Mr. H. Rushton as the winner of Mr. Crawshall's special, not Dickinson as in the report.

I was very pleasantly surprised to see my green Yorkshire cock depicted on the front page of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. L. B. Yates, and must congratulate Mr. Norman on the excellent likeness. Bred by me three seasons ago, the bird has several firsts to his credit, and as a stock bird he is one of the best, being sire to both winning cocks and hens, including a green marked cock which won five firsts and seven specials as an unflighted bird. I wish CAGE BIRDS the success it so richly deserves for keeping our hobby together in these trying times.

A Noted Character Dead.

The end of 1916 saw also the end of a character widely known for his knowledge of British bird-life, gained though it was in his pursuit of collecting rare specimens of birds and eggs. He was responsible more than any one person who could be named for the scarcity of Bearded Reedlings in Norfolk. Probably no one rifled more nests of this fast disappearing species than George Smith, of Yarmouth, who died on Dec. 29 at the age of 72. The late Lord Lilford had frequent dealings with Smith, and the Booth museum at Brighton also owes many of its specimens to his handiwork. Nevertheless he did some useful work for the science of ornithology; he is said to have noted the first appearance in England of the Mediterranean Black-headed Gull, although this is doubtful, for there is a record of an immature bird of the species at Barking Creek in 1866, and he was also credited with being the first to record in Norfolk the White Wagtail, Tawny Pipit, Iceland Gull, Greater Shearwater, and some others.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Larkhall O.S.—Public Hall, Jan 20. Judge, Geo. Marlin; 17 cl.; Brit. 6, Bord. 2, Comm. Can. 1, Nor 2, Yorks. 2, For 1, Mule 1, Hen 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2 6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Jan. 16. to J. M[illegible], 59, McNeill St., Larkhall.

OUR 16th BIRTHDAY.

KEEPING THE FLAG FLYING.

I DO not think any apologies are needed to my good friends the readers of CAGE BIRDS, for preserving on the occasion of this our 16th birthday our customary War Time style and price, but if any are called for I tender them ungrudgingly, and hasten to assure my many patrons that it is a matter of deep regret with me that the present commercial conditions prevent me from celebrating CAGE BIRDS' birthday in pre-war fashion.

Everywhere we see on the walls flaming appeals for economy, costing perhaps more to print than they save, but useful to the extent that they remind a publisher like myself of the scarcity and high price of paper. Not so much in response to those appeals, but more by reason of the fact that paper is so difficult to obtain, and so expensive when it is obtained, I am compelled to treat this natal issue in the same way as many people treated Christmas this year—namely, without any celebration, but while doing so I give a silent hand to all those old comrades who have been associated with me in the paper for so many years. I think of some of them who have gone down into the dim vale of death in defence of civilisation and of others who are taking their part so gallantly and successfully in the great struggle.

The war is not going to last for ever, and indeed there are portents that it is nearer the end than some people think. Meanwhile, we must all do our duty quietly, taking our individual share in the greatest socialistic upheaval the world has ever known, and biding patiently the time when the Greatest Peace shall have concluded the Greatest War in the World and the Soldier Bird-Fanciers of England will be once more free to turn their attention from strafing the Hun to pursuing the peaceful and delightful hobby of cultivating and keeping Cage Birds.

Once again, my friends, a happier return of to-day in 1918.

FREDERICK CARL.

Correction in Show Report.

Mr. C. Jones, Swansea, writes that he won 1st in the Buff Variegated Yorks cock class at Mardy Show, not James and Wells as stated in our report.

What's in a Pudding?

Leicestershire people are capturing Sparrows for food. The best way to cook the little birds, says "The Globe," is in a Lark pudding.

Out of the Claws of Death.

"W. C.," in the "Manchester Dispatch," tells a story of a Hawk and a Chaffinch to this effect: "One of my correspondents tells me that when out rabbit shooting he and a friend espied a Sparrow-hawk (was it not a Kestrel?) hovering round, which suddenly pounced down into a field and seized a Chaffinch. A shot from the gun put an end to the existence of the Hawk, but the Chaffinch, liberated from its enemy, alighted in a tree apparently unhurt."

NEW YEAR'S WISHES.

It has been a great gratification to note that during the past week nearly every communication received, advertisements, queries, and every kind of letter, has been accompanied by an expression of goodwill and seasonable compliments. The senders will please accept our hearty thanks for their kind wishes and an assurance that they are fully reciprocated. It is a pleasure indeed to know that relations other than those between purveyor and purchaser exist between the staff of CAGE BIRDS and the readers of the paper.

Gratitude from Pontypool.

Kindly allow me a small space to thank those exhibitors who so kindly supported our first venture, writes Mr. W. D. Lewis, Pontypool C.B.S. Birds were packed early to meet their respective trains. We find on clearing that two drinkers were left on the packing table, and if the owner will communicate with me we shall be pleased to recoup him for his loss. From an exhibitor's point of view our show was a great success, entries totalling 312. All prize money will be paid within seven days. Our thanks are due to Blaenavon Society for kindly lending trestles. We trust all birds arrived safely and in the pink of condition. It is pleasant to receive thanks for the condition of birds arriving home, and helps to lighten the show burdens.

A Promising Welsh Society.

We have received the report and balance sheet of the Barry F. and F.S. The balance sheet shows that the cash in hand at the end of 1916 is £16 4s. 4d., an increase of £12 4s. 9d. over the balance brought forward, a very satisfactory result. The assets amount to the fine total of £98 11s., including challenge cups to the value of 27 guineas, staging and trestles, £21, etc. Most of these items of course are on account of the sections other than cage birds, but the society is certainly to be congratulated upon the success reached in its short existence, the present balance sheet being only the third since its institution. Mr H. P. Thomas, secretary, in forwarding the report, says: "We hope some day to see our society the premier society for Wales, and if hard work and enthusiasm are factors that count, I don't think we shall be disappointed."

"OUR CANARIES."

WHAT A PURCHASER THINKS.

I am pleased to say that the book, "Our Canaries," is quite satisfactory, in fact I think it is worth a lot more, especially to such as I am myself, a novice. I think after I have mastered your book, it won't be very long before I am a champion. You can make what use you like of this letter, as the book is worth it.

Wimbledon. J. W. H. OSWIN.

An Important New Weekly.

Readers should not fail to refer to the advertisement of the new weekly paper, "FOOD," which appears on Page 3 of this week's issue. It will be a paper which will be indispensable to everyone who has a piece of ground on which to grow vegetables, or a space upon which livestock of any kind may be kept. Don't miss the first number. Ready Jan. 18. Place an order with your newsagent at once, or you may be disappointed.

ANOTHER LINK WITH THE PAST BROKEN.

Death of Mr. J. Grutchfield.

We are sorry to hear from Mr. J. W. Ramsden that Mr. J. Grutchfield, the veteran "feeder" at Crystal Palace shows, has passed away. About a year ago we had the sad duty to announce the death of his co-worker, Mr. Small, so that the Palace shows of the future will be the poorer for the absence of both the faces which have been familiar for so many years to exhibitors and regular visitors. Generally speaking, the late Mr. Small attended to the Canaries and seed-eating birds, and Grutchfield to the soft-billed British and Foreign. Years of experience had made our old friend experienced in the requirements of all kinds of insectivorous and fruit-eating birds, and his "larder" at the Palace contained everything they could possibly require, while they were in his charge. When it is remembered that the Crystal Palace shows extended from the Friday to the following Tuesday, and that this involved the arrival of the birds on the Thursday, it will be appreciated that the task of attending to 2,000 and more birds was not a light one. Small and Grutchfield, however, were equal to any emergency, and were courteous and obliging to all and sundry, including those who were always troubling them with fanciful complaints. Their places will be hard to fill.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, Jan. 7. Twenty birds sang: 1, Jackson; 2, Parlett; 3, Driver. Wainwright and Jackson sang a match after contest. Wainwright winning easily.—E. Phillipson, Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, Doncaster Road, Jan. 7. 18 birds entered for four prizes. Shepherd timer; Bamforth chalker, but a very poor company: 1, J. Norburn, 3.42; 2, France, 3.56; 3, Wright, 3.10; 4, Hardman, 3.16; very good time in 4mins., but no records broken.—J. Hardman, sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair. Open sing, Dec. 23; 26 birds entered for three good prizes: 1, Jones; 2, Williams; 3, Nelson. Open sing, Dec. 30. Twenty birds entered: 1, 2, Jones; 3, Wingham. Open sing, Jan. 7, 41 birds, four good prizes, and some good singing was done: 1, Nelson; 2, 4, Jones; 3, Williams.—S. Pugh, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest, Jan. 7. Glassmaker's Arms, Greyhound-pl., York-rd. 26 birds. Linnets: 1, 2, G. Marshall; 3, 4, Watson. Canaries: 1, Lochwood; 2, Cullingworth; 3, Shaw.—T. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Jan. 7; 19 birds sang, when some extraordinarily good singing was heard. We should like some of the other clubs in Leeds to come and hear the marvellous runs and turns the birds are doing. 1, Binns; 2, Wigfield; 3, Summers. Judges, C. Ward, W. Lipman.—T. C. Summers, hon. sec.

West Leeds Linnet and C.F.A. Linnet contest, Prince of Wales Hotel, a good number of visitors present. Novice competition, 12 birds sang: 1, Wood; 2, Towes; 3, Jennings. Judges, T. Dobson, W. Moss; timekeeper, G. McNichols. Canary Contest, Viaduct Hotel, our invitation to fanciers from the other side of the city has not been in vain: 1, Thompson; 2, Dobson; 3, Stead; 4, Wood. 14 birds competed in close contest, and some very good singing was heard. Judge, J. Goodwill and J. Sellers; timekeeper, W. Moss.

Open Canary contest, Prince of Wales, Jan. 14, 7 p.m.—T. Cawood, Sec.—(Advt.)

The Lesser Redpoll in Cheshire.

In an interesting article in "The Field" of Dec. 30 "M. W.," writing of changes in the bird life of Cheshire, says of the Redpoll:

"Thirty years ago I remember this little finch as a fairly common winter visitor. Any time between November and March fair-sized flocks could generally be found frequenting the alders, but the bird was then almost unknown in the spring and summer.

"Latterly the bird has become quite common as a breeding species, but, strange to say, I now seldom see the flocks that used to be so noticeable in the winter, nor can I think of any explanation that would account for this change.

"Early in April small parties of Lesser Redpolls arrive, and before long the birds pair, though often a considerable time elapses before the nest is built. The date, in my experience, varies to some extent with the foliage of the hawthorn, for although at times these birds build in other situations, a tall, straggling hawthorn hedge is in this district most frequently chosen.

"I have known of five nests all within a few minutes' walk of one another in practically one length of fence, and from the frequency with which I heard the birds in the adjoining fields and lanes it is probable that others had eggs or young at no great distance.

"The call notes of the Redpoll are very easily identified; otherwise, owing to its sombre and inconspicuous plumage, the bird might often escape notice. The song, if such it may be called, is usually uttered on the wing, and consists of a few clear and rather pleasing notes, ending with a trill, which, to me, has a tinkling quality and is very characteristic. In addition, there is a sharp chirp of alarm, common to both sexes, which is often heard near the nest; it resembles a call of the Brambling, and will be recognised, even by those unacquainted with the Redpoll, as coming from a member of the finch family.

"The nest is very small, but varies considerably in size, and also in the materials with which it is composed. Often the lining is of willow down, though, in my experience, this is not used when the nest is placed in a low hedge or other situation where the white interior would show conspicuously.

"The down lining is, for a time, at any rate, very water resisting, though I do not suggest that the bird uses it for that reason. I remember, after a severe thunderstorm, finding a Redpoll's nest in the fork of a Siberian crab. It was some distance from the ground, but with the aid of a branch I managed to raise myself to a higher level, and saw, completely filling the nest, a huge globule of water the size of a golf ball, but on my emptying this out the beautiful white lining seemed perfectly dry and in no way the worse for immersion.

"The Redpoll is a particularly restless and energetic little bird. Even when the hen is sitting she rarely keeps still a moment, and is constantly turning her head, shuffling her wings, or changing her position. The cock pays frequent visits to the nest, often with food, and should his mate be away when he arrives he will occasionally take his place on the eggs, though he leaves at once if she returns.

"When the young are hatched both birds are most assiduous in their attentions, and they become very perturbed if anything approaches their home. Indeed, the nest is very easy to find, however well concealed, and I think that the observant Magpie and Rook, which in my district, at any rate, play havoc with fledglings, are often attracted to the spot by the excited manner and cries of the parent birds."

THE OLD AND THE NEW BELL GLUCKE.

By J. TOMLINSON (Newcastle, Staffs).

(Continued from page 757.)

Notes by a Roller Canary Judge upon a widely-discussed Tour.

I SAID in the latter portion of my first instalment, that exhibitors were waking up to the fact that the judge cannot give justice to these large classes. I can assure you that were the judge out simply and solely for a mercenary object, your club subscriptions and your entry fees would be larger than at present.

That is not the point I had in view, however, when I touched upon the subject of large classes, you who pay the piper have a right to call the tune. You have a right that after your entry fees are paid, and your exhibits accepted your birds shall have a fair hearing. It is for you to say whether the prevailing conditions shall continue, and whether the time limit, that is, the length of time the birds shall remain in the judge's room, shall be left to the judge's discretion, or whether you fix the time limit. Should you desire a time limit, then it is probable a few more birds may be marked no song. On the other hand, if classes are to be divided then your entry fees may be raised a little.

The Judge "Doing Time."

The majority of us are working men, and many of us are trade unionists. Our motto is a fair day's work for a fair day's wage. Now a word from a judge's point of view. Bear in mind I am neither grumbling nor complaining, but simply advocating justice, that fine asset which is an Englishman's pride. Of late, it is getting the usual thing for the judge to sit for 12 hours, with a break for dinner, and a snack of tea taken on the judging table. There is one of your judges who, in his desire to give all the attention he possibly can to the birds, absolutely refuses to leave his judging table to partake of dinner.

Such conscientiousness and honesty of purpose deserve all the praise one can bestow; that gentleman is Mr. Lyons. Other noteworthy actions and self sacrifices are continually being made by not one, but all of your judges, but this one illustration will suffice to show that neither your judges nor yourselves can obtain in the present conditions that justice which is due to both.

There is no necessity for me to describe the renderings of the old Bell Glucke; you will have heard them. Yet it had one virtue, the beautiful and pleasing impression imparted by a good rendering of the tour. It could be heard in all shades of sound, from audible to piercing, and the fact that the tour came frequently from one and the same bird pitched in different keys is one of the conditions that have set up so much misunderstanding. A bird has been on its good behaviour, and has been awarded points, and even a special for its B.G., under one judge, yet on another occasion it could do nothing right, hence the B.G. has been ignored.

A Tour with Imperfections.

An example may be quoted which came under my own knowledge. Two visitors in a show room noticed a bird singing loud, clattering, faulty B.G. "What's that?" asked one: "Oh, that's the B.G.," said the other. "Well, if thats B.G." said the one, "it is no good, as it sounds like chopping." In the end they adjourned to see the judge's decision as given on his judging sheet, and found points awarded. During their discussion I heard the same bird bring a well-rendered B.G., which had been lost to the two critics, through the noise of so many birds singing.

It is a great pity that this tour was ever introduced into a strain of birds which was without a doubt the best strain we had. We always heard the tour at its best in the young birds, and the younger they were, or rather the more quietly they sang the better came the B.G.

Naturally, the birds continued to win, and fanciers wanted the strain; they had it, many to their sorrow. Well, its no use crying over spilt milk, and it's nice to pay for one's learning. There is no misunderstanding now; the noisy rendering has to go, in fact it is going fast, and the strain in which it was introduced, the finest lot of birds that ever we had, has now as a strain, gone to rags

I could tell of one of our fanciers who, even when he was in his hey day with this strain, would not sell a feather to Roller fanciers for stock purposes, and this gentleman had paid £5 each for the cocks from which he had bred the stuff which he, in a self-sacrificing spirit, refused to pass on to the novice fancier.

The new style of singing the B.G. originated a few years ago in a London breeder's room; he did not know that he had it, so one can only conclude that it was lying dormant somewhere, and it came to light through an outcross or by in-breeding, the former I should judge, as he imported many birds privately. Even he, after other judges besides myself had awarded him points for it, was doubtful until I pointed it out to him at his own home.

These birds are now spread all over the country, and can be found on every show bench. The best of them are good, deep toned birds, the cream are scoring nearly all on their low tours, they are full of Glucke tours, but their good old fashioned Hollow-Glucke as "Gluk—Gluk—Gluk—Gluk," has on the whole disappeared. They are good on the H.R. and the Bass, and it was in one of these birds I heard the deepest (although short) and most mellow toned H.R. since the H.R. days. Their chief fault is Aufzug, some will bring bad flutes and sharp bell.

I gave you plenty of warning about the old B.G., and I will now give you just one word about the new B.G. It will not be faultless, for in many cases it will go flat, and flat enough to form a fault sufficiently bad enough to be penalised.

(To be continued.)

A SOUTH COUNTRY BORDER FANCY CANARY.

This pretty little Green Border Fancy Canary won 2nd Prize at Croydon Show for its owner The Rev. G. Soames, Bromley.

CANARY KEEPING FOR BEGINNERS.

By J. NORTH.

(Concluded from page 793.)

The Concluding Instalment of a Series of Helpful Hints on Management, Pairing, Breeding and Rearing, which should make the Hobby of Canary Keeping easy of pursuit by the amateur, and containing information of interest to older hands.

IT is remarkable that nearly everyone, the inexperienced fancier just commencing his career, and the totally uninitiated, both consider the yellow the preferable bird, and this decision is borne out by those who have become efficient in the cult.

It is more difficult to breed in nearly every variety than in the buffs, and it is very curious, but as a matter of fact two buffs will produce all buff youngsters, and if the buffing is not repeated the progeny do not show much evidence of their pedigree. But if two yellows are paired together all the resulting family do not turn out to be yellow, but some are buff and do not possess the stoutness of body or strength of feather which they would have done had their parents been represented by the two colours.

This peculiarity also obtains amongst Finch and Canary Mules, in fact, it is very hard work getting any yellow Mules, even from double yellow-bred hens.

If two quite clear birds are bred together most of the young ones come clear, and of a rather lighter tone of colour, so that it should be remembered that by running a variegated bird with a clear one, the depth of colour is kept up, as the variegated bird holds greater colour producing power than the clear bird.

The Formality of Introduction.

In the early part of the breeding season, say during the whole of March and part of April, when the cock and hen are first put into the breeding cage, they should be placed one in each compartment, so that they may become used to each other, for if they are strangers they will frequently fight no end, and should it happen that they have been in each other's company before it would often appear as if they had a great many things to disagree and wrangle about, and in some cases they take such an ineradicable dislike to each other that it becomes quite impossible for them to agree about starting married life.

Yet as soon as the weather gets really warm in April, after half the month has gone, the Canaries call and sing one to the other incessantly, and unless they are paired up there can be no doubt they are liable to get into a very depressed and unhappy condition, but if allowed to exercise their natural propensities they will set to work without the loss of a moment of time.

It is quite possible for a pair of birds to become the parents of a nest of newly hatched chicks in three weeks from the time they are put together, and, in fact, if the eggs had commenced maturing before pairing even a shorter time than three weeks would suffice.

We do not think a fertile egg could be laid within a shorter time than forty-eight hours after pairing, so if an un-mated hen had built a nest and laid her first egg at, say, 7 a.m., and a cock paired with her immediately afterwards, and not previously, it is quite possible that the third and subsequent eggs might be productive.

Some breeders get their hens to build their nests with any sort of material, and others manage to set their birds breeding without nests at all, although we have never yet found anyone clever enough to rear young birds without a nesting place.

The Beauty of a Natural Nest.

Some of the nest pans or tins are so nicely shaped and the material of their construction so economically contrived that there is not a particle of waste and not a millimetre of unoccupyable space, and being nicely lined with thick felt, the eggs lie snug and well arranged in the centre of the nest, but the correct building of the nest with the supply of suitable material is one of the most picturesque and pleasant features of the cult.

It is impossible to describe processes which will receive the endorsement of all, because means vary so much, and objects in breeding Canaries are so different. Some breed a few birds just as a hobby, others put up several pairs and strive for prizes, while yet a great many people pair up hundreds of Canaries and go in for merchanting them. Those ways of working which would suit one person would, therefore, not be acceptable to another, and our remarks are intended to interest those who share with us the pleasure of viewing well-made and pretty nests.

For this purpose the first or outside parts of the domicile should be constructed of dried grass and the coarsest kinds of moss, then the same in softer qualities, followed by red or brown cow-hair, and finished off with white cow-hair, thistledown, or lambswool.

It is dubitable whether a Canary hen can count up to ten, or even up to five, nor have we ever known one to complain that she had only four eggs to incubate although she had laid five, but we are convinced that they enjoy the prerogative of their sex, and are experts in the differentiation of colours, and know exactly what combinations best suit their style and complexion; they will not take green when they have pitched on brown, neither can you get them to cary away as a gift any red hair if they want white.

We do not care for cotton-wool for lining, nor for tow, although we know both are used, so is cut-up string, but the cotton wick of the old-fashioned "dip" candles has disappeared from the light of day and from the lambent flame of the petroleum hand lamp.

Egg Binding and Its Treatment.

When the hen has employed some few days in building, she will, when the nest is finished, sleep in it, and probably lay an egg in it at about seven o'clock the following morning, but if no egg is forthcoming, and the hen looks ill, "all of a lump," with feathers standing up, you may rest assured she is troubled with egg-binding, and unless speedily relieved will die.

A steam bath, by being held or placed over a jug of hot water, is the usual remedy, and a drop of olive oil may be applied to the vent, and a stimulant such as two drops of gin may be given with a quill by way of the mouth.

We are not old, and we are not green, although we like to admit we are more green than old, so we continue to learn things now and then; in fact, every day, and lately we have been assured that one drop of syrup of hypophosphites (not hypophosphates) is a sovereign remedy, and has saved the lives of some valuable hens during this trouble.

This syrup of hypophosphites is nearly white, or straw-coloured, or—so far as we can remember—the colour of old Scotch whiskey, not red, like Parrish's Chemical Food, which is a compound syrup of hypophosphates. It is somewhat confusing having two remedial agents so similar in name; it is worse than the man with twin sons, "Tweedledee and Tweedledum."

We have not yet had an opportunity of observing its influence, and we should like anyone who has the misfortune to have a hen suffering from egg-binding to try it and send the result of his experience to CAGE BIRDS, because anything that can be done to mitigate this very serious complaint is worthy the attention of any and every fancier. It is one of the most deplorable misfortunes that happen in a bird room.

Most fanciers remove the eggs as they are laid until they get three, and on the evening of that day return them to the nest, when the hen should immediately commence to incubate. The eggs should hatch in the morning of that day fortnight, but there can be no doubt that a high temperature, either generated by the mother, or occurring as a natural consequence of the summer season, will considerably shorten the period of setting, and eggs have been hatched on the twelfth day after the commencement of incubation.

The feeding with egg-biscuit food and the absence or presence of the father bird have already been treated of.

Correspondence.

New Society for Blackpool.

Further Support Needed.

SIR,—Re my letter in CAGE BIRDS of Dec. 30, I am sorry to say only two fanciers have responded to the call. I am willing to make a start and call a meeting if I can get names and addresses of four other fanciers who are willing to join. As soon as it reaches the half-dozen I will call a meeting to see what can be done.

H. KAY.

21, Portland Road, Blackpool.

Birds on the Rail.

A Fancier's Bad Luck.

SIR,—My birds at Gateshead had a similar experience to those of Mr. Hirst, of Accrington. They were despatched by the 6.22 train from High Westwood, a very short run to Gateshead. On the next day, when on my way to the show, the Station Master called me into the office, and there were two of my birds which had returned from Gateshead Station, and had never reached the show. I was very disappointed, as this was the last show but one for the N.B.M. and F.B.C. Cup, and I was leading in points. Since then my birds got through to Darlington, and I should have won the cup for this year.

W. H. CHRISTER.

Standard Cages and Uniform Drinkers for British Birds and Hybrids.

Hamilton, Lanarkshire, Takes a Hand.

SIR,—A meeting of fanciers in Lanarkshire interested in British birds, mules, and hybrids, will be held in Hamilton Town Hall, on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 7.30, for the purpose of forming a society whose aim will be the institution of standard cages and uniform drinkers. Fanciers who wish to support the above object and are unable to attend, can do so by sending their names and addresses to the undersigned.

WM. P. CAMPBELL.

Muirs Cottage, Larkhall.

New Secretary for Barrow.

The Retiring Secretary Returns Thanks

SIR,—I would be most grateful if you would allow me a space in your most valuable correspondence columns to tender my deepest thanks for the valuable support I received from the fancy in general at our recent open show, which was a great success in every respect. I am very grateful also for the great assistance I have received from your most interesting paper, CAGE BIRDS, which I eagerly look for every week end. I have been a reader of "C.B." for many years, and I have benefited during my long experience in bird keeping and exhibiting from the practical advice in its pages. I am retiring from the position of secretary of the Barrow and District C.B.A., as my time is so limited that I cannot possibly give it the time it requires to make it the Society I would like, although my two years as secretary have been very successful, considering the time spent on it. When I took it over there were eighteen members; I leave them with sixty-two. The financial position was £5 19s. 5½d. in hand; they have to-day £17 13s. 1d., and with the able support of the members I have been able to give £34 to various charities. As 1917 brings in a new set of office bearers, I trust they will receive the same valuable support, and that the club may go on to greater success. Office bearers for 1917:—President, Mr. S. Smith; Vice-President, J. Lancaster; sec., T. Croft; treas., T. Hale; auditors, W. Willison and M. Tranter; Committee, H. Edmonson, J. Neal, D. Brown, W. Crosby. All communications in future address to T. Croft, sec., 37, Methuen Street, Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.

D. MCFARLANE.

How to Catch Bullfinches.

A Netting Query.

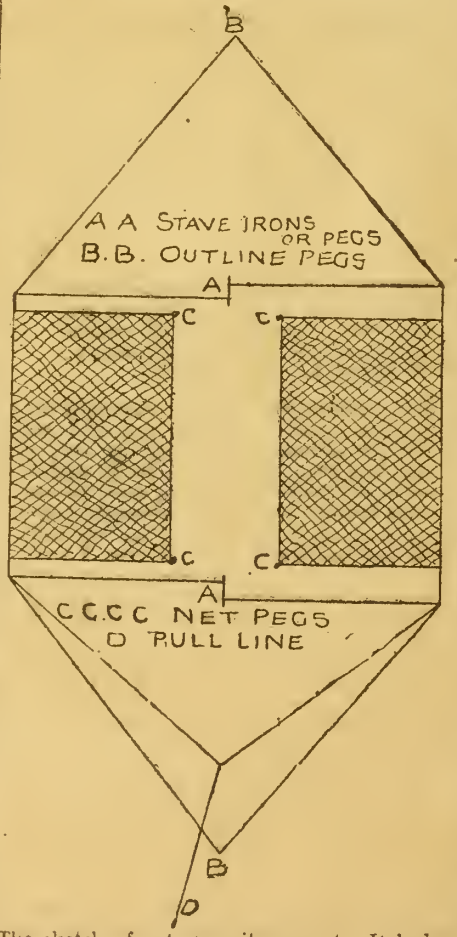
SIR,—I would like someone to explain through CAGE BIRDS how to set and use large clap nets. I have tried several times to set them, and have not been successful with them, as I frightened more birds than I ever got, for always something went wrong at the time to pull, so I have fallen back on the twigs and trip line to catch them. There are any amount of birds feeding on the ground, and I believe if I could use the nets I would get a better catch. I should also like him to tell how he sets his call birds, also whether he uses a bird on a flirt stick. My trouble is to get the birds to go on the limed twigs at this time of the year, as they are feeding on the ground on the seed that is on the ground. I have tried dummy birds on false bushes, but they are of no use, as every time the birds came they landed on the ground.

SPRINGBURN.

[The letter published below, which comes very opportunely, will, perhaps, help our correspondent.—Editor.]

The Nets and How to Use Them.

SIR,—Why is it so many fanciers, when they write in CAGE BIRDS on different subjects, make so many secrets? I mean by not saying all they know. Take the following sentence from the letter, "How to Catch Bullfinches." "Mac" says: "Thanks to the courtesy of a leading advertiser of bird nets, however, I have been able through correspondence both to set and use large clap nets effectively in the south-west of Scotland." Then he asks for more information on Bullfinch catching. Tell us how you set your own nets, Mac; give and take is a good motto. Nets can be laid and used in a field as uneven as a camel's back if there is a clear space large enough for the nets to lie; long grass does not matter so much, but there must be nothing like small bushes, etc., about. The important things in laying are to see that the staves lie flat together (earth can be taken out just where they lie if necessary), to peg nets down where there are no holes in ground, and to stand a little to one side of nets when pulling, as they must drop from the upright to one side together. With plenty of loose net, birds will not escape, as they are in between both nets.



The sketch of nets is quite correct. It looks rather funny on paper, but if the person using the nets will make sure he is standing to one side and not in the middle, by keeping the pull line a little to one side of pegs and not in line with them, the nets will work right. The ground space covered is not so much as if worked the other way. I have used large nets and small nets both ways, on very rough and dirty ground, for Linnets, Finches, and lots of other birds, and have always done very well.

YELNEH.

The Judging at Whitehaven Show.

Why Are Cage Tabs Marked?

SIR,—We beg to trespass on your valuable space again in answer to Mr. McLaughlin's letter. In the first place, why does a judge mark the labels if it is nothing to go by? In all our showing this season our prizes have always corresponded with the number marked on the label. It is only natural, seeing that it was his own bird that profited by the clerical mistake, that he claimed to have won 1st prize. He also makes a very big mistake when he says that our bird had her first and only win at Cleator Moor. She was second there, and her mother first. She had been out four times before Whitehaven, and was in the money three times, in classes ranging from 16 to 23. We know quite well that a judge's decision is final as regards judging, but clerical errors should be made right. We have it on authority that the special was not intended for Whitehaven alone, but for surrounding districts. We think he is trying to belittle our bird when he mentions Cleator Moor, but we are open to show our bird against his.

(Just as we close this letter our birds have arrived from Glasgow show, and we see that the bird in question has been awarded 2nd prize, also the figure 2 is on the label.)

COOK AND ADAMS.

We fail to see why the tabs on the cages are marked at all. All that seems to be necessary for the judge to do is to write the result of his judging on his duplicate slip, and hand the slip to the steward. The prize tickets should be made out from this slip, and placed on the cages.—ED. CAGE BIRDS.)

A Charity Show at Leicester.

Help Wanted for the Local Infirmary.

SIR,—The Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. are holding a charity show on Feb. 3, at the Vaughan College, Leicester. The proceeds are in aid of the soldiers' ward of the Leicester Royal Infirmary, and Sir Samuel Faire, J.P., has consented to open it. We want to make this a great success, and have decided to give the prizes on the sliding scale, so that the whole of the proceeds go to the fund. It is a deserving object, and the members are taking the matter up enthusiastically, giving birds for gift classes and competitions.

We should be greatly obliged if you would mention this in CAGE BIRDS, as we desire to get the support of all the fanciers in the county who are not members of our society.

D. ROBERTS, Joint Sec.

28, Francis St., Leicester.

Specials at Larkhall 1915 Show

All's Well that Ends Well.

SIR, — Mr. Park stated in his letter in CAGE BIRDS of Dec. 9 that if Mr. Thomson, the late secretary of Larkhall C.B.A., would send his special to the present secretary, he, Mr. Park, would send an equal sum to be added to our funds. I beg to state that I have received a P.O. for 4s. from Mr. Park, being the 2s. special which he won, and an equal amount from himself, and I beg to thank Mr. Park for his kind wishes in his letter to me.

T. H. MCGREGOR.
Secretary and Treasurer Larkhall Red Cross Show.

Is the City of Norwich Asleep?

Wake Up! Norwich Alliance.

SIR,—I believe I am in accord with the ideas of a great many fanciers in the Eastern counties when I venture to express surprise that a large city like Norwich is unable to hold an open show. Small towns half the size of the City of Norwich, with nothing approaching its "birdy" population, are making great successes, and handing over large sums of money to their local charities by means of successfully run bird shows. Norwich can do the same. What has become of the club with the high sounding title, the Norwich Alliance All England Society? Has it fallen into a moribund and parlous condition, or is its present position due to the Society having to contend with an executive, the bulk of whom are not fanciers, and who do not even keep and breed Canaries? That is what is being said quite openly in Norwich, and if that is so the sooner the real fanciers of Norwich bind themselves together the better it will be for the Norwich Canary breeding industry, and those real fanciers who have the well-being of the birds at heart. There is no time like the present. Do it now. Make a clean sweep, and start out with a good secretary and new executive.

EAST NORFOLK.

Why the Scotch Fancy is Not More Popular.

How Lectures Would Help.

SIR,—Once again I crave a small space in your valuable paper. I was pleased when I opened CAGE BIRDS to see a letter from Mr. Jowett, and I am also glad to see by it that the Scotch Fancy has admirers even in Yorkshire. I believe if the variety was properly understood it would have a greater following, and would come to the front once again. I see that some people object to the price; well, I have said several times that if you want a good pair of Norwich or Yorkshires that can win in an open class at a good show they will just cost at much as a Scotch Fancy. I am sorry to say that the Belgian is on the decline. It was once the king of the fancy, and no doubt is a beautiful bird. I cannot understand how it is that it is not more plentiful, as it always commands a fair price and there is a good market for it. I think if breeders of the Scotch Fancy and the Belgian would take the matter up, and pull together, and the clubs would have lectures on the management and breeding of the Bird O'Circle and the Belgian you would see a great change. When the members had a few birds to dispose of an advertisement to CAGE BIRDS would soon get rid of the spare birds. I know in Scotland that fanciers visit each other and exchange or sell to one another. Of course, a champion bird always commands a good price, but in all other breeds it is the same. I hope that out of this discussion some good will come, and that the day is not far distant when the bird of the Land O'Burns will come to the front again.

W. MCKEE DUNLOP.

After Six Years.

A Soldier Writes to His Father Through Reading "Cage Birds."

SIR,—I have just received a letter from my son, Tom Chittenden, from Manchester, saying that he has been in hospital there wounded from the Somme front. We have not heard of him for six years, and he writes that he is going to Glasgow on furlough. He said that he was looking through CAGE BIRDS, and saw that I was ill, and could not judge Halifax, which is correct I am sorry to say, for I have been very ill with congestion of the lungs. He has put no address, and if this letter should meet his eye or any soldier fancier who knows him I should be very glad if they would call his attention to it, and ask him to come home at once.

H. J. CHITTENDEN.

New Roller Club for Nelson, Lancs.

SIR,—At a meeting held on Jan. 2nd, at the Ambulance Hall, Ann Street, Nelson, it was decided to form a Roller Club, to be known as the Nelson and District Roller Club. Twelve members were present, and the following officials were elected: President, Mr. Liddle; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Mawhood and Harrison; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J Earnshaw. The members of the club to form the committee. Meetings to be held at the Ambulance Hall on the first Tuesday in each month. Entrance fee, 1s., and annual subscription 3s. 6d. Members' wives to have the privilege of becoming members at 2s. per year.

It was resolved that we join the Northern Federation of Roller Clubs. A special meeting will be held on Jan. 11th at Harrison's Imperial Studio, Pendle Street, Nelson, when a few birds will be present, and the tours described.

J. EARNSHAW, Sec.

This letter was received after our issue of Jan. 6 was in print, and the meeting mentioned will have been held before the announcement can appear.—(ED.)

"Cage Birds" in Canada.

A Satisfied Reader Gets New Subscribers.

SIR,—I have delayed longer than I intended in writing to thank you for the 10s. prize money for my letter appearing in the issue of CAGE BIRDS of October 28. It came as a big surprise to me when I read that I was the lucky one.

I have received my weekly copy of CAGE BIRDS since my subscription started nearly a year ago without missing a single week, and as I cut out the interesting articles, etc., and paste them in a scrap book for future reference, I value each number.

The letters appearing each week are always very interesting, and each copy has so many items of interest that I would not feel just right without a copy every week, and I hope to be always able to get it.

I am herewith enclosing my subscription for 1917, along with those of three new subscribers, whom I have secured for CAGE BIRDS.

I hope to receive as good service in the future as I have in the past, for which please accept my thanks and [illegible]

Toronto. WALLACE C. JONES.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 806.)

In Aid of a Stricken Roller Fancier.

Nearly the Full Amount Subscribed.

SIR,—Since my last I have received the following amounts:—Collection at Leeds Roller C.C. meeting, 14s.; grant from Leeds Roller C.C. funds, £1; Messrs. W. Whittlestone, 2s. 6d.; J. Netherwood, 2s. 6d.; H. Roebuck, 2s. 6d.; M. Neugebauer, 5s.; a total of £2 6s. 6d., making £9 8s. in all.

H. ROEBUCK.

72, New Brunswick Street, Thorne's Lane, Wakefield.

(We have ourselves received additional amounts as follows:—Mr. A. C. Westlake, 2s.; W. Shaw, 1s.; J. Bastock, 3s.; A. Smith, 2s. 8d.; G. Parker, 2s. 6d., so that the total amount subscribed is £9 19s. 2d.—ED. CAGE BIRDS.)

What is a Ticked Bird?

The Need for a General Agreement.

SIR,—The discussion on the disqualification of Messrs. Stubbs' bird by Mr. House has been interesting, if only as showing the uncertainty that exists throughout the fancy on the markings of birds. To fanciers of other live stock it must seem almost ludicrous that we, a big fancy, have no general rules governing these matters.

In our inmost minds we all have a feeling that a ticked bird is the nearest to a clear, and that feeling existed with old time fanciers. Yet in one popular variety it is possible to have a ticked bird more heavily marked than a "marked" one. What that means is that given three birds, a clear, a ticked, and a marked, the ticked one would be the farthest from the clear instead of the nearest to it; can anything appear more absurd to one fresh in the fancy?

Fanciers generally recognise the folly of having different definitions for the several varieties, consequently many of them have formulated a rule defining a ticked bird for their own shows. Year after year the number of the societies doing this is growing, consequently in the near future we shall have the curious spectacle of specialist clubs giving their patronage to shows where their own rules are not in force, or in other words they will be following instead of leading.

It is quite time this matter was settled, and unless the specialist clubs take action it will be settled for them; the fanciers custom will become law. The curious part about it is that, invariably all societies (not specialist) making their own rules have hit upon the same definition of a ticked bird, that is a single body mark not larger than a sixpence, or with the addition of one technical mark. What is the objection to it as a general rule? Please discuss it, and see if we can get any nearer to what is required. There is nothing more hurtful to the feelings of fanciers than to have birds "wrong classed," and there is no one more sorry for them than the judge who is obliged to do it. This can be remedied if clubs will unite, and make a simple definition that all can easily understand.

H. NORMAN.

"The Size of a Sixpence."

SIR,—With further reference to this question, permit me to say that the points raised by Mr. Cole do not help to settle the matter in dispute. Nor does the adoption of the sixpenny rule seem a preventive of similar happenings, for when a bird turned up with a mark whose fringe just extended beyond the stipulated size its owner would, unless, like the writer, easily satisfied, quarrel as to who should place the coin. Further, objection could be raised upon the grounds that a multiple of laws is confusing.

I disagreed with Mr. Cole's opinion of his own bird only because I knew that he was wrong on a point of fact. And I disagree with Messrs. Stubbs for the same reason. Although Messrs. Stubbs have written at some length, they have not advanced any well-founded argument in support of their contention, but have made a series of bald statements, and insist in putting their foot down upon everybody who tries to show how and why they are wrong. All have an equal right with themselves to an opinion, and I am of the opinion that before they retire from the fancy they will envy their correct statement on the writer "easily satisfied."

Touching upon the point in dispute, which is really whether their exhibit was a ticked or a marked bird when being judged in the absence of scheduled instructions. I say the bird is then a ticked specimen, and that statement is based wholly upon fact and knowledge of the only cage bird law that deals with the very point in dispute.

I back my reading of that law to the extent of one guinea upon the condition that Messrs. Stubbs' deposit with the editor of CAGE BIRDS an equal amount, together with the bird in question, within fourteen days, and that the editor secures either Mr. J. Barnes, Mr. T. Heath, or Mr. J. Robson to determine who is right. The judge to be guided entirely by the operation of the Yorks rule law referred to above, and not by the opinions of Dick, Tom, or Harry as to what it ought to be. My guinea is enclosed with this letter. Now fanciers see what happens.

F. J. MARTIN.

(We have received Mr. Martin's cheque for one guinea as stated, but we cannot see that a decision by either of the judges mentioned would affect the question beyond deciding the destination of the two guineas if the challengo were accepted by Messrs. Stubbs. It would only mean that Mr. House's decision was confirmed or disputed by one more vote, and the tone of Mr. House's letters seems to indicate that one more vote on either side would not alter his opinion.—ED. CAGE BIRDS.)

A Drawing Suggested.

SIR,—With reference to the disqualification of Messrs. Stubbs' bird by Mr. House, I am suro a little further light on this very interesting subject, what is really a ticked or marked bird, would be instructive to the fancy. If not asking too much, Messrs. Stubbs might give an outline drawing, showing the size of mark in dispute, so that outside fanciers and exhibitors could form their own opinion who is at fault. There are a few fanciers left yet with quite as long expericnce as some who boast of their past history.

MANXMAN.

Marks and "Technical" Marks.

SIR,—Mako the word "heavy" in my letter of Dec. 30 issue read extended, and this will explain to Messrs. Stubbs more fully my meaning. Whether I am in a position or not to give my views I will leave to older fanciers, but a bird without a technical mark will never be a marked proper wherever my opinion is asked.

Do as Mr. Cole tells you, word your schedules right, and all tho unpleasantness will be over.

C. E. SILK.

SIR,—A ticked bird has only one technical "dot" on its plumage. If a bird has more than one dark colour on its feathers larger than a pin's head and otherwise clear it is a marked bird.

If Messrs. Stubbs' bird has a saddle, and if I read properly, has another mark, then it is a marked bird, without any hesitation, and I must stick to this opinion even if I pull the "house" down.

J. KERSHAW.

From the Hon. Sec. of the Yorkshire Union.

SIR,—With regard to the controversy in CAGE BIRDS during the last few weeks as to what constitutes a marked bird, I may state that the Yorkshire Union, the Yorkshire Canary Club, and the other specialist Yorkshire clubs require a bird to be marked on two technical points to be able to compete in marked classes. The "technical points" are eyes, flight, and outer tail feathers. Some of the schedules issued down South, which state that "a ticked bird must show a visible mark or tick not larger than a sixpence or an otherwise clear body" are somewhat confusing to many fanciers. According to our ruling a bird marked or grizzled on the back with no two technical markings would have to compete in the ticked classes.

SAM MIDGLEY.

A National Society Required.

SIR,—I have followed the correspondence upon this question, and although there is no Norwich society that gives a definition as to what constitutes a ticked bird, we in the Midlands give our definition in our schedule, for in our rule 24 we define a tick as being a mark not larger than a sixpence, and a bird having a larger patch of feather than a sixpence must be called a marked bird. If all committees aid this, it would put a scotch on any one putting their own construction upon it. I am surprised that Mr. Roe has not answered Mr. House's statement that he has had more experience than Mr. Roe, which is altogether wrong. Mr. Roe, to my knowledge, has had moro years of experience as a Canary breeder than Mr. House has had months. I see he quotes Mr. Blakston as an authority; Mr. Blakston never posed as one. I remember before he wrote his book he sent a circular to all well known breeders stating he was about to write it, and would be glad of any information anyone could give him on the varieties they were interested in, and no doubt got all the material he wanted. While writing I should like to say I think it is time we had a national society for the protection of fanciers and the fancy, carried out upon lines similar to the Yorkshire Union, with a low subscription, say 2s. 6d. per year. There are a lot of things a good society could deal with. At present, what redress has a fancier like Mr. Andrews got? The judge gave him first prize at one show, and at the next show disqualified the bird for trimming. If fanciers think the time is ripe to start such a society, will they drop me a postcard if willing to join.

J. BASTOCK.

75, Springfield Road, Moseley, Birmingham.

£1,000 to a Grass Seed.

SIR,—Mr. Johnson would have greater respect for me if I would admit myself to be wrong. I am not going to perjure myself to secure the respect of Mr. Johnson. His attitude and that of some others seems to be that if you wish to be thought well of you must have no opinion of your own. I cannot share their views. If personal popularity is to come to me through taking the line of least resistance I prefer not to have it. The satisfaction of knowing I try to do my duty gives me far more pleasure than any that I could derive from trying to be all things to all men, and having no power to stand for honour and duty.

Messrs. Stubbs, like Mr. Johnson, scoff at Blakston. They will not learn from him. I am willing to learn from Blakston, he was one of the great masters of the past. One whom it was my privilege to know and follow. He was one who stood out for what he considered right. He cared not for the popularity which comes from being all things to all men. He was an authority when he was living, and even though he is dead I am proud to learn from him.

Messrs. Stubbs ask if the Norwich Clubs accept Blakston's definition. We have four or five Norwich Clubs, and yet they evidently have not given any definite ruling on this question. The Yorkshire Union has, but this is not a specialist club, it may be said. The Yorkshire Canary Club, the Cinnamon-marked Club, and the Border Canary Club, are in agreement with the Yorkshire Union, and what is good enough for them should be good enough for other branches of the fancy.

If what constitutes a ticked Border, or Yorkshire, does not constitute a ticked Norwich, or any other variety of Canary, where are we to be landed? Are we to have a different definition of marks and ticks for each variety? If we are then there will be trouble everlasting.

Although Messrs. Stubbs argue that their bird is marked, they admit it is grey or grizzly. On this acknowledgment the bird cannot be marked, because it has no solid mark about it. It is ticked all over the saddle, but very lightly ticked. It is not heavily ticked as some birds I have seen. Were it heavily ticked there would be more force and reason in the contention that it is a marked bird.

Why it should be expected that Mr. Silk would agree with me I know not. I mentioned a number of South Country judges, because the bird in question belongs to the South. Had I given the names of Northern judges it might have been said it "is only to be expected." As to what Messrs. Stubbs say about "heavy variegated birds." Their prophesy cannot come to pass because immediately you get heavy variegation you get either marked eyes, wings, or tail.

The object of this correspondence is to secure a definition of what is a ticked bird, at least I take that to be the object for which Messrs. Stubbs started it. That being so they should not scoff and sneer at those who disagree with them. They told Mr. Martin and other readers of CAGE BIRDS how their bird was ticked, and because Mr. Martin gives an opinion on their description he is held up to scorn. Had he agreed with them would they have scoffed at him?

Mr. Cole evidently considers there are marks and technical marks. He, however, considers the bird is marked, at least I draw that inference from what he says. Now, the peculiar thing about this bird is that it has not a mark anywhere as large as a sixpence. It has no solid marking whatever. its saddle is flecked or ticked, there is no solid patch of marking. If there were it is almost certain that the bird would have been one I should call marked, beause had the saddle been solid in its dark feather it is £1,000 to a grass seed the wings would have been marked also.

It seems to me that Messrs. Stubbs are more concerned about my declining to admit my action was wrong than they are to solve the problem—What is a ticked bird? I stand for what I believe to be right according to the rules and traditions of the fancy. Should all the Norwich clubs decide what is a ticked bird I, as a judge, should act according to their ruling, whether it was in agreement with my own view or not. I will recognise an official ruling, be it for or against my opinion, but I will not accept the ruling of any other fancier or judge. I do not allow other men to form my opinions. I exercise my own brains, even as I allow others to use theirs. There is one curious feature about this discussion. Not one of all those whom Messrs. Stubbs described as "all who saw the bird" at Aberavon and Birmingham have written a word on this matter. If they all agree with Messrs. Stubbs why have they not said so?

C. A. HOUSE.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Jan. 16, St. Thomas's School, 8. Election of officers; rules for 1917. Arrangement of table show for Jan. 27.—A. E. Thorpe.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Jan. 16, Ableits Cafe Rooms, Market St., 8. Annual pair show; entry fee 7d. Fanciers invited. Subs. 4/- per annum; also prospective candidate to attead.—A. E. Lloyd.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Important business; local fanciers invited.—Geo. Havver.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Victoria Hotel, 7. General meeting; business: election of officers, bal. sheet, arrange for smoking concert, prize-money, etc.—H. Fretwell.

Bowling B.F.A.—Jan. 15, Barley Mow Hotel, Last show, judge, S. Wilcock; stage at 3; steward, T. Robinson.—J. Nicholl.

Bradford East O.S.—Jan. 16, Park Chapel School-rooms, 8. Distribution of prizes and coffee supper; consideration of Union shows, etc. A hearty welcome to new and old fanciers.—J. Spencer.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Jan. 13, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.30. Election of officers (Union business), most important.—F. P. Terry.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Jan. 16, Godfrey's Dining Rooms, Trinity Street, 8. Fix date of pair show; elect judges and receive report of the open show.—E. Thomas.

City of Bradford O.S.—Jan. 13, Flying Dutchman, 7.30. Election of officers for 1917; balance sheet for 1916.—W. Helliwell.

East Ham C.B.S.—Jan. 18, East Ham Town Hall, 8. Important business re Inter-Club Show.—F. Onslow.

East Ham F.S.—Jan. 18, Headquarters, 8. Report and balance sheet for 1916. Election of officers, etc., for 1917.—W. A. Harwood.

Garston B.B.A.—Jan. 15, Rechabite Hall, Seddon Road, 8.15. Important business and night show, British birds, full classification; judge, Mr. A. E. Wilkins.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Jan. 13, Station Hotel, 7.30. Bal. sheet; election of officers, etc.—B. Hainsworth.

Halifax C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Trafalgar Inn, 8. Agenda, annual members' show.—A. Sutcliffe.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 13, Plumanet Line Hotel, 6.30. Annual smoker and concert; prizes won at members' shows will be presented to winners; a good turn-up of members and friends is requested.—J. J. Dunn.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Queen's Head Inn, 7.30. Election of officers; prize-money paid.—R. H. Dixon.

Huddersfield O.S.—Jan. 15, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. General meeting and election of officers and other important business. Saturday, Jan. 20, prize distribution and smoker, 6.30, Headquarters.—A. Lawford.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Jan. 20, Bridge Inn, Awsworth Road, 7. Business important.—T. Smith.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Jan. 16, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7. Election of office-bearers, auditor's reports, members prize-money paid; report from table show judges.—T. J. McGregor.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Jan. 16, White Swan Hotel, 8. Table show, stock pairs, yell. cock and buff hen, buff cock and yell. hen; same novice; A.O.V. stock pairs; British Green. — Day and Roberts.

Leith O.S.—Jan. 13, Liberal Club Hall, Leith, 7. Minutes and correspondence.—J. A. Carr.

Maesteg C.B.S.—Jan. 20, Bird-in-Hand Hotel, 7.30. Receive show committee's report re final members' show. Half-yearly subs. due.—C. Williams.

Manchester and Dis. Joint Club.—Jan. 14, Homing Society Room, Victoria Street, Manchester, 3. Final arrangements re show; general bus. also.—A. W. Newton.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Jan. 15, schedules, etc., for January show and general business.—F. Wilkinson. Time not stated.—Ed.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 16, St. Stephen's School, Conran St., 8. Balance sheet; auditors' report, etc.; election of officers.—A. Colley.

Penygraig C.B.S.—Jan. 16. Butchers' Arms, Penygraig, 6.30. Members' rally round; many hands make work light; subs. due.—G. Padfield.

Plymouth W.C.O.S.—Jan. 16, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, 8. Annual meeting; election of officers and other important business.—W. A. Dyer.

Pontypool C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Headquarters, 6.30. Settlement of show accounts and last show business.—W. D. Lewis.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Jan. 17, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Special meeting. Entries for the amalgamated show to be handed in; election of officers, etc.—J. W. Jackson.

Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A.—Jan. 16, Trinity House, Shaw Heath, 8. Election of officers, balance sheet, and Federation business.—W. Stafford.

Southend C.B.S.—Blue Boar Hotel, Prittlewell, Feb. 7, members show, birds staged 2, for Lupton challenge cup.—F. Cundy.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Jan. 16, Village School, Alexandria, 8. Annual meeting, prize-money, election of office-bearers, etc.—A. H. McLean.

Wanstead F. and F.S.—Jan. 18, Church Hall, Cambridge Park, 2.30 till 9. Annual show; exhibits received Wednesday evening, 9 till 10, and Thursday morning 8.30 till 10.—H. J. Maynard.

Warrington C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Blue Bell Sale rooms, 8. Annual meeting, election of officers, and pair show.—B. Warburton.

West Stanley Patriotic F.F. and C.B.S.—Jan. 13, East Stanley Club, 7. Show date and election of officers.—R. Hutchinson.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Jan. 20, Ship Inn, 7. Special general meeting, balance sheet and other important business.—F. Moore.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

PONTYPOOL.

First annual open show of the Pontypool C.B.S., St. James's Hall, Jan. 4. Entries totalled just over 800, a rather disappointing number, considering the classification offered, but no doubt it was largely accounted for by exhibitors being rather afraid of risking their birds any great distance, owing to the restricted railway service. The hall is well lighted on two sides, and the birds were arranged in tiers at a convenient height, giving visitors an opportunity of seeing all the exhibits without the slightest inconvenience. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. W. Amphlett, the show manager, who carried out his duties in a very able manner, being ably assisted by a hardworking band of stewards. The sec., Mr. W. D. Lewis, is an ideal official, being at all times courteous and obliging. Nor. were very fine, though not large in numbers, Messrs. Stubbs Bros. putting down a grand team, including the much discussed grizzled buff, and carrying off the majority of the awards. Yorks were also good, yet small in numbers, some really splendid exhibits being staged by Messrs. Watkins, Cooper, Pavey, Griffiths and Pritchard. In Borders Mr. Lapworth did the hat trick, and carried off the premier honours in each class. Novices were strong in all departments. Nor. totalled 49 in three classes, and Yorks 59 in four classes, many of the winners being equal in every respect to those in Champion classes. Novice Borders only had one class, Mr. Bevan's winners being a brace of real gems. In British and Mules, Mr. Lloyd James and Mr. Chick put down some of their well-known winners, including the latter's Cl. Greenie-Can. Mule, which was much admired. Mr. J. Houghton judged.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Jones, lovely qual.; grand head and neck, nice deep chest, splendid wings and tail, good subs.; 2, Broome Bros., cl., good size and shape, nicely rounded head, well balanced wings and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Tedstone; vhc, Stubbs Bros.; hc, Edwards. BUFF (5): 1, Stubbs Bros., neat head and neck, well moulded, good col. and qual., fails subs. to leader; 3, Tedstone; vhc, hc, Waters. VAR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 3, Stubbs Bros., leader saddle mkd., lovely col. and qual., splendid head and neck, well moulded throughout, good subs. and cond.; 3rd, var., shade paler col., nicely modelled, plenty of subs., lovely qual. and cond.; 2, Powell, var., nice col., and qual., neat head and neck, good wings and tail, hardly subs. of winner; vhc, Jones; hc, Broome Bros. BUFF (6): 1, Stubbs Bros., the noted grizzle bkd., a gem, fine head, good deep well rounded chest, lovely wings and tail, grand col. and qual.; 2, Tedstone, var., another good one, plenty of subs., fine head, good head and neck, splendid chest; vhc, Jones; c, Waters. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Stubbs Bros., Cl., lovely tone of col., bold head, shapely body, well cut away, good subs., cond. and qual.; 3, Broome Bros.; vhc, Amphlett. BUFF (7): 1, Tedstone, cl., tip-top col. and qual., nice size, grand shape, good col. and cond.; 2, c, Jones, lightly var., neat head and neck, good cobby shape, fine col. and qual., grand subs.; 3, Broome Bros., var., good head, nicely rounded chest, splendid wing carr., nice col. and qual; vhc, Stubbs Bros.; hc, Broome. UNFL. CK. (8): 1, Stubbs Bros., var. buff, fine col. and qual., good head, very shapely body, plenty of subs., good wings and tail; 2, Waters, cl. yell., neat head, good cobby shape, fine size, shade pale col., nice qual. and cond.; 3, Broome Bros., var. yell., good col. and qual., well moulded throughout, best of wings and tail, nice subs. and cond.; vhc, Jones; hc, Waters; c, Amphlett. HEN (8): 1, 2, Stubbs Bros., cl. buff, nice size, grand shape, good wings and tail, well cut away, lovely col. and qual.; 2nd, var. yell., fine col and qual., good head, nicely moulded body, legs, top, wings and tail; 3, Tedstone, cl. yell., shade paler col., splendid head, good cobby shape, neat wings, lovely qual. and cond.; vhc, Powell; hc, Broome Bros.; c, Jones. NOV. CK. (19): 1, Reynolds, neck mkd. yell., nice col. and qual., good bold head, fine cobby shape, good subs., neat wings and tail; 2, Powell, var. yell., good head, nice shape and subs., shade paler col., good qual. and cond.; 3, Hill, grizzle neck, mkd. buff, neat exhibit, fine shape, good subs., lovely col. and qual., well put down; vhc, Briscoe; hc, Price; c, Vaughan. HEN (13): 1, Briscoe, cl. buff, fine head and neck, good chest, plenty of subs., neat wings and tail, good col. and qual.; 2, hc, Price, non-fed yell., good head, nice cobby shape, nice tone of col., hardly cond. of leader; 3, Pavey, cl. buff, nice size and shape, good col., qual. and cond.; vhc, Prosser; c, Jones. UNFL. (17) 1, Jones, cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., fine head, grand chest, nice subs., best of wings and tail, well put down; 2, Sweet, var. yell. shade paler col., fine head, good cobby shape, nice qual. and cond.; 3, Vaughan, wing mkd. buff, neat head and neck, good shape, loses subs. to leaders; vhc, hc, Wilson; c, Vaux. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL CK. (5): 1, Watkins, cl., grand col. and qual., neat head and shoulders, good back, wings and tail, nice nerve and pos., fine leg; 2, hc, Maidment, cl., nice col. and qual., good head, shoulders and back, splendid wings and tail, hardly as good on leg as leader; 3, Mrs. Holliday; vhc, no name. BUFF (9): 1, Cooper, mkd., lovely col. and qual., fine head, good shoulders, nice straight back, good wings and tail, fine pos. and leg; 2, Pritchard, cl., splendid length, nicely proportioned, grand nerve and leg, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Cook, cl., nice head, shoulders, and back, grand leg, pos. and nerve; vhc, Hiscox; hc, Griffiths; c, Moule. VAR. YELL. (5): 1, Pavey, var., good head, nice straight back, best of wings, fine length, well up on leg, good col. and qual.; 2, Griffiths, var., neat head and shoulders, good back and wings, well drawn, splendid leg, paler col.; 3, Cooper; vhc, Watkins; hc, Clift. BUFF (6): 1, Pritchard, var. buff, nice col and qual., good head, neat wings, fine length, lovely pos. and nerve, stands well; 2, Bevan, var., rather soft when we took notes; 3, Llewellyn; vhc, hc Mrs. Hyde; c, Watkins. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Griffiths, cl., good head, nice straight back, finely balanced wings and tail, good leg and nerve, grand col and qual.; 2, Pritchard, cl., beautifully proportioned, good head, splendid legs and pos.; fine col and qual.; 3, Maidment, another good one, grand col and qual., nice size and shape, splendid leg and nerve; vhc, Watkins. BUFF (4): 1, Pritchard, var., good head and shoulders, nice straight back, nicely proportioned, fine leg pos. and nerve; 2, Coombe, var., shade paler col., neat round head, good back, flights and tail, nice pos. and leg, fine qual. and cond.; 3, Watkins; vhc, Maynard. UNFL. CK. (14): 1, Griffiths, var. yell., lovely col. and qual., grand head and shoulders, splendid back and flights, nice length, good leg and nerve; 2, Maynard, wing mkd. buff, good col. and qual., nicely moulded throughout, grand nerve, pos. and leg; 3, Cook, cl. yell., lovely tone of col., neat head. good shoulders and back, splendid leg, good nerve and pos.; vhc, Ashman; hc, Hiscox; c, Bloan. HEN (12): 1, hc, Ashman, var. yell., good head, nice back and flights, well up ou leg, tip-top pos. and nerve, grand col. and qual.; 2, Clift, cl. yell., well moulded, nice length, grand nerve, stands well on leg; 3, Cook, cl. yell., neat head, good shoulders and back, fine length, pos. and nerve, good col. and qual.; vhc, Watkins; hc, Griffiths. NOR. CK. (10): 1, Parry, cl. buff, neat head, good straight back, nicely balanced wings and tail, fine nerve and leg, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Thomson, cl. yell., nice col. and qual., good head, and shoulders, nice flights, splendid leg and nerve; 3, Smith, var. buff, nice col. and qual., neat head, good straight back, nice leg, hardly length of leaders; vhc, Latham; hc, Llewellyn. HEN (9): 1, Llowellyn, cl. yell., nice col. and qual., good head and shoulders, splendid flights and tail, lovely pos. and nerve, nice leg; 2, 3, Latham, var. yell., good col. and qual., well moulded throughout, splendid leg, hardly as nervy as leader; 3rd, cl. yell., paler col., neat head, good shoulders and back, lovely length and pos., well up on leg; vhc, Smith; hc, Thomson; c, Watkins. UNFL. CK. (22): 1, 3, Tucker, cl. buff, lovely col. and qual., grand head, shoulders and back, well balanced flights and tail, tip-top pos. and nerve, nice leg; 3rd, cl. yell., nice col. and qual., good straight back, nice leg and pos., hardly length of leaders; 2, Latham, wing mkd. yell., neat head and shoulders, nice straight back, fine flights and tail, good leg pos. and nerve, shade pale in col.; vhc, hc, Lapping and Nelmes; c, Miss Garland. HEN (13): 1, Tucker, cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., good head, fine shoulders and back, good flights and tail, nice length and pos., well up on leg; 2, Watkins, cl. buff, close up, grand col. and qual., well proportioned, splendid length, pos. and nerve, good leg; 3, c, Hinem, cl. yell., neat head, good straight back, nice col. and qual., hardly as nervy as leaders; vhc, Miss Garland; hc, Lewis. BORD. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Lapworth, cl., lovely cut and qual., sweetly moulded, grand wings, tip-top order; 2, Hurle. BUFF (5): 1, hc, Lapworth, cl. buff, lovely col. and qual., neat head, grand shape, very jaunty, well put down; 2, Lycett, Cinn. E.M., beautiful feather and cond., sweetly moulded, must have pressed; 3, Blake; vhc, Hurle. HEN (5): 1, Lapworth, cl. buff, neatly rounded head, grand shape, splendid wing carr., fine col. and qual.; 2, Blake, cl. yell., nice col. and qual., well moulded, shade on small side; 3, Lycett; vhc, Broome Bros.; hc, Morgan. NOVICE (11): 1, 2, Mrs. Bevan, both cl. buff, splendid brace, both beautifully moulded, true Border type, lovely qual. and cond., leader excels in col., botb in the pink; 3, Nelmes, yell. green, nice size and shape, lovely grass green col., looked like Cardiff 2nd in new hands. GOLDF. (14): 1, Lloyd and James, splendid col. and qual., good rich col. blaze, lovely tans, bars, and buttons, not one of the largest, but beautifully proportioned; 2, Edwards, nice size and shape, good blaze and bars, splendid qual. and cond., hardly as neat as leader; 3, Cozens, fine blaze, bars, tans, and buttons, nice size and shape, shade loose at thighs, when we saw him: vhc, Evans; hc, Davis; c, Andrews. BULLF. (9): 1, Evans, F.M., fine size, good cobby shape, grand cap and bars, lovely breast cond. and qual.; 2, Edwards, nice size and shape, grand cap and bars, hardly breast col. of leader; 3, Gibbons, nice size and shape, good cap and bars, fails col. to leaders; vhc, Andrews; hc, Lloyd and James; c, Hiden. LINNET (4): 1, vhc, Moreton, nice size, and shape, good rich nutty col., well pencilled, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Andrews, nice size and shape, well laced, hardly col. of leader; 3, Loveday. A.O.V. (11): 1, Hiden, Hawfinch, grand size and shape, splendid bib, lovely col. and qual.; 2, 3, Chick, Yell Bunting and Corn Bunting, well known winners, in first class order; vhc, hc, Andrews; c, Edwards. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Gatehouse, the well-known White Canaries, in splendid order, much admired; 2, Penaluna, var. buff Scots Fancy, good drive, handles well; hc, Edwards; c, Pavey. MULE (6): 1, Chick, cl. jonque Greenie-Can., a beautiful exhibit, often described; 2, Cozens, jonque Linnet-Can., grand col., fine size and shape, lovely cond. and qual.; 3, Davies, cl. yell. Goldie, nice size and shape, rather pale col.; vhc, Andrews; hc, Wall; c, Clark. HYB. (2): 1, Andrews. Redpoll-Siskin, nice size, lovely qual. and cond.; 2, Davies. Goldf.-Bullf., medium size, nice blaze, good col. and qual. SELL. £2 (7): 1, Edwards; 2, Maynard; 3, Jones; vhc, Lapping and Nelmes; hc, Vaux; c, Lewis. 20s. (8): 1, r, Griffiths; 2, Loveday; 3, Sweet; vhc, c, Read; hc, J. Griffiths.

HALIFAX.

3rd annual exhibition, Liberal Club, Haugh Shaw Road, King Cross, Dec. 30. The room is an ideal one for a bird show, being well lighted and free from draughts. Entries numbered 606 from 70 exhibitors—a very good result considering that the show had to be put back a week owing to the railway restrictions during the previous week. Most of the Yorkshire cracks were on exhibition, and the classes throughout were very even. The society have in Mr. A. Sutcliffe a real good secretary, and the way he got through his duties is deserving of the highest praise. He was ably assisted by Mr. E. Stobart, and the stewards, Messrs. Gelder, Mitchell, Priestley, Senior, Clem Wilson, Cundell, and Stansfield. The judge, Mr. A. Radley (Skelmanthorpe) got through his work in good time and seemed to give general satisfaction. The prize money was paid out to all who attended during the afternoon, and the packing up and sending away of the exhibits was got through without a hitch.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS (11): 1, Stobart, cl., splendid type, feathered like wax, grand head, wings well braced, well up on leg, and shown in best cond.; 2, Brown, grizzle on head, rather stronger in build, lovely qual., nice shaped head, stands correct, rich col.; 3, Lunn, cl., beautifully moulded, only beaten in length; 4, A. Radley; vhc, Padgett; hc, Dykes; c, Hartley. BUFF (12): 1, Sharpe, cl., grand length, lovely shape, wings and tail well placed, sound level col., well staged; 2, Hodgson, cl., close up to leader, type and qual. lovely, stands correct on good legs, fine cond.; 3, Dr. Craig, wonderful length, very stylish, fine silky feather; 4, A. Radley; vhc, Burdekin Bros.; hc, A. Hirst; c, R. E. Helliwell. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, Thomas, cl., standard length, feather like silk, rich col., splendid wing carr., A1 pos., gem; 2, Dykes, tkd., grand length, nice shape, full of nerve, showing breed, nice level col., well shown; 3, Dr. Craig, even mkd., nice length and shape, lovely qual., stands well; 4, Sharpe; vhc, Speak; hc, Burdekin Bros.; c, W. Helliwell. BUFF (9): 1, Thomas, cl., beautiful shape and qual., grand head, well-fitted neck, wings and tail perfect, A1 pos.; 2, Hartley, cl., grand length, fine boxy feather, nice head and neck, hardly as straight as leader; 3, Padgett, cl., very hot col., very stylish, nice qual.; 4, Lunn; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Dr. Craig; c, Sutcliffe. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Thomas, cl., beautiful shape, nice length, straight as a rush, head, wings and tail well carried, rich tone of col.; 2, Lunn, mkd., another lovely lady, excels in qual., stands correct on best of legs, beaten a shade in length; 3, Sharpe, tkd., very typical, nicely feathered, but less; 4, Gledhill; vhc, Towers; hc, Dr. Craig; c, Sutcliffe. BUFF (6): 1, Thornton and Robertshaw, cl., grand length, nicely moulded feather, tight as wax, wings perfectly carried, a real model; 2, Rigg, cl., plenty of length, nice shape, head nice and round, wings and tail well placed, hardly as full as leader, shown well; 3, Hartley; 4, vhc, Sutcliffe; hc, Ellis. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Dykes, cl., splendid type, straight as an arrow, richly coloured, wings perfectly placed, stands well up on best of legs, well benched; 2, Padgett, cl., plenty of length, fine silky feather, nice pos., good head, well balanced on shoulders, grand wing carr.; 3, Rigg, cl., lovely type, very stylish, only beaten in size; 4, Lunn; vhc, Sharpe; hc, Priestley; c, Walsh. BUFF (7): 1, Thornton and Robertshaw, cl., correct shape, nicely rounded and well drawn, best of heads, well filled neck, wings perfect, fine cond.; 2, W. Helliwell, cl., nice length, fine silky feather, stands well up, showing breed and full of nerve; 3, Burdekin Bros., cl., lovely shape and qual., rather short of bloom; 4, Thomas; vhc, Priestley; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Gledhill. MKD. YELL. (9): 1, Dykes, even mkd., the noted "Dreadnought," splendid shape, wonderful length, rich in col., stands like a guardsman, put down in best cond.; 2, L. Hodgson, sen., var., very lengthy, feather smooth as glass, correct pos., on good legs, well benched; 3, 4, J. Taylor, uneven mkd., nice length, lovely qual., hardly as long in body as leaders, 4th wonderful length, nice qual., wings and tail well braced; vhc, Sutcliffe; hc, Towers; c, Hall. BUFF (10): 1, Gledhill, even mkd., beautifully moulded, one of the best for col., good head, full neck, wings well carried, A1 cond.; 2, Dykes, var., another good one, wonderful length, slim, feathered to perfection, lovely shape and style, only beaten in col.; 3, Brown, uneven mkd., hot in col., very stylish, stands well up; 4, Towers, even mkd., plenty of length, fine qual.; vhc, Hartley; hc, Hall; c, Midgley. GREEN MKD. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Gledhill, even mkd., one of the best, correct length, well up on leg, feather as tight as wax, rich col., shown in faultless style; 2, Midgley, another good one, lovely type and qual., evenly built all round, nice head and splendid wing carr., just a shade less; 3, Hartley, strong in markings, very hot in col., nice qual. and type; 4, Sharpe, even mkd., rather less, fine feather, full of nerve, bit breedy; vhc, L. Hodgson, sen.; hc, J. Taylor; c, Priestley. BUFF (10): 1, Towers, even mkd., beautiful shape, one of the best for qual., good head, well filled neck, wings and tail well carried, best of cond., wins; 2, J. Taylor, mkd. eyes, head and wings, lovely qual., nicely drawn and stands correct, head well balanced, rare wing carr., staged well; 3, Ratcliffe, typical, nice feather, just a wee bit racy; 4, Hartley, uneven mkd., plenty of length, rare qual.; vhc, Padgett; hc, Hall; c, Gledhill. CINN. TKD. OR VAR. YELL. (8): 1, Dykes, mkd. eyes, head and wings, wonderful length, correct type, rich tone of col., rare qual. of plumage, one of the best 2, Dr. Craig, mkd. similarly, very hot in col., tight as wax, lovely pos., hardly the length, best of cond.; 3, Morrison, grand type and qual., hardly as nice in front; 4, Brown; vhc, Towers; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Walsh. BUFF (9): 1, Dr. Craig, uneven mkd., splendid type, feather like silk, sound in col., grand head, round body, wing carr. perfect, well up on leg, shown well; 2, Dykes, uneven mkd., one of the best for shape, nice length, well cut away, A1 pos., hardly as rich col.; 3, Brown, steady as rock, lovely qual., rather less; 4, Priestley; vhc, Ratcliffe; hc, Wooler; c, Midgley. CINN. TKD. OR VAR. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Priestley, nicely mkd., beautiful shape and style, rich col., one of the best for type, well up on leg; 2, Dr. Craig, even mkd., stylish, shows breed slightly, feather of the best, level col., neat wing carr.; 3, Dykes, plenty of length and nicely drawn, will do better; 4, Morrison; vhc, hc, Midgley; c, Sutcliffe. BUFF (8): 1, Morrison, var., best of qual., keeps up well, grand head, back and wings, nice col., pos. good, fine cond; 2, c, Towers, very straight, silky in feather, finely tapered, not quite the size of the winner; 3, A. Hirst, uneven mkd., very stylish, rare wing carr.; 4, Dykes; vhc, hc, Sutcliffe. SELL., 15s. (9): 1, P. Taylor; 2, hc, Savile; 3, vhc, Sharpe; 4, Speak; c, Mitchell. HENS (7): 1, Robinson; 2, Sharpe; 3, Haggis Bros.; 4, Savile; vhc, A. Radley; hc, Jowett and Robertshaw; c, Wooler. BRIT. HARDBILL (6): 1, vhc, Duncan and Macpherson, 1st Chaffinch; 2, Helliwell, Bramble; 3, 4, Dunn, Yellowhammer and Greenf.; hc, Shaw.

THE NOVICE CLASSES. LIMIT £5 5s.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. (11): 1, P. Taylor, cl., wonderful length, straight as a rush, nice col., good head and neck, wings well placed, put down in fine style; 2, Pownall Bros., cl., very long but rather strong in build, correct pos., well up on leg, rich in col.; 3, Firth, cl., standard size, nicely finished, rare qual., will do better; 4, Andrews, cl., very slim and racy, shade faulty in head and neck; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Jowett and Robertshaw; c, Chapman. BUFF (11): 1, A. Firth, cl., beautiful type and qual. for a big one, stands like a soldier, well-fitting wings and tail, sound col., wins; 2, L. Hodgson, jun., cl., lovely shape, feather like wax, very clean made, but beaten in size; 3, S. Firth, cl., nice shape and well drawn, fine silky feather; 4, Hamlyn, cl., full of bloom, very typical; vhc, Pownall Bros.; hc, Haggis Bros.; c, Fisher. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Crowther, cl., plenty of length, very hot in col., nice sound head, good back and wings, pipe tail, A1 pos., well shown; 2, Chapman, cl., grand size, very finely feathered, cut away like a wedge, hardly as long in flights; 3, Robinson, cl., nice type and qual., rather fails in neck; 4, vhc, Stansfield; hc, Andrews; c, Stocks. BUFF (8): 1, Chapman, var., best of qual., tight as wax, well up on leg, wing well carr., nice level col., fine cond.; 2, Fisher, cl., very lengthy, strong in build, more of the stock bird class, well balanced all round, sound in col.; 3, Andrews, cl., lovely col., fine boxy feather, rather low on leg; 4, Barnes, cl., very hot col., slim and stylish; vhc, Briggs; hc, Thornton; c, Gelder. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Holmes and Schofield, cl., splendid type, rich tone of col., tight as wax, best of wing carr., round body, well on legs; 2, Barnes, cl., very long, nice qual. but very wild, wants training; 3, Hamlyn, cl., grand shape and length; 4, P. Taylor, tkd., excels in qual., slim and stylish; vhc, Thornton; hc, S. Firth; c, Crowther. BUFF (5): 1, Fisher, cl., beautiful shape, well moulded, feather smooth as glass, rare wing carr., A1 pos., best of con; 2, 3, A. Taylor, cl., lovely qual., nice col., hardly as full in neck, stands well, 3rd cl., grand type and feather, inclined to cross its wings, high cond.; 4, Gelder; vhc, Thornton. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Jowett and Robertshaw, cl., rich col., lovely shape, wings and tail, well placed, best of legs, shows well; 2, Barnes, cl., correct shape and style, rather pale in col.; 3, A. Firth; 4, vhc, Gelder. BUFF (8): 1, A. Taylor, straight, feather smooth as glass, well filled and rounded, wings well carried, well up on leg, wins; 2, Fisher, wonderful length, nice feather, good pos., but hardly as well filled; 3, Hamlyn, lovely qual., stylish; 4, Crowther; vhc, L. Hodgson, jun.; hc, Mitchell; c, Ditchell. GREEN MKD. CK. (10): 1, A. Firth, buff even mkd., grand size, fine boxy feather, sound col., head and neck correct, nice body, well drawn behind, A1 pos., wins; 2, Crowther, even mkd. buff, plenty of length, feather like silk, wings and tail correctly placed, well up on good legs; 3, 4, Hamlyn, very lengthy and nice shape, not quite as fit as leaders, 4th very slim and stylish; vhc, Barnes; hc, Pownall Bros.; c, L. Hodgson, jun. HEN (7): 1, Andrews, yell., uneven mkd., beautiful qual., rather slim in build, but evenly balanced all round, rich in col., a topper; 2, L. Hodgson, jun., buff, fine boxy feather, grand head, well filled neck, wings correctly carried, A1 pos.; 3, King Bros.; 4, Chapman; vhc, Crowther; hc, Pownall Bros.; c, Briggs. CINN. TKD. OR VAR. CK. (8): 1, Andrews, yell., wonderful length, rich in col., good head, back and wings, straight in pos., feather like silk, staged well; 2, Hamlyn, yell., nice size, well up on leg, A1 qual., wings and tail well placed, just beaten in length; 3, L. Hodgson, jun., yell., lovely qual., rather stouter; 4, Stocks; vhc, Gelder; hc, Pownall Bros.; c, Chapman. HEN (12): 1, c, Chapman, yell. var., plenty of length, qual. of plumage is unbeatable, rich in col., rare wing carr., stands correctly, fine cond.; 2, hc, Booth, buff, fine boxy feather, nice tone of col., good head and neck, wings and tail well placed, shows well; 3, Hodgson, jun., yell., lovely qual., rich in col., very slim; 4, Pownall Bros., buff, even mkd., nice shape and qual.; vhc, Jowett and Robertshaw. NOR. CK. (6): 1, 3, Ismay, var. buff, grand head, very bold breast, plenty of subs., nicely balanced across perch, staged in fine cond., 3rd cl. yell., grand shape, rare qual., rich col., good head and breast; 2, vhc, hc, Shaw, cl. yell., correct shape, rich tone of col.; 4, King Bros. HEN (7): 1, 2, Ismay, cl. buff, best of heads, good sound breast, stands well across, staged in fine style, 2nd yell. mkd. on head, rich in col., gets well across perch but beaten in head and breast; 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Shaw. OPEN NOV. YORKS (5): 1, 2, Morton, beautiful wing tkd. yell., grand length, nice round body, wings and tail well carr., A1 pos., fine cond., 2nd cl. yell., superb qual. of plumage, rich tone of col., nice shape; 3, Larmer; 4, Newcombe; vhc, Shaw. HEN (5): 1, S. Hartley, yell., splendid type, tight as wax, neat head, wings well placed, grand pos.; 2, Barron, yell. tkd., very slim, but of the best qual., wings and tail perfectly carr., clean made all round; 3, Newcombe; 4, Sykes; vhc, Larmer. SELF OR FOUL GREEN YORKS HEN (5): 1, Briggs, foul, best for type and qual., lovely tone of col., stands well up, nicely cut away; 2, vhc Scruton and Harris, self, correct type lovely feather, grand col.; 3, Mitchell; 4, Shaw.

BRADFORD EAST.

Eighth annual show, Dec. 16, in the Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling. Entries numbered 295, the quality all round being well up to the standard. The Rose Bowl classes were a great success, as in previous years, many birds of exceptional merit being staged. The winner having had to be bred by the exhibitor, Mr. J. A. Greenslade, Bristol, won the trophy with a third prize bird of exceptional quality, position and carriage. The arrangements were carried out in an expert and business-like manner. Mr. J. A. Chittenden, Bradford, judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YORKS., CL., ETC. YELL. (11): 1, Dykes, good length, erect pos., rich level col, fine shape, full of qual., wins; 2, Padgett, rare length, pos., and shape; 3, F. Self, paler in col., but a bird of exceptional character, must have pressed for 2nd place; 4, Hartley; vhc, Stobart; hc, Dyson; c, Lunn. BUFF (11): 1, Hartley, A 1 pos., feathered like wax; 2, Thomas, beautiful shape, good flights and tail; 3, Briggs, rare size and col., not so good on leg; 4, Gledhill, good head and feather; vhc, Dr. Craig; hc, Dykes; c, Walker, might have been higher. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, 4, Dykes, leader well known wing tick, a blaze of col.; 4th, check tick, rare qual.; 2, Snead, very neat, grand head and shoulders; 3, Walker, tkd. head, paler in col. BUFF (6): 1, Govier, neck tick, lovely shape, neatly staged; 2, Dykes, wing tick, feathered like glass, close up; 3, Dyson; 4, Snead; vhc, Brown. UNFLIG. YELL. (Rose Bowl) (17): 1, Thomas, nice length, erect pos., a real good one; 2, Dr. Craig, another charmer, unevenly mkd.; 3, Greenslade, splendid quality, position and carr., only beaten in size; 4, Snead, very typical, good head, neck and shoulders; vhc, Rigg; hc, Sunderland; c, Helliwell; good class. BUFF (Rose Bowl) (16): 1, Padgett, a clinker, ought to do well; 2, hc, Thomas, splendid col., rare shape, stylish; 3, Lunn, good size and qual., fails style; 4, Hartley, rare length and style; vhc, Helliwell; c, Briggs. UNFLIG. HEN, YELL. (9): 1, Thomas, charming lady, bad to beat; 2, Bray, neck tick, very neat and racy; 3, Lunn, rare qual. and carr.; 4, Hirst, paler in col., extra length and qual., we thought might have stood 2nd; vhc, hc, Greenslade; c, Helliwell. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Hirst, good one, a credit to owner; 3, Thornton and Robertshaw, fine type and qual., paler col.; 4, Dr. Craig, splendid pos., shape and qual., close up; vhc, Dykes; hc, Hartley; c, Thomas. CL. OR TKD. HEN (7): 1, c, Snead, marvellous col., well up on leg; 2, Dykes, clinker for style and shape; 3, F. Self, good qual., well up; 4, Lunn; vhc, Padgett; hc, Briggs. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Helliwell, 1st, rare size, good head, neck and feather, nicely cut; 2nd, lovely shape, carr., and qual., not so good in head; 3, Bray, head and wing mkd., grand feather and well up; 4, Thornton and Robertshaw, very neat and stylish, must have pressed 3rd hard; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Suddards; c, Govier. VARIEG. YELL. (10): 1, Dykes, old champion, looking in the pink, easy win; 2, Hodgson, Senr., wonderful length, leg and side, have seen him look better; 3, 4, Taylor, 3rd, mkd. eyes, head and wing, beautiful character, lovely wing and pipe tail; 4th, head, neck and wings, rare col. and qual., a brace of good ones; vhc, c, Hall; hc, Walker; c, Sutcliffe. BUFF (9): 1, Dykes, mkd. eyes, wing and neck, well balanced, good nock, wing and tail; 2, Hirst, not looking well, when we

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Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

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say it; 3, Towers, mkd. eyes and wings, extra col., feathered like silk; 4, Gledhill, plenty of size, good stand, looking well; vhc, c, Hall; hc, Brown; c, Helliwell. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 2, Midgley, gems for quality, style and pos.; 3, Gledhill, good marking, level col., close up for 2nd; 4, Taylor, head, neck and wings, good stamp, rare qual. and pos.; vhc, Towers, looking well, might have stood higher; hc, Brown; c, Briggs. BUFF (12): 1, Towers, shown to perfection, rare stamp, wins; 2, Hall, mkd. head, eyes and wings, very stylish, cut well away; 3, Hartley, cheeks and wing, rare qual. and pos., fails waist; 4, Taylor, nice col. and qual.; vhc, Padgett; hc, Ratcliffe; c, Dykes. CINN. TKD. OR VARIEG. YELL. (5): 1, 4, Dykes, 1st mkd. head and wings, well up, stylish, easy win; 2, Morrison, mkd. head, wings and checks, rare col., qual. and size; 3, A. Brown. BUFF (6): 1, Towers, gem for col. and qual., well rounded; 2, Craig, well up, full of style, neat wiugs and tail; 3, Midgley, head, eyes, and wing mkd., lovely shape, fails head and neck to leaders; 4, Morrison; vhc, Dykes; hc, Ratcliffe. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Dykes, best of markings, full of qual. and type; 2, vhc, Dr. Craig, erect pos., good head, neck and qual., close up; 3, Morrison, very racy, well cut away, paler col.; 4, Midgley, one we liked well, might have stood higher; hc, Helliwell; c, Sutcliffe. BUFF (7): 1, c, Dr. Craig, real gem, probably quite the best out; 2, hc, Towers, mkd. eyes and wing, lovely qual., very stylish; 3, Morrison; 4, vhc, Sutcliffe. SELL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, Farrar; 3, Taylor; 4, Spencer; vhc, Rushworth; hc, Hodgson, Junr. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, 4, Midgley; 3, Nicholl; vhc, Woad. HEN: 1, Pownell Bros.; 2, Hecley; 3, Farrar; 4, Gledhill; vhc, Ormondroyd; hc, Taylor.

NOVICE CLASSES, LINNET. £5 5s.

CL. OR TKD YELL. Ck. (10): 1, McEwen, a clinking good exhibit, should do well in the open, neatly staged; 2, Lloyd, rare length, straight as a rush; 3, Crowther, another good one, good head, neck and tail; 4, Pownall Bros., rare stamp, good style and qual.; vhc, Chapman; hc, Taylor; c, Bloomfield. BUFF (19): 1, Hamlyn, A 1 pos., grand shape, good stand, wins; 2, Hodgson, Junr., lovely col., not so shapely as winner; 3, Robinson, extra pos., style and qual.; 4, S. Firth, our fancy for third place; vhc, H. Firth; hc, J. and F. Haggis; c, Andrews. GREEN MKD. (12): 1, Hamlyn, yell., neatly marked, very nice boxy feather, rare col.; 2, Cowell, Buff, mkd. eyes and saddle, good style and length, in the pink; 3, Crowther, buff, mkd eyes and wings, loses in shape; 4, Robinson, yellow, mkd. eyes and wing, nice type and qual., must have pressed; vhc, Sugden; hc, Hodgson, Junr.; c, Rushworth. HEN (8): 1, Andrews, yell., variec., clean cut, good head and carr.; 2, Chapman, buff, nicely mkd., fine type and qual.; 3, Bolton and Dunn, buff, fair markings, close feather and good stand; 4, McEwen, yellow, cheek and wings mkd., a nice exhibit; vhc, Crowther; hc, J. and F. Haggis; c, Hodgson, Junr. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Crowther, wing tkd., rare length, lovely type, A 1 quality; 2, Cowell, wing tkd., red-hot col., well up, beaten in size; 3, Chapman; 4, Ormondroyd; vhc, Sugden. BUFF (14): 1, Firth, plenty of size, good head, neck and wings; 2, Alloft, close feather, fine carr.; 3, Fisher, nice front, cut well away; 4, Sugden; vhc, Crowther; hc, Ormondroyd; c, Anderson. YELL. HEN (6): 1, McLaughlin, capital length, good shape and finish; 2, S. Firth, neat shape and nicely braced; 3, Richorde; 4, A. Firth; vhc, Bower; hc, Taylor. BUFF (11): 1, Fisher, charming, neat, staged well; 2, Wilman, another good youngster, of fine qual.; 3, Naylor, good character and finish; 4, Taylor, nice and stylish, close up; vhc, W. Firth; hc, Bloomfield; c, Bolton and Young. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, McLaughlin, good size, fine. qual. and pos.; 2, Lloyd, very stylish, well up on leg; 3, Wilman, rare qual. and style, fails carr.; 4, hc, Spencer, extra type, we thought might have gone up; vhc, Earles; c, Anderson. BUFF (12): 1, Hamlyn, rare length, lovely back and finish; 2, W. Firth, very neat, good head and neck; 3, Taylor, nice boxy feather, runs second well; 4, Hodgson, Junr., extra col. and qual., fails carr.; vhc, Crowther; hc, Wilman; c, Cowell. CINN. TKD. OR VARIEG. CK. (8): 1, Hodgson, Junr., neatly mkd., fine head, rare length, well up on leg, very shapely; 2, Andrews, eyes and wing mkd., not so finely drawn; 3, Chapman, not so well mkd., but runs 2nd a good race; 4, Pownall Bros.; vhc, Hamlyn; hc, Robinson; c, McLaughlin. HEN (9): 1, Chapman, yell., head, eyes and wing mkd., rare size, nice col. and carr.; 2, Woad, buff, extra qual. and markings; 3, Hodgson, Junr., yell., head and wing tkd., neat boxy feather, good on leg, well cut away, might, we thought, have been higher; 4, c, Andrews; vhc, Pownall Bros.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM R.C.C.

Fourth annual contest under patronage of British Rollor C.C., Dec. 13, 14, at Crown Hotel, Birmingham. The same rooms as last year were again used. The record entry of 217 birds for this fixture was received, being 79 more than last year, and twice as many as in 1914. The novice young bird class pulled up well with 80 entries. A nice array of special prizes was in competition, the majority being in cash. In champion and novice young birds the Birmingham C.B.S. gave 10s. for best bird in each class, and the B.R.C.C. 7s. 6d. each for the 2nd prize winners, and seven other cash specials were given by members and friends in each of these classes. Mr. W. Pimra. Birmingham, presented a good specimen of a show cage, also a training cage, for the second best birds in classes 4 and 5. A silver medal was given by Mr. R. Berry for best bird in class 4; the remainder of the specials in these classes, and in class 3, consisted of cash. Mr. W. Taylor, the Hon. Sec., won the members' cup, and Mr. Layland's spl. for most points. Claims were made for three of Mr. Taylor's birds. The winner was put to auction and bought in by the owner. There was a fair attendance of visitors on the Thursday from the Midlands.

A rather unfortunate occurrence took place on the Thursday evening, for after packing up the exhibits the railway company refused to accept them. This necessitated unpacking, and all birds were fed and watered again. All the members turned up on the Friday morning, and all the exhibits were in the railway company's hands about noon. Judges were: Mr. J. Tomlinson (Newcastle, Staffs), Mr. J. Willows (Wednesbury), and Mr. Lyons (Blackburn). This is the third successive year that Mr. Tomlinson has judged at this fixture.

CHAMP YOUNG BIRDS (51). Judge, Mr. J. Tomlinson: 1, spl. W. H. Shepley, HR 4, bass 4, schocked 2, F 3, WR 3, WG 2, BG 4, BT 1, BR 2, GE 5, total 30; 2, spl, J. Heatherley, HR 4, HB 3, B 2, S 2, F2, WR 2, WG 2, BG 3, BT 2, GE 4, total 26; ex-2, spl, W. Tomkins, HR 4, HB 3, B 2, S 3, F 2, WR 2, BG 2, BT 2, BR 2, GE 4, total 26; 3, spl, W. Tomkins, HR 5, HB 3, S 3, F 2, WR 2, WG 2, BG 2, DBWT 1, BT 1, GE 4, total 25; ex-3, spl, W. Tomkins, HR 4, HB 3, Bass 2, S 2, F 2, WR 2, BG 3, DBWT 1, BT 1, BR 1, GE 4, total 25; 4, spl, J. Heatherley, HR 4, HB 2, B 3, F 3, WR 3, WG 6, BG 3, BT 1, GE 3, 1 off, total 24; ex-4, spl, W. H. Shepley, HR 5, HB 2, B 3, F 3, WR 3, BG 4, BT 1, GE 4, 1 off, total 24; 1, vhc, A. Harper, Miss Dockery, 23 points; 2, vhc, W. Rhodes, R. Grainger, W. H. Shepley, W. G. Bird, 22 points; hc, W. H. Shepley, A. Harper, 21 points; c, T. Twig, W. H. Shepley, A. Harper, Miss Dockery, J. Hunter, A. Gooding, 20 points. NOVICE YOUNG (80). Judge, Mr. J. Willows: 1, spl, Miss F. Dockery, RH 6, B 5, S 4, F 3, WR 2, WG 4, GR 4, GE 4, total 32; ex-1, spl, W. Taylor, HR 6, B 3, S 5, F 3, WR 2, WG 5, BT 1, BR 1, GE 5, total 31; 2, spl, Miss Dockery, HR 5, B 5, S 4, F 3, WR 2, WG 4, GR 3, GE 4, total 30; ex-2, spl, H. Layland, HR 6, B 4, S 4, F 2, WG 3, GR 4, BG 2, BR 1, GE 4, total 30; 3, spl, T. Brookes, HR 6, B 4, S 4, G 3, F 3, GR 4, BT 1, BR 1, GE 4, total 30; ex-3, spl, M. Mason, HR 6, B 4, S 4, F 3, GR 4, BG 2, BT 1, BR 1, GE 4, total 29; 4, spl, Miss Dockery, HR 6, B 4, S 4, F 3, WR 2, WG 3, GR 3, GE 4, total 29; ex-4, W. H. Woodall, HR 6, HB 2, B 5, S 4, F 3, BT 1, BR 1, GE 4, total 29; vhc, R. Berry, W. Robinson, W. J. Plant, C. W. Kimpton, 28 pts. ea.; hc, W. Robinson, H. Roath, W. Taylor, J. T. Dudley, T. Brooks, W. Millward, 27 pts. ea.; c, H. Roath, J. Thompson, R. Berrley, J. Wyre, 26 pts. each; spl. for best glucke, C. W. Kimpton. CHAMP. ANY AGE (15). Judge, Mr. J. Lyons: 1, spl, H. Appleby, HR 5, HB 2, B 5, S 3, G 3, F 2, WG 2, WR 2, BT 1, BR 1, GE 3, total 30; 2, sp, Miss Dockery, HR 6, HB 2, B5, S 3, F 2, WG 2, GR 3, BT 1, BR 2, GE 4, total 30; 3, spl, T. Twigg, HR 5, HB 3, B 5, S 2, F 2, WR 2, WG 2, BG 2, BT 1, BR 1, GE 3, total 28; 4, spl, F. W. Hayward, HR 5, HB 2, B 4, S 3, F 3, WG 2, BG 2, BWT 2, BT 1, BR 1, GE 3, total 28; vhc, W. Rhodes, R. Grainger, H. G. Hill, 28 points; hc, J. Dimmock, J. Heatherley, 27 points; c, W. Harrison, 26 points NOVICE (24). Judge, Mr. J. Lyons. 1, spl, S. Garbett, HR 6, HB 3, B 5, F 2, WR 2, WG 2, BT 1, BR 2, GE 4, total 30; 2, spl, W. Millward, HR 5, HB 2, B 5, S 3, F 2, WR 2, WG 2, BG 2, BT 1, BR 2, GE 3, total 29; 3, spl, J. Aspinall, HR 5, HB 2, B 4, S 3, G 4, F 2, WG 2, BT 1, BR 2, GE 4, total 29; 4, spl, H. Layland, HR 5, HB 3, B 5, S 2, G 2, F 3, WS 2, BG 2, BT 1, BR 2, GE 3, 1 off, total 29; vhc, M. Mason, H. Dalby, 28 points; hc, J. Aspinall, W. Robinson, A. E. Worton, W. Heeley, R. Savigar, M. Mason, J. Lucas, T. Thwaites, H. Appleby, J. T. Dudley, T. Brooks, 27 points; c, J. Drakeley, T. Baker, W. Heeley, A. E. Minett, L. A. Hitchman, J. Mawhood, F. Herbert, 26 points. LIMIT (23): Judge, Mr. J. Lyons: 1, spl, W. J. Plant, HR 5, HB 2, B 4, S 3, F 2, WR 2, WG 2, BT 1, BR 2, BWT 1, GE 3, total 27; 2, spl. J. Hunter, HR 5, HB 2, B 5, S 3, F 2, WR 2, WG 2, BT 1, BR 2, GE 2, total 26; 3, spl, J. Aspinall, HR 5, HB 2, B 5, S 3, F 2, WG 2, BWT 2, BT 1, BR 2, GE 3, 1 off. 26 points; 4, spl, W. Taylor, HR 5, HB 3, B 4, S 2, F 2, WR 2, WG 2, BT 1, BR 2, GE 3, 1 off, total 25; vhc, T. Twigg, J. Barnes, 24 points; hc, A. Harper, H. MacGowne, 24 points; c, F. W. Hayward, W. H. Woodhall, W. Evans, 23.

WEST LEEDS F. AND F.S.

The first open venture of the above society, Dec. 16, resulted in a slight loss, only 81 entries being forward in 12 classes, this, no doubt, owing to lack of advertising. A displayed advert. in CAGE BIRDS would have made a big difference, and this the committee will bear in mind on their next venture. The exhibits, though lacking in quantity, made up in quality, some of the best teams being staged. Yorkshires made a poor display, only 23 in four classes, L. Dykes won sp. most points. British were the feature of the show, 26 in 3 classes; T. H Alexander won sp. most points. Dr. Cumming won cup for most points in show, putting down a grand team of birds. The society room is an ideal room, comfortably heated and well lighted. All birds were on tail before 8 o'clock, thanks to the help of Messrs. Chambers and Wilson, of the Leeds Society, and no complaints received. Mr. T. Bardwinson judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YORKS. CK.: 1, Dykes, cl., fine type and pos., beautiful feather, well cut away, good wings and tail, 2, A. Radley, neck tkd., grandly moulded, neat head and shoulders, qual. A1, just beaten in length; 3, Cummings, cl., nicely drawn, erect pos.; 4, Richardson. BUFF: 1, sp., Dykes, head and wing mkd., beautifully balanced, stands erect and fearless, feathered in silk, good from head to tail; 2, Thomas, cl., hardly size of winner, stylish, well up on leg, fine qual.; 3, A. Radley, neck mkd., grand length, neat head and neck, good cond.; 4, Cumming; vhc, Greaves. HEN: 1, Thomas, lovely lady, straight as a pencil, good full head, neck and shoulders, well cut away behind, round as a bottle, staged to perfection; 2, Dykes, grand cl. yell., grand length, neat head, well up on legs, stylish; 3, Freeman, wing mkd. yell., typical, beautiful pos. and feather; 4, A. Radley; vhc, Greaves; hc, Cumming. UNFLIG.: 1, A. Radley, yell., fine Yorks., real hot col., good length, straight as an arrow, good qual feather, wings and tail perfect; 2, Thomas, cl., beaten in col., good length, well cut away behind, fearless carr., feather A1; 3, Dykes, yell., nicely moulded, stylish, plenty of swank; 4, Thomas; vhc, Cumming; hc, Richardson; c, Greaves. NOR. CK.: 1, Thomas, a beauty, massive head and thick neck, chest deep and broad, nice short flights and tail, feathered to perfection; 2, W. Wilson, cl. yell., grand Nor., fine subs., grand head and neck, good col., in fine order, beaten in wing carr.; 3, Cumming, cl. buff, good size and type, short flights and tail, good qual., 4, vhc, Mennard; hc, Cumming; c, Chambers and Smith. HEN: 1, Mennard, big cl. buff, excellent head and neck, good deep chest, fine carr. and feather; 2, W. A. Wilson, uneven mkd., hardly size of winner, typical, good short flights, clean underneath, fine qual.; 3 Johnson, cl., yell., medium size, good broad head, nice feather and col.; 4, Thomas; vhc, Cumming; hc, Chambers and Smith; c, Wilson. UNFLIG.: 1, Thomas, cl., real gem, big broad head, well filled neck, deep and broad chest, well across perch, beautiful qual. of feather; 2, Thomas, head mkd. yell., not the subs. of winner, good col., neat and compact, good cond.; 3, Wilson, cl. buff, sweet shape, carr., good qual. throughout; 4, Chambers and Smith; vhc, Mennard; hc, Cummings; c, Johnson. GOLDF. or BULLF.: 1, sp, Alexander, Goldf., nice size, bold head, well cut blaze of deep colour, buttoned to perfection, rich tanning, shone like a looking glass; 2, Cumming, Goldf., pressed winner hard, square blaze, well cut, beautifully buttoned, hardly the polish of winner, in fine fettle; 3, Alexander, Bullf., bold, nice shape, good cap, well cut bib, lovely cond.; 4, Colbern; vhc, Stothard; hc, c, Haigh. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Cumming, Linnet, lovely bold bird, good shade, beautifully laced, good ground col., full of polish; 2, Inman, nice shape, full of work, rich col., good size; 3, Stothard, Linnet, hardly so bold and snapsy as winner, good whites and lacing; vhc, Inman; hc, Cumming; c, Alexander A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Alexander, Hawfinch, smart shape and good col., nice bib, well defined, good cond.; 2, Trueman, Bramble, lovely shape, well spangled, good col., fine cond., pressed hard; 3, Cumming, Chaffinch, good size and shape, grand cap and wings, rich col.; 4, Haigh, Yellow Bunting; vhc, Stothard; hc, Alexander; c, Wilson. SELL.: 1, Wilson; 2, Botham; 3, Walker; 4, Trueman; vhc, Johnson; hc, Page; c, Botham.

Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

EAST ARDSLEY C.B.S.

Annual 'members' show, at headquarters, Dec. 23. Keen competition ensued for the various specials, Mr. Alexander winning special for best bird in show with his Goldfinch, which was the talk of the show, the Cardiff winner. He also won special for best second with a lovely Bullfinch. Mr. A. Bedford won special best third bird. Mr. S. Wilcock, Eccleshill, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

Linnet (9): 1, 4, vhc, Alexander; 2, c, Walton; 3, hc, A. Bedford. Green. (5): 1, 4, Walton; 2, 3, Alexander; vhc, Boocock. Goldf. and Bullf. (7): 1, 2 spls, Alexander; 3, sp, A. Bedford; 4, vhc, D. Bedford; hc, Boocock; c, Kendrew. Redpoll, etc. (8): 1, D. Bedford; 2, 3, vhc, Alexander; 4, Kendrew; hc, A. Bedford; c, Walton. A.O.S. (6): 1, 2, 3, Alexander; 4, Waltou; vhc, D. Bedford; hc, Boocock. Mules (4): 1, Kendrew; 2, 4, A. Bedford; 3, Alexander. Alexander wins first for most points throughout the season; 2, A. Bedford; 3, A. Walton. Other specials winners: Alexander, silver teapot, presented by the president, W. Waind, Esq., most points A.O.V. and most points hc birds; A. Bedford, copper kettle presented by the president and special most points by 4th birds; A. Walton, most points by second bird and most points Greenfinch; D. Bedford wins special most points by vhc.—A. Walton, sec.

LANDORE AND PLASMARL C.B.S

Twenty mile radius show, George and Dragon Hotel, Landore, Dec. 26. The show room, being decorated, looked spick and span. The judges, A. Maggs, Cardiff, and A. Hitchings, Swansea, had a rare morning's work, having about 250 entries facing them, but seemed to give satisfaction to all. Messrs. A. Bowen and T. James, new to the duties of show managers, seem like old hands at the game, and with Mr. H. Fry at the helm a rare future seems assured for this war society, which has only been in existence six months.

Nor. Yell.: 1, sp, Hopkins; 2, Hitchings; 3, Jones. Buff: 1, Hopkins; 2, Hedges; 3, Jones. Yell. Var.: 1, Liscombe; 2, Hedges; 3, Hopkins. Buff: 1, Hopkins; 2, Wiliams; 3, Hedges. Yell. Hen: 1, Hitchings; 2, Jones; 3, Hedges. Buff: 1, Liscombe; 2, Hitchings; 3, Jones. Unflig. Yell.: 1, 2, Jones. Buff: 1, Jones; 2, 3, Dutton. Non-fed: 1, Phillips; 2, Poole; 3, Davies; 4, Dutton. Yorks. Cl. Yell.: 1, Fry; 2, Coulson and Bremen; 3, Jones; 4, Copp; vhc, Haywood. Buff: 1, Haywood; 2, Cooper. Var. Yell.: 1, sp, Coulson and Bremen; 2, Hart. Buff: 1, Sherratt; 2, Jones; 3, Coulson and Bremen; 4, Fry. Yell. Hen: 1, Fry; 2, Coulson and Bremen; 3, Haywood. Buff: 1, Coulson and Bremen; 2, Fry; 3, Hart. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Loosemore; 2, Jones. Buff: 1, 3, Fry; 2, Grey. Hen: 1, Coulson and Bremen; 2, 3, Fry. Non-fed: 1, Thomas; 2, Coleman; 3, Grey; 4, Haywood; vhc, Thomas; hc, Hart; c, Davies. Bord. Cl. Yell.: 1, sp, Thomas; 2, Delaney; 3, Edgington; 4, Denyard. Hen: 1, Denyard; 2, Morgans; 3, Edgington; 4, Haywood. Buff Ck.: 1, Thomas; 2, Hopkins; 3, Edgington; 4, Denyard; vhc, Delaney; vhc, c, Morgans. Hen: 1, Thomas; 2, 3, Edgington; 4, Hopkins; vhc, James Yell. Green: 1, Bowen; 2, Edgington; 3, Delaney. Buff: 1, Edgington; 2, 3, 4, James. Green Hen: 1, 2, 3, A. Bowen. Cinn.: 1, 4, Hopkins; 2, Bowen; 3, Delaney; vhc, c, Morgans; hc, Edgington. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Haywood; 3, 4, Grey. Selling Class, 15s.: 1, Liscombe; 2, Evans. Goldf.: 1, sp, vhc, Watkins; 2, Jenkins and Jones; 3, Poole; 4, Philips; hc, Morgans; c, Thomas. F.M.: 1, Foulkes; 2, hc, Messer; 3, Evans; 4, Thomas; vhc, Davies; c, Poole. Linnet, H.M.: 1, Gregory, junr.; 2, 4, Watkins; 3, Poole; vhc, Messer; hc, Davies. F.M.: 1, Messer; 2, Evans; 3, Sherratt; 4, Gully; vhc, Thomas. Redpoll, H.M.: 1, 2, 3, Rees. F.M.: 1, Holborow. Bullf.: 1, Thomas; 2, 3, Holborow; 4, Thomas. Greenf.: 1, sp, Holborow; 2, Evans. Chaffinch or Bramble: 1, Poole; 2, Evans; 3, Jenkius and Jones; 4, Williams; vhc, Gully. Siskin: 1, Evans. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Holborow. Hen: 1, Evans; 2, Ho'borow. Mules: 1, Holborow. A.O.V. Mule: 1, sp, Morgans; 2, Rees.

S. SHIELDS C.B.S.

14th show, Cyprus Hotel, a room often described as of the best, lent free by our host. We are fortunate to have such supporters as Mr. and Mrs. Pattison, who greatly assist us both in money and kind, and provided lunch free for all workers at the show. Sixteen members staged 177 birds, the Norwich again heading the list and causing keen competition. One of the special features of the show was the novice class. J. Learmount's winning buff was an eye-opener, and J. Foreman's 2nd yellow about as good as any in the show. We are not strong in membership, but we still pay 10s. per class. The gift class realised £1 3s. 6d. T. Dixon (Bedlington) judged, E. Deighton winning Mr. Priestley's spl. for best bird in show with a young Yorks. Mr. Thompson's went to J. Richardson's Norwich, and Mr. Priestley's for old and young birds; and J. Dixon won G. Garven's spl. for best British seed-eater with a good Chaffinch. I must again mention that hard-working stager, Mr. Howden, who always seems to be doing yeoman service. Old Birds—Nor. Yell.: 1, Dixon; 2, Duke; 3, Addison; vhc, hc, Thompson; c, Coppock. Buff: 1, Thompson; 2, vhc, Richardson; 3, Howden; hc, Priestley; c, Dixon. Hen: 1, Priestley; 2, Foreman; 3, Addison; vhc, Dixon; hc, Potts; c, Thompson and Pattison. York Yell.: 1, 3, vhc, Deighton; 2, Addison; 4, Hutler. Yorks Buff: 1, Deighton; 2, Addison; 3, Hutler. Hen: 1, 2, 4, Deighton; 3, Addison; 4, Hutler. Bord. Yell.: 1, Addison; 2, Smith; 3 Duke. Buff: 1, Addison; 2, 3, Smith; 4, Duke. Hen: 1, Duke; 2, Smith. Cinn. Yell.: 1, J. Richardson. Buff: 1, Richardson; 2, Duke; 3, Smith. Hen: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Duke. Crest: 1, Winter; 2, 3, Duke. C.B.: 1, 3, Duke; 2, Winter. Pairs: 1, Potts; 2, 3, Coppock; 4, Duke; vhc, Smith. Nov.: 1, vhc, Learmount; 2, 3, 4, Foreman. Nat. Col.: 1, 3, Richardson; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Duke. Sell. 15s.: 1, 2, Coppock; 3, Duke. 10s.: 1, Duke; 2, 4, Coppock; 3, Curry. Young Nor. Yell.: 1, 4, Potts; 2, Richardson; 3, Thompson and Pattison; 4, Foreman; hc, Dixon; c, Winter. Buff: 1, 2, Priestley; 3, 4, Foreman; hc, Dixon; c, Winter. Hen: 1, 2, Priestley; 3, 4, Foreman; vhc, hc, Coppock; c, Potts. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Deighton; 2, Hutler. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Deighton; 4, Addison; vhc, c, Hutler. Hen: 1, vhc, Addison; 2, 3, Deighton; hc, c, Hutler. Bord. Yell.: 1, 2, Smith. Buff: 1, Smith. Hen: 1, Curry; 2, Smith. Cinn. Cock: 1, 2, 3, Richardson; 4, Smith. Hen: 1, 2, Richardson. Mule: 1, Winter; 2, Addison; 3, Smith. Goldf.: 1, Addison. Bullf.: 1, Dixon. Greenf.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Duke. Linnet: 1, 2, 3, 4, Curry; vhc, Winter. Redpoll: 1, Addison. A.O. Finch: 1, Dixon; 2, 3, Curry. Softbill: 1, 2, Curry. Gift. 1, Thompson; 2, Foreman; 3, Richardson.—W. L. Smith.

The names in this report are printed as nearly as they can be made out. Some of them as written are very difficult to decipher.—Ed.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' show, Victoria Hotel, Dec. 30. Mr. W. Cowgill judged and gave entire satisfaction. 49 birds staged. Points for season (champions): 1, cup, Dykes, 112 points; 2, Boocock, 83; 3, Bloomfield, 81; Chittenden, 65. Novices: 1, Greenwood, 83; 2, Smith, 66; 3, Alred, 39; Close, 24; Lloyd, 21; Goult, 19; Oldrieve, 14; Riddihough, 10. Norwich: 1, Wilkinson, 37 points; 2, Wilcock, 34; 3, Airetou, 20; Markwell, 19; Dykes, 9; Simmonett, 9; Chittenden, 7; Brear, 4. Best Bird, Dykes; best unflig., Dykes; most points champ., Dykes, 24; novices, 21 points; most points Norwich, Wilcock, 19 points.

Champ Class (15): 1, 3, Dykes; 2, Bloomfield; 4, Boocock; vhc, Bloomfield. Class 2 (5): 1, 2, Dykes; 3, Boocock; 4, vhc, Bloomfield. Class 3 (4): 1, Dykes; 2, 3, Bloomfield; 4, Boocock. Class 4 (3): 1, Dykes; 2, Bloomfield; 3, Boocock. Novice, Class 5 (4): 1, Close; 2, 3, Greenwood; 4, Smith. Class 6 (3): 1, Close; 2, Greenwood; 3, Smith. Class 7 (1): 1, Smith. Class 8 (4): 1, Smith; 2, 3, Greenwood; 4, Close. Class 9 (5): 1, 3, vhc, Greenwood; 2, Smith; 4, Close. Class 10 (1): 1, Smith. Norwich. Class 12 (2): 1, Wilkinson; 2, Markwell. Class 13 (3): 1, Wilcock; 2, Markwell; 3, Wilkinson. Class 14 (3): 1, Wilkinson; 2, Wilcock; 3, Markwell. Class 15 (6): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Wilcock; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Markwell.

LANCS. AND LIZARD C.B.S.

Club show, Oldham, Dec. 9, 10. We had a fine show of Lizards, competition being very keen, but not a single Lancashire entry, and this at one of our own shows, right in the midst of the Lancashire Fancy. Mr. Steeples judged and did very well. As this was his first experience as a judge at our specialist shows he made a very good job of it. Messrs. Hamer, Barnes, Rukin, Clegg, and Hampshire shared the bulk of the prizes in champion classes, and Mrs. Burgess, of Bristol, Messrs. W. Clark, G. Ford, W. Hambleton, did best in novice classes, Lizards. This finished the season's patronage shows.

Nov. Liz. Gold: 1, 4, Clark; 2, 3, Ford; vhc, Mrs. Burgess; hc, Hambleton; c, Bosworth. Silver: 1, Ford; 2, 3, Clark; 4, Bosworth; vhc, Mrs. Burgess. Gold Heu: 1, Ford; 2, Mrs. Burgess; 3, 4, Clark; vhc, Bosworth. Silver: 1, hc, Clark; 2, Bosworth; 3, Ford; 4, c, Hambleton; vhc, Mrs. Burgess. Champ. Liz., Gold, Cl. Cap: 1, Barnes; 2, 4, Rukin; 3, Hamer; vhc, Hampshire. Silver: 1, 2, Hamer; 3, Barnes; 4, Rukin; vhc, hc, Hampshire. Broken Cap Gold: 1, 4, Rukin; 2, vhc, Barnes; 3, Hamer; hc, c, Hampshire. Silver: 1, 4, Hamer; 2, 3, Rukin; vhc, Barnes; hc, c, Hampshire. Gold Hen, Cl. Cap: 1, Rukin; 2, 4, Barnes; 3, Hamer; vhc, Rukin. Silver: 1, Rukin; 2, 4, Hampshire; 3, Hamer. Gold Hen, Broken Cap: 1, Barnes; 2, 3, Rukin; 4, Hampshire. Silver: 1, Barnes; 2, 3, Rukin; 4, Hamer; vhc, hc, Hampshire. Gold Liz., Old Bird: 1, Rukin; 2, Clegg; 3, Barnes. Silver: 1, Barnes; 2, Rukin; 3, Hamer; 4, Hampshire. Spl. winners: Most entries, 1, Rukin; 2, Hampshire; most points, Rukin; best novice Gold Lizard, Clark; best Gold cock or hen, Barnes; Silver, Hamer; best Gold hen, Barnes. Class spls. won by Barnes 4, Rukin 4, Hamer 2, Clark 2, Ford 2. Messrs. Rukin and Barnes divided pool with 28 points each; 4 highest birds to count.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESBRO' AND TEES-SIDE.

Annual show, Dec. 26, Princess Alice Hotel, with a grand total of well over 200 entries. The birds made a glorious display, and quality was well above the average, some of the leading birds of the season being on exhibition, including winners at Gateshead, Newcastle, Hartlepools, Abertillery and Cheltenham. Judges were Messrs. G. Simison of York, and Nicholson, of Stockton, and their awards were well received.

Yorks. Yell. Ck. (5): 1, 4, E. G. Atkins; 2, vhc Rand; 3, Stothard. Buff (7): 1, 3, Atkins; 2, Barker; 4, Arnison; vhc, Rand. Hens (11): 1, F Stothard; 2, vhc, R. Atkins; 3, 4, hc, c, Rand Unflig. (10): 1, F. Stothard; 2, vhc, hc, Barker 3, Rand; 4, c, Atkins. Nor. Yell. Ck. (5): 1, sp Rand; 2, 3, Carr; 4, Bibby; vhc, Watson. Buf (5): 1, 4, Appleyard; 2, Carr; 3, Firth; vhc, Bibby Hen (17): 1, 2, 3, c, J. Carr; 4, Arnison; vhc Firth; hc, Watson. Unflig. (14): 1, 2, 3, Carr; 4 hc, c, Bibby; vhc, Rand. A.O.V. Ck. (9): 1, 2 Appleyard; 3, Thomas; 4, Deans; vhc, Bibby; hc c, Gibson. Hen (7): 1, hc, c, Gibson; 2, 3, T Deans; 4, W. Appleyard; vhc, Thomas. A.O.V Unflig. Ck. (5): 1, Appleyard; 2, 3, 4, Gibson; vhc Thomas. A.O.V. Hen: 1, 2, 4, Gibson; 3, Appleyard hc, Thomas. Ck. Nov. (12): 1, 4, hc, Mrs. Hind 2, vhc, Clarkson; 3, Cumber; c, Dodsworth. Novic Hen (12): 1, 2, 4, Hind; 3, c, Nelson; vhc, Smith son. Unflig. (12): 1, 3, Hind; 2, 4, vhc, Nelson hc, Cumber; c, Dodsworth. Brit: 1, Cumber; 2, 3, 4 c, Hind; vhc, Deans; hc, Dodsworth. Mule or Hyb (5): 1, vhc, Hanson; 2, 3, 4, Wright. Goldf. or Bullf (10): 1, c, Wright; 2, Stothard; 3, Smirthwaite 4, vhc, Deans; hc, Thomas. Linnet (11): 1, Wright 2, Stothard; 3, Smirthwaite; 4, vhc, J. Wright hc, Deans; c, Hanson. Greenf. (7): 1, hc, Deans 2, 4, Wright; 3, Stothard; vhc, c, Smirthwaite Siskin, etc. (8): 1, 4, Wright; 2, Deans; 3, vhc Smirthwaite; hc, c, Thomas. A.O. Seedeater: 1 2, 3, Wright; 4, Stothard; vhc, Smirthwaite. F.M (8): 1, c, Smirthwaite; 2, 3, Stothard; 4, J. Carr vhc, hc, Wright; c, Smirthwaite. Brit. Hen (8) 1, hc, c, Smirthwaite; 2, 3, Wright; 4, J. Carr; vhc Hanson.—F. Stothard.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by ST. JOHN.

EYE TROUBLE.

Novice.—You do not say whether the affected birds are caged together or not, but if they are I would advise you to keep a sharp watch over them for a time to see if the eye trouble is the result of an injury from a spiteful specimen giving its neighbour a sly dig when it wants a little more elbow room for itself. With one eye only being affected, there does not appear very much room to suspect contagious disease, as might have been the case if the trouble had been less discriminating. But, anyway, you can do no harm, and it may possibly do much good, to give a course of the following treatment for a month or so, though you may discontinue it in a less time if the symptoms have quite disappeared. First see that the birds are not exposed to cold cutting draughts blowing right into the cages, especially when the birds are at roost, and keep the cage floors and perches as clean as possible for the time being. Then get a few camomile flowers from a chemist, and place a teaspoonful, or about a drachm in weight, in a teacup, fill with boiling water, cover, and allow to infuse beside the fire for an hour. Then strain off the clear fluid, add a teaspoonful of boracic acid, stir until dissolved, and when cold it is ready for use. Catch the affected bird, or birds, each morning and evening, and bathe the eyes affected with a little of this lotion, using a small piedget of cotton wool for the purpose, and use a little fresh fluid and a fresh piece of wool for each bird treated, and burn at once that which has been used. After the first week you may discontinue the morning treatment and bathe only once a day, in the evening.

SAMPLE OF SAWDUST.

Novice, Poole.—The sample of sawdust sent is very nice and clean, but it is cut rather too fine for use in cages. You could, of course, use it for this purpose, the real objection to it being that it is so easily blown about and causes much litter around the cages if the birds are at all energetic. This may be largely prevented by mixing the sawdust with about the same bulk of sand; but the best course is to have a coarser cut sawdust, and then you would only need to give a little gritty sand in a small vessel in a corner of the cage. With regard to the sand adhering to the birds' feet after bathing, as you describe, this is probably due to the sand being of an unsuitable kind, most likely unwashed and carrying a proportion of fine dust, which becomes adhesive dirt when wet. The remedy for this is obvious, and you could also help to prevent it by only giving the bath before you cleaned out the cages.

MATES AND CAGES.

G. H. M.—(1) The cock being already a crossbred and of no real use for breeding pure stock, you could not do better than to get a lusty young Roller hen of a good singing strain. As you are not particular about colour and markings, and want good singing birds, you could not make a better selection than this, and to avoid too much variegation in the young, which is not very popular with those who want a drawing-room songster, you should get a clear yellow bird, and if it is itself bred from two clears so much the better, as the cock seems to have plenty of green blood in him. (2) This hen seems to be a very undesirable subject for the breeding cage, unless she improves a great deal before the season comes round. Keep her in a fairly warm place, but do not overdo it, and let the temperature, whatever the degree, be as equable as you can get it. As a staple diet give a simple mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition to this, give separately twice a week a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, black rape, and broken groats, with just a sprinkling of gold of pleasure, linseed and mustard. On two other days give a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on each of the remaining days a morsel of banana, raw or boiled carrot, sweet apple, or watercress when you can get the latter in a fit condition to use. In the drinking water, every second day for a week, add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week or fortnight as may seem necessary. If she becomes more active and robust, with plenty of energy, there is no reason why you should not try mating her with the above cock in addition to the mate suggested, but the young would again be only crossbreds and not so good as songsters as the young from a Roller hen. If you used two hens you would, of course, run the cock with them alternately, leaving each hen to hatch out and rear the young by herself. (3) You omit to say whether you have any special object in wanting to do the breeding cages with something other than limewash, nor if that which is now on is soiled. If the coating that is now on is quite clean, and has been recently put on * would advise you to leave it alone until the end of the breeding season. Limewash is a very good dressing for breeding cages. But if the cages are soiled, or you particularly wish to put on something else, you should scrape off the lime as clean as you can, then you may quite safely do them with any of the sanitary distempers on the market, giving two coats to get the proper tint if you use a tinted one. Or by washing out the cages after scraping with a strong solution of common soda you might put on either flatting—a non-glossy paint—or any of the enamels, such as Aspinall's, again using two thin coats to get the proper tint, and allowing the first to dry well before putting on the second. As you are quite a novice you would be well advised to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our manager would send you for 7d., post free, and be guided by the information therein during the coming season.

STARTED TO COUGH.

A. McI. R.—See that the bird is not exposed to such exciting causes of cough as fumes from burning lights in the evenings, a dusty or irritating atmosphere; the latter is specially likely to be found if the bird hangs high up near the ceiling, or to extremes of heat and cold. Let it have a fairly equable temperature, which need not be a high one, but just sufficient to protect it for a time from the extreme fluctuations of weather we have had of late. Every alternate day for a week give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the other days add to the water four drops each of ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and sweet spirit of nitre. This should suffice to set matters right. There is no reason why you should not run him with two hens in the forthcoming season, leaving him with each hen only until she commences to sit, then removing him and leaving the hens to hatch out and rear the young by themselves. But do not mate him with either before the end of March at earliest.

ABOUT A COLONY.

Thomas Hilton.—Certainly you are at liberty to ask us a few more questions. Pray, do not hesitate to do so any time when you are in any doubt or difficulty. (1) The need for removing the eggs as laid, and returning them to start incubation all at the same time is not nearly so important a matter in colony breeding as when the birds are confined in small cages, as with the greater liberty and space to move about in, the hens are not so apt to begin sitting closely with the first egg as is the case when they cannot get more than a few inches, as it were, away from the nest. I do not remember the size or plan of your room, but if it is such that you can move about in it without unduly disturbing or exciting the birds, or if the nests are so arranged that you could get at them to remove the eggs without any trouble or disturbance you could do so, but the advantage would be but slight, so the matter may well be left to your own discretion. If you decide on removing them, be sure you keep a nest egg in the nest after laying has commenced until you return the clutch for the hen to commence sitting. (2) The same remark will apply to the hens having accessibility to egg and greenfood whilst sitting. When young are in the nests these items must be supplied fresh twice daily, in about such quantity as you find is quite cleared up from one feeding time to the next, and those hens that are still sitting will have to take their chance of having a share if so disposed. But you will not find it so great a trouble as if they were confined in cages. The young on the perches may also partake of the greenfood supplied with little, or no, ill-effect. But this latter point you may very largely avert, if you wish, by removing the young as soon as they can quite do for themselves, to a large aviary or room set apart for them, and thereby also prevent overcrowding in the breeding section towards the end of the breeding season. (3) Instead of turning the cocks directly into the room out of the singing cages, it will be much better to put them in a breeding or small flight cage about the middle of March and hang them in the room, then, when all is ready to begin, fasten the doors open and leave the cocks to find their own way out and about. This will enable them to be more familiar with their surroundings when set at liberty.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

GOLDFINCH MOPY.

R. C. C.—I am sorry you can do nothing with your Goldfinch. Some birds are very obstinate and refuse to drink medicated water, as yours does. I am afraid you will have to handle him, although this should be avoided as much as possible when birds are not well. If you can give him two drops of olive oil direct into the beak, it will help, and then try him with ten drops of glycerine in a tablespoonful of water, perhaps he will drink it, as its taste should not be objectionable. You do not tell me the mixed seed you are giving him, but whatever it is I would advise you to rub it in a damp cloth to remove any dust; also to give a spoonful of soaked rape and teazle daily, and allow a fair quantity of green food. You should keep him warm, but not in a stuffy atmosphere.

COLOUR-FEEDING A BRAMBLEFINCH.

A. Rutter.—To colour-feed or not to colour-feed a British bird is quite a matter of choice. It is mainly a question of the desirability of trying to improve the natural colour. It may appear curious, but, as a matter of fact, birds of a bad natural colour are not improved by feeding, the colour does not "take," so you see if your bird is not of good natural colour it is questionable if you will improve him by feeding. If he will take soft food you can try him by mixing a small quantity of colour-food with it, but, as a rule, Finches do not take kindly to it. They have to be judiciously starved to it, and in doing this there is, of course, the risk of upsetting the bird just when he requires to be feeling particularly well. There is another method of colour-feeding Finches by means of crushed seeds, getting the birds used to eating these, and then mixing a little colour-food with them, adding to it until you get the strength you require. The colour-food sticks to the oil crushed out of the seed, and for this purpose linseed is largely used. If you decide to feed your bird you should experiment a little before next moulting time.

GETTING RID OF RED MITE.

Alpha.—With a single cage you should not have a great difficulty in clearing it of red mite. They live (as you are probably aware) in the crevices of the cage during the daytime; therefore, any cage that is to be operated on should be stood in a strong light for an hour or so previously. This will make certain that there are no mites on the bird. Then if you scrub the cage in the manner you say you have done, and, if you thought necessary, paint the cracks with an insecticide, such as fir tree oil or petrol, or even turpentine, with a few drops of creosote in it, this should be effectual, but be careful they are not hidden in some crevice near where the cage hangs, or they will return to it later. As regards the bird, there is no occasion to hand-wash it. Give it a good spraying with a weak solution of sulphurretted potash; crush up one dram to a pint of warm water. Whenever he bathes, a few drops of quassia essence in the bath will assist to keep him clear of insects. (2) Box cages are mostly used by fanciers. The birds are less likely to be affected by draughts. Add a few sunflower seeds to your seed diet.

THE EFFECT OF MEDICINE.

W. T.—The sweet spirits of nitre is mostly used in recipes for colds and other lung troubles. It is also made use of by some fanciers in making up a mixture to assist the moult, so you see it is not a medicine one should use without reason. It is doubtful if the small quantity you gave would have much effect, but, anyway, no medicine should be given to birds a day longer than is absolutely necessary.

BUILDING AN OUTSIDE AVIARY.

D. J. James.—I much prefer your second sketch, with part of one end of the front boarded up. This should be about 5 ft. 6in., and I think it would be as well to board up the front about 1ft., or even another 6in., and let your roof hang well over the front, as it helps to give shelter to the inmates. I would advise a small square of glass in the boarded-in end. Put it facing the east. You need not have a frame for it—just the square of glass with strips of wood round it to keep it secure and prevent draughts. I would also advise you to have one board along the front, just under the eaves. The boarded end of the aviary should not be boarded inside; anyway, not entirely—just two or three boards near the front would be sufficient. The reason for boarding any of the front is to give some degree of shelter from strong winds, and for that reason I would advise you to plant a few shrubs along the front. Do not put any inside; the birds generally destroy them. Your selection of birds is a very good one and quite enough to do well. If you do not possess a copy of our publication on "Aviaries," you would find it of great assistance in building and stocking your aviary. Our manager would send you a copy, post free for 2s. 3d. In looking at your sketch once more it seems to me that the pitch of the roof is scarcely sufficient. Perhaps you could raise the back another six inches.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

OUTDOOR AVIARY FOR BUDGERIGARS.

W. B. Beveridge.—The only fault I find with your plan and sketch is that the suggested arrangement allows the wind to blow through freely from North to South, and again that you make no provision for the birds to come out into the rain when they desire. These faults can be easily remedied by fastening canvas over the North area of wire netting from Oct. 1 to April 30, or better still a wooden door in two sections (lift off hinges) which could be kept closed for the period named, and also closed during abnormal weather in the summer. As regards the section for the birds to get a rain bath in, construct an all wire projection, i.e., instead of making the 5½ft. of wire netting of the South side level, project it out 1½ft., this portion to have netting top and to be turfed. I further suggest that instead of making the East end seed room that you leave it only 3ft. wide, which will be ample, as for seeds, all you want is a sanitary dust-bin, about 18in. diam. x 3ft. deep, which will hold a little over a sack. Half a sack each of canary and white millet, and 14lb. of oats mixed together would keep you going some time. If you conform to this, do not increase wire netting areas, at any rate not on the North side. If you care to send me a stamped addressed envelope per the Editor I will send you a rough diagram making the above clear. As regards furnishings, hang up about 18 husks and small barrels, and fasten to the walls dead bushes and tree branches; a dead bush or two can also be planted in the ground or in pots to stand clear of the walls. I should advise a suspended food tray, not near any branches, so as to make it as inaccessible to mice as possible. It would accommodate 50 to 60 birds without overcrowding. I advise getting four pairs for a start, each pair from a different source, and procure the largest, richest coloured, and best marked birds you can get, irrespective of cost; you could then retain an extra pair or two from their progeny. A pair of black-cheeked Lovebirds would make a pleasing variety. All glass must be covered with wire netting on the inside.

PARROT WITH GROWTH BY BEAK.

G. Butler.—Bread and milk is permissible in certain cases as medicine, and also when mouth trouble prevents the bird eating seed freely, so that it may get sufficient nourishment; but it should not form part of the regular menu of a seed-eating Parrot. If the bird will allow you to handle it the growth should be bathed (well cleansed) with tepid water, any pus being exuded by gentle pressure, then lightly dabbed with a soft cloth to take off surplus moisture, and then lightly anointed with a little healing ointment. This should be done even if the bird has to be held by gentle force. While you are compelled to give milk-sop, add ten drops of cod liver oil emulsion to it and well mix. Twice a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water, and on the intervening days well colour the water with chemical food. A little honey and borax should be put into its mouth daily, either from the end of a stick or thinly spread on bread, biscuit, or plain cake, whichever method you find easiest. Ripe fruit (any kind it will eat), pieces of biscuit, shelled nuts, may, in addition to the seed mixture, form part of the daily menu. Treat as above for a month, and then report progress; but if the bird should become worse, write again at once with full particulars.

PARROT WITH SWOLLEN EYE.

Dalesman.—Pleased to learn the bird is making good progress. What hinders the cure of eye trouble is your inability to handle it; but as this cannot be helped you will have to rely largely on Nature doing its own work as the bird's bodily health becomes perfect. It is, however, a great pity there is not someone near you accustomed to handling Parrots, so that the swollen area could be cleansed with tepid water, partially dried, and then bathed with a tepid diluted rose-water and zinc eye solution. This bird must be carefully protected from draught, yet it must not stand in a corner of the room where the air is stagnant. There is one such corner in most rooms. Continue the treatment already advised, and also put a little honey and borax into its mouth daily, either from the end of a stick, or preferably spread thinly on bread, biscuit, or plain cake if it will eat either of these. If you cannot get the eye treated as above, continue the use of the borax lotion; keep the bird strictly out of draught, and leave the rest to Nature. I should say that the zinc eye solution is poisonous and should not be used as a spray, but the eye bathed with it. It will hasten matters if you can have this done. If there should be any broken skin, following any exudation, after cleansing the part and drying dry with a soft cloth, anoint with a little zinc ointment. Shall be pleased to hear how the bird progresses.

BREEDING ZEBRA AND OTHER FINCHES.

S. W. B.—Broadly speaking, if the Finches and Mannikins are in room flight or garden aviary they can be left together to the extent of one pair to each foot frontage of the flight or aviary; but if they are in a flight cage, then about the middle of March each separate pair should be put into a breeding cage, with a suitable nesting receptacle for the species, and be supplied with nesting material about a week later. Hay, grass (coarse or fine), and moss, will meet the needs of the "small ornamental Finches," which term includes Waxbills. This covers all the birds you name. As regards the hen Red-headed Finch, cage her up separately at once, and do not return her to her mate till she is in good plumage. The male is obviously plucking her, and she will continue bald so long as they are together; but after her plumage is perfect, they should go to nest. I should put a teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into the hen's drinking water every fourth day, and well colour the water with chemical food on the intermediate days. Continue this till she is quite fit. Your flight cage you can hold in reserve for young birds as soon as they can feed for themselves, or if short of breeding cages, leave the Java Sparrows in it and put up a nest receptacle for them.

BUDGERIGARS AND ZEBRA FINCHES.

Esperance.—The probability is, that if you had had a post-mortem made of the body of the young bird the verdict would have been pneumonia. Amid such changeable weather as we get, this scourge is ever present. Pair the young hen up with one of the cocks, and she should rear some young, though she may not go to nest till quite late in the season. You can try the Yellow Budgerigars in the cage; they ought to nest in the cage, especially as they get a daily fly in a room; but they should not be changed from one room to another. The cage should be kept permanently in the room it is convenient for them to fly about in. Put in two husks, one at each end of the cage, with the husk opening towards the light. Yes, they must be allowed their daily fly when they are nesting; but, of course, a brooding or incubating bird must not be turned off the nest. Simply open the cage door and leave them free agents. I will repeat my previous remarks. As regards Budgerigars, which have been indoors, they can go out-of-doors during any spell of open weather, from mid-March onwards. Re Zebra Finches, if straight from outdoor aviary they can go out at once. If indoor birds, put them out from 1st April to 1st May, according to the season. They will thrive on the same food, but when they are feeding young give them a little crushed biscuit and crumbled sponge cake. It will do no harm if the Budgies take a little of it.

POST MORTEMS.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

THE BELL GLUCKE TOUR.

T. Twigg.—We are unable to publish letters which are unaccompanied by the full name and address of the senders. Your letter seems to be a mixture of complaints against the standards and the judges, an advertisement of a particular strain of Rollers, and some remarks which are of so technical a nature that it would be very dangerous for any but a Roller expert to revise them for print. It would be useless to send your letter as it is to our printers for setting up in type, for if it were printed as written it would be difficult for any reader to get at the meaning of it, and we must confess that its revision is quite beyond our power, apart from the objection that it is not accompanied by your address.

GREEN SINGING FINCH HYBRIDS.

Kay.—It is not quite clear whether by "Foreign Singing Green Finch Cock" you mean a Greenfinch which has been imported from the Continent, or a Green Singing Finch from Africa. In either case Hybrids may be bred with a Canary hen. The ordinary method of breeding Finch-Canary Hybrids should be pursued. As the Canary hen will probably come into breeding condition sooner than the Finch, she should be paired with a Canary for a first nest, and afterwards with the Finch. Please see Rule 6 at the head of the query columns.

BREEDING CANARY HYBRIDS.

H. Robinson.—You are to be congratulated upon your luck in your first season, and we are glad to hear you are so pleased with the hobby. All the same, we fear you will be trying for too high game if you hope to be successful in your second year in breeding Hybrids ("Mules") between the Bramblefinch and Canary, and the cock Bullfinch and Canary. These crosses have long been the ambition of many experienced hands; but one never knows, success may come in the most unlikely quarters. Your aviary seems quite an excellent one, and you should have a good chance of success with Goldfinch-Canaries and Redpoll-Canaries, but of the other two crosses—well, we hae our doots.

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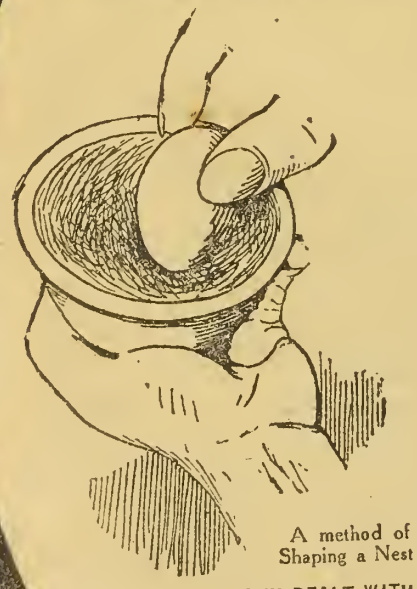
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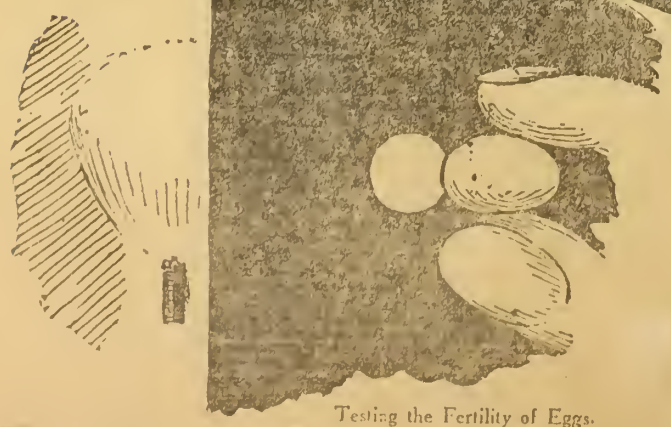
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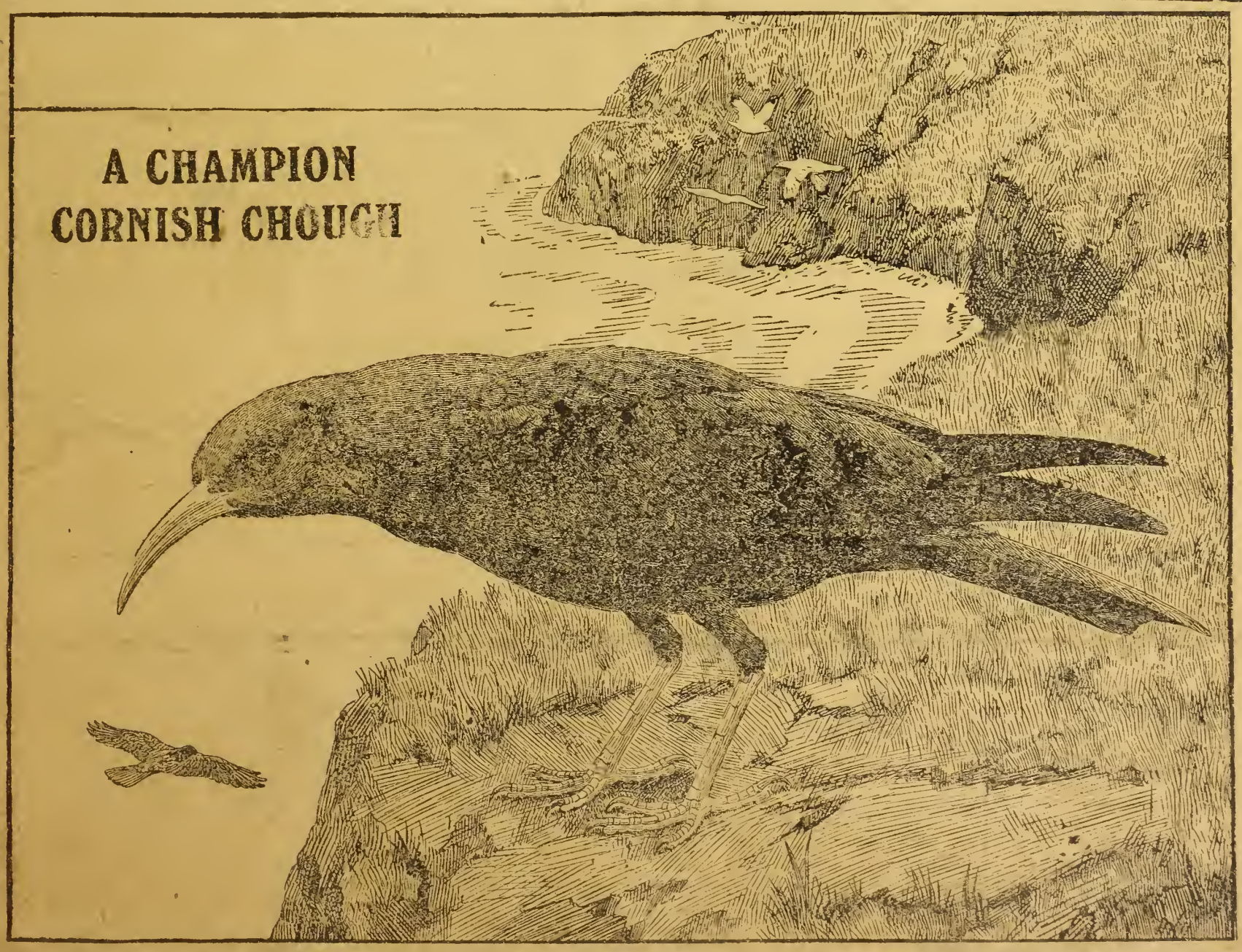

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BRAMBLEFINCHES, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Bullfinches, Redpoles, Linnets, Yellow and Corn Buntings, selected for exhibition; bargains; stamp particulars: Sergt. Forster, Cockerton, Darlington. (762)

BULLFINCHES, cocks 2/6, 3/6, 5/6, hens 1/6, 2/-; Linnets, yellow Buntings, cocks, 1/6, 2/-; Chaffinches, Greenfinches, 1/-, 2/-, hens 6d., 1/-; approval, deposit: Garrod, 137, Spencer-rd., Rushden. (767)

SPECIALLY selected specimens, to moult out for exhibition, better value unobtainable, splendid choice offered to mule and hybrid breeders, list free: Sutherland, Rambodde, Forres, N.B. (768)

EXHIBITION specimens of the following varieties: Bullfinch cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/6; special good Linnets, 1/6, 2/6; extra good Greenfinches, 1/6, 2/6; Redpolls, 9d.; Chaffinches, 1/-: J. Anderson, Oswald-st., Forres.

SELECTED cock Linnets, on approval, from 1/6, several light-legged from 2/6, two clinkers for moulting out, 5/- each; cock Greenies, 1/-, 2/6; stamp; Charles Degg, 77, Hamilton-rd., Normacot, Staffs.

LARGE singlo net, ready to lay on ground, complete, 4/6; clean moulted Chaffinch, singing, 2/6; Goldfinch, no tail, 2/6; another singing, 6/-; two Goldfinch Mules, 14/-: Hutson, Townend, Writtle, Essex. (761)

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WANTED, good colour 1916 yellow Cinnamon Norwich cock, strong and healthy: Troke, 71, Parchment-st., Winchester. (763)

E. GODLEY has few choice Norwich, single or pairs; also few Cinnamons; approval, stamp reply: 29, Knowles-st., Rishton, nr. Blackburn. (667)

PAIR of high-class Cinnamons, yellow cock and buff hen, both winners, and can breed the best, 50/ the pair; approval: Judge Silk, 27, St. Michael's-rd., Aldershot. (768)

PRIZE bred Cinnamons for sale, two buff cocks, two buff hens, one yellow cock, two yellow hens, cold room bred; approval; stamp reply: 34, Wrenbock-rd., Simonside, Tyne Dock, Durham. (764)

WINNING strain, two healthy 1916 Norwich Cinnamon cocks, one yellow, 15/6 each; 1915 buff green cock, grand stock bird, 20/-; would exchange for unflighted buff Norwich cock; must have skull and substance, odd shed; approval, stamp: Robinson, 232, Bramford-lane, Ipswich. (765)

Crests and Crestbreds.

CREST and Crestbreds, cocks or hens: Jacklin, 48, Ogle-st., Hucknall, Notts. (760)

WANTED 50 pairs Crests and Crestbreds reasonable for cash: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas.

COLLEDGE, Elkborn, Derby. Pairs cheap to clear, 50/-, 40/-, 45/-; only a limited number; stamp reply

FEW young Crestbred hens, same strain as my Glasgow winner; cheap to clear: Hume, Ellenslea, Dunblane. (755)

EVINS BROTHERS offers a few Crests and Crestbreds, cheap to clear; prices to 60/-; approval: 259, High-st., Exeter. (754)

CRESTS and Crestbreds, from 15/- to £3; approval, stamp reply: Angus McDougall, Carronvale-rd., Larbert, Stirlingshire. (752)

MRS. THOS. TAYLOR'S champion strain; a few good stock birds for sale; approval, stamp: 68, Edward-st., Gateshead. (767)

LARGE dark Crested cock, 1916, 40/-, or exchange Crested hen to value; approval: Mennott, 65, Meersbrook-rd., Sheffield. (765)

BARGAIN, handsome Joyce Burnett Crestbred cock, £1; hens 16/- and 12/6 to clear; worth double: Miss Sims, 42, Eastover, Bridgwater. (761)

FEW pairs high-class Crests, to breed winners, or single birds, best strain, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, 30, Union-rd., Nottingham. (766)

CRESTS, from exhibition stock, few pairs and odd cocks; healthy; cold room; reasonable; approval: Worrell, 8, Cleveland-avenue, Wimbledon. (740)

NOTED Crest blood, can spare one good young Crested cock, winner, to clear, 57/6; one Crestbred young cock, 42/-: Edwards, Tailor, Leominster.

FEW good large Crests and Crestbreds, cocks or hens, 20/- each; six days' approval; cash or deposit: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford.

PRIZE bred Crests, Green Crested cock, £2; variegated Crestbred hen, £2 10s.; good blood: S. Mitchell, 84, Church-st., Newark Hill, by Motherwell.

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HEALTHY young Crests and Crestbreds, from good strains, 15/-; pairs 24/6: approval: Miss Hacker, Beechcourt, St. Helen's Park-rd., Hastings.

CRESTS and Crested bred, large stock, cocks, hens, or pairs; best value in England; have on approval and test this fact; list free: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

SALE or exchange one variegated buff Crested cock, 12/, three variegated buff Crested hens, 1916, 5/- each: Bayles, 51, Carence-st., Bowburn, Durham. (760)

BE patriotic. Owing to my big hand and five sons serving their King and Country should be glad to dispose of one pair Crested matched Canaries, 25/- and 40/-; one Crested cock, 40/-; one Crested bred cock, 20/-; above are best blood obtainable: Mrs. Nichols, Canary Fancier, Wymondham, Norfolk.

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CRESTS and Crestbreds; best blood; a few pairs from £3; single at same rate; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset. (738)

Greens.

NORWICH Greens, Yellows, and Buffs, from 10/- each; approval: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

TWO unflighted green cocks, both winners, also clears, reasonable: Young, 25, Grosvenor-rd., New Brighton. (759)

FEW good Yorkshires, Norwich, to dispose of; reasonable, approval: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

WANTED, good size 1916 grass green Norwich cock, exchange ditto hen.: Troke, 71, Parchment-st., Winchester. (763)

Lizards.

CHAMPIONSHIP again, three times in succession, some of my noted strains for sale, pairs or odd cocks; stamp: Fred Hamer, 78, Ronald-st., Oldham.

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THE Lizard Prince, winner Kingsweir challenge cup, best Lizard bred in 1916. This bird was bred by me. Show and stock birds guaranteed from same strain; reasonable prices; approval; inspection invited: John Rukin, 44, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire. (741)

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Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, breeder, exhibitor, and exporter of high-class Norwich, well-known strain, winner of numerous Challenge cups, trophies, etc., including Sheffield Challenge Cup outright: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

EDWARD FOX, Breeder and Exhibitor high-class Norwich, winner Crystal Palace and all leading shows; good birds for sale from 10/-, pairs from 20/-; approval, deposit: Curzon Aviaries, Long Eaton, Nottingham. (671)

J. HODDER, breeder of high-class Norwich, winner of championships; few nice buffs, reasonable; approval; stamp. Seen on Saturday afternoon or by appointment: 25, Ashurst-rd., North Finchley, London.

W. DEAN, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Norwich, winner at leading shows this season, also three cups, diploma, medals, etc.; good birds for sale; reasonable prices; approval, deposit: Holmwood, Matlock.

F. J. LACCOHEE, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Norwich; reliable birds from 10/6; approval: 92, St. George's-st., Norwich. (755)

NORWICH cocks, warranted, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (739)

FEW pairs of Norwich, 10/6; also hens 3/6 each: Norcott, St. Mary Church, Torquay. (764)

EXHIBITION stock cold room: Halhead, St. Helier, Foxley Hill-rd., Purley, Surrey. (736)

A FEW good Norwich for sale, bred from winners: Chippendale, 102, Pringle-st., Blackburn. (766)

TWEDDLE, Wimberley-st., Blackburn, has a few good Norwich for sale; approval, stamp reply. (754)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, young cocks, 10/6, 12/6; approval; cages 1/-: Burgess, Eastover, Bridgwater. (764)

FEW good pairs, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; on approval; home all day: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool, (743)

A FEW nice buff or yellow unflighted Norwich cocks, from 12/6: W. Hudson, 117a, Gibbet-st., Halifax, Yorks. (760)

FEW good greens and variegated cocks from 10/6; hens from 5/-: right strain for colour: F. Thomas, Butcher, Ramsgate. (761)

HOLDEN'S noted Norwich, for disposal, good birds, bred from and related to my winners, winner N. Norwich cup, most points, also cup best young bird 1916; see show reports; stamp approval: 59, Hartington-st., Gateshead. (751)

WANTED, two yellow green or variegated, fair sized, common hens: Richards, 16, Waldeck-rd., Dartford, Kent. (764)

FEW pairs high class Norwich, to breed winners, best blood in England; approval: Billington, 30, Union-rd., Nottingham. (766)

LARGE buff Norwich cock, winner 1st, exchange yellow hen, good head and size, value £1: Jones, Vaynol, Harlech, Wales. (767)

TWO champion Norwich cocks, buffs, cobby birds, exchange Rollers or sell 12/- and 15/-: Withers, 12, Exmouth-st., London, W.C. (766)

NORWICHES to dispose of, flighted and unflighted, clear and variegated, a grand lot; apply: James Yeats, junr., Fraserburgh. (754)

GRAND typical pair Norwich, 17/6, three lightly-marked 1916 hens, 5/- each; healthy, cold-room: Bale, 55, Newport-rd., Barnstaple. (753)

YOUNG Norwich hens, strong, healthy, good condition, 4/6, 5/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Smith, 10, Waterhro-st., Hove. (762)

H. ALEXANDER, Back-st., Tarbolton, has a few high-class Norwich for sale. See show reports; stamp approval; no yellow hens. (768)

WELL bred cocks and hens, excellent type and quality, cheap to clear; approval, stamp: James Ward, 425, Main-st., Shettleston. (741)

WELL matched pairs, 30/-, 40/-, and upwards, odd cocks, reasonable, on approval: Robson, 28, Camden Grove, Peckham, London. (764)

NOTICE! Grand lot Norwich, many winners; prices reasonable; easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (737)

EXCEPTIONAL quality, large cobby variegated, 1915 buff hen, winning strain, 10/-; stamp reply: Garner, 32, Northumberland-st., Norwich. (763)

WANTED an unflighted Norwich yellow hen, must have good head and substance, and be of good size: McIntyre, 94, Belmont-rd., South Norwood, S.E.

UNFLIGHTED variegated yellow hens (2), short body, flights and tail, rare quality, prize stock, 20/- each: John Stephen, 43, Cairnfield-pl., Aberdeen.

TWE large buff cocks, unflighted, grand heads, fine stock birds, 30/- each, another smaller, 20/- to clear; approval: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet.

R. HANFORD, Derby, has some lovely Norwich cocks, hens, or matched pairs for sale; all prices; approval; state requirements before too late. (763)

NORWICH cocks, yellow or buff, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; pairs, properly matched, 20/-, 25/- upwards; approval, stamp: Williams, Granley-rd., Cheltenham. (752)

SYMONS BROS., Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall, the well-known breeder of Norwich and Crests, can spare a good lot from 15/- upwards; can be seen any time.

A FEW good birds for sale, single or pairs (reasonable) seen any time in daylight: Gregory, 2, Caledonia-place, Pimlico, S.W., Nr. B.M.C. Garrage.

TWO buff variegated cocks, 10/6 each, two hens 6/6, good birds; also two Yorkshire show cages and case, as new, 6/-: Jones, 44, Burnley-rd., Colne. (762)

FEW pairs young Norwich for sale at 12/6 pair; cocks 9/6, hens 4/6 each: Miss L. Parkinson, Black Brook Reservoir, Shepshed, Loughborough, Leicestershire. (767)

BRAYBROOK, noted strain, having sold all birds advertised, can spare another 2 good yellow cocks, 35/-, 25/-; approval: 9, Stanley-st., Brierfield, Nr. Burnley. (756)

COCKS. Yellow variegated clear buff, grand stock, size, substance, 20/- each, or exchange unflighted hens with good heads: Hoddinott, 8, Humphrey-st., Swansea. (766)

LARGE headed yellow and buffs, cocks, from 12/6 to 21/- each; approval; Holders of Ramsgate, Margate and Deal cups: Burgess, 24, York-st., Ramsgate. (761)

LARGE yellow Norwich cock, good head, 60/-; buff cock, yellow hen, 22/6 pair; yellow cocks, 10/- and 15/- each; see wins: Hamilton-Bell, 35, Clementina-terr., Carlisle. (765)

NORWICH, nice clear bright buff hen, 1915, good type and feather, guaranteed healthy, 12/6; approval; deposit: Johnson (Chef.), Moon's Hotel, 69, High Holborn, W.C. (760)

FOR sale, four good Norwich hens, three buff, one yellow, prize strain: Jas. Aitken, Railway Cottages, Biggar. (760)

NICE pair unrelated 1916 Norwich, clean and healthy, 12/6; clear yellow cock, sings by gaslight, good clear buff hen: Pennal, Totteridge, High Wycombe, Bucks. (763)

FOUR yellow N.P.H. cocks and four buffs, 12/6 up to 22/6; one yellow Yorkshire cock, also one buff yellow, 20/-; buff, 10/-: Johnstone, Leafield, Gardens, Dumfries. (760)

SIX buff cocks, good quality, typical birds, 7/6, 10/6, 20/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-; two unflighted hens, 7/6, 10/6; yellow buff; approval: S. N. P. C. Withers, 21, Oxford-rd., Ealing. (763)

MISS GWYN has excellent stock birds for breeding winners; cocks from 10/6, hens from 7/6; few correctly matched pairs; noted strain: Elms House, Carlton-av., Ramsgate. (765)

TWO marked cocks, yellow buff winners; two yellow hens, clear, marked, type, quality, cheap; inspection, deposit; approval: Dracup, 163, Halfmoon-lane, Herne Hill, London. (762)

UNFLIGHTED buff var. Norwich hen, 7/6; 1915 clear yellow hen, 10/-; yellow cock, 12/6; buff cock, 10/6; genuine bargains; approval: Sutherland, Rambodde, Forres. (768)

FOUR good stock hens, Crewar's strain, three buffs, one yellow, good type and quality, 10/- each; stamp, approval: R. Smillie, Valleyview Cottages, Perth-rd., Cowdenbeath, Fife. (761)

GRAND clear yellow cock, winner, good bird, to clear, 42/-; also grand buff hen, winner, 20/-, or £3 pair; also winning yellow hen, to clear, 20/-: Edwards, Tailor, Leominster.

HAVING decided to further reduce my stock, I have three pairs for sale, yellow cocks and buff hens; also one buff cock, all unflighted. Apply any time: Hugh Jardine, 40, Lochiel-st., Glasgow. (761)

WINNING buff Norwich hen, good head, chest, 12/6; unflighted, heavily marked Norwich yellow cock, 15/6; Yorkshire hens, from 3/6; approval: Woods, 20, Silton-st., Moston, Manchester. (768)

GOOD buff Norwich cocks, unflighted, good type and feather, bred from first-class stock, cold room, 12/6, 15/- and 20/-; pairs, 20/-, upwards; approval: Keynes, Kingston St. Michael, Chippenham. (764)

MISS MARY STRAKER offers colour-fed Norwich, best of blood and quality, rather small, outdoor bred, free breeders, good feeders, cocks 5/-, hens 3/-, pairs 6/6: Hartforth Grange, Richmond, Yorks.

CHAMPION pair of Norwich, clear buff hen, 1st Liverpool, big clear yellow stock cock, with their show cages and carrying case, colour fed, cold room, 37/6 the lot: N. Preston, 39, Randolph-st., Leyenshulme. (766)

RARE bargains in Norwich cocks, big, heavy, variegated buff, large head, very stout, 20/-; clear yellow, fine feather, good head, and shape, 30/-; wing and eye marked buff, big, stout bird, very cobby, 25/-; clear buff, 15/-; one marked buff, £1; ditto yellow, £1; prices of hens on application: Franks, 55, Regent-st., Leamington. (762)

GRAND Partridge Wyandotte cockerel, will exchange for pair of good Norwich, or sell, 20/-; week approval: P. Garlick, Peak Dale, Via Stockport. (760)

MR. ECKERSLEY offers following bargains: 1915 clear buff cock, 25/-; unflighted ticked yellow cock, 30/-; three unflighted yellows, 10/- each; unflighted, variegated yellow hen, 15/-: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbastou, Birmingham. (741)

THE right sort, yellow 1915 cock, 30/-; clear buff 1915 cock, 25/-; capped and wing marked 1916 buff cock, 20/-; all short, cobby birds, can win; small buff 1915 hen, 7/6: Bonniwell, 63, St. Quintin-ave., North Kensington. (752)

REAL good Norwich, from exhibition stock, I am reducing my present stock to about half, can offer few good buffs, and yellows, reasonable; write or call Sunday (entranco Bawdale-rd.): H. Clemence, 151, Lordship-lane, E. Dutwich. (765)

MASSIVE yellow variegated cock, 1915, £1; two variegated buff hens, 1916; one clear buff hen, 1915, 7/6 each; all good stock and sound birds, from cold room; Hodder's strain; the lot, £2 2s.: Hagley, Lloyds Bank House, Highbridge (761)

CHAMPION pair Plainheads, extra large unflighted clear yellow cock, grand head, colour, stormer, and massive marked, big bodied buff hen, champion, can breed great winners, 1916 bred, an ideal matched pair, lowest price £4; approval: Geo. Cubley, Long Sutton, Lincs. (768)

FOUR unflighted Norwich cocks, directly related to my winners, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Novice section, Cardiff, Nov. 29th; 1st, 2nd, 3rd Champion section, Llanelly, Jan. 9th (see "Cage Birds" next issue for report), 30/- each, in grand condition: Davies, 24, College Hill, Llanelly. (766)

TYPICAL var. buff hen, winner, 1915, 30/-; large ticked buff hen, good head, 1915, 20/-; unflighted var. buff hen, 10/-; large clear buff cock, grand stock bird, 15/-; unflighted var. yell cock, 15/-; unflighted ticked buff cock, 12/6; approval receipt cash; J. A. Lees, 18, Market-st., Oxford. (762)

GIVING up, all bred from winners, grand birds, full particulars stamped envelope; approval, cash or deposit; in rare fettle; green yellow cock, 30/-; clear buff hen, 20/-; variegated buff cock, 30/-; variegated yellow hen, 20/-; green buff cock, 30/- (not half their value): Geach, 82, Treville-st., Plymouth. (764)

F. BOWYER, Barngate-st., Leek, Staffs, offers marked buff cock, good head and capital quality, 30/-; clear buff hen, grand size, neck and head, 25/-; three yellow hens, 12/6 each; four buff hens, 10/- and 15/- each; 1915 green yellow cock and unflighted buff green hen, 30/- pair; unflighted green yellow cock, 12/6; marked buff ditto, 10/6; approval, stamp.

UNIMITABLE bargains in Norwich Plainheads, three very large, extra stout, marked buff cocks, wonderful feather, colour, quality, grand heads, £1 each bird; large stout, clear buff cock, 15/6; two monster marked buff hens, good heads, bodies 15/6, each; massive clear buff hen, £1; colour-fed, 1916 breed birds; best blood in the fancy: George Cubley, Long Sutton, Lincolnshire. (768)

(1) GRAND yellow cock, fine size, grand colour and quality, rare stock bird, £4; (2) buff hen to match him, sweet shape, all quality, grand head, £2 5/-; take the pair, £6; (3) champion buff cock, rare build, fine head, bull neck, winner anywhere, £5; (4) unflighted yellow hen, sweet bird, will breed a winner, has all the points, 45/-; £7 the pair; (5) unflighted clear yellow cock, good stock bird, but not a show bird, £2; several grand hens to part with, nothing but the best kept; these birds cannot be obtained elsewhere; approval: Judge. Silk, 27, St. Michael's-rd., Aldershot. (768)

JOHNSON'S WINNING NORWICH

I have for disposal a few pairs of high-class Norwich, in good health and condition, at 25/-, 30/-, 40/- pair; inspection invited; stamp reply; approval, deposit Editor: 55, George-st., Leeds. (766)

R. P. BURT

116, Princes-rd., Notting Hill, has for disposal the following birds from his well-known stud; clear yellow cocks, 15/-; two ditto, 20/- each; one variegated, 25/-; one variegated buff hen, 20/-; one variegated yellow hen, 30/-; three clear yellow hens, unflighted, two at 20/-, one at 30/- each; clear buff hen, unflighted, 20/-; can be seen any time (not Sundays) by appointment.

E. H. HULSE

HAS for disposal, 1915 var. yell. cock, 30/-, clear, unflighted buff cock, 30/-; ditto yellow cock, 35/-; good value: 23, Hartington-rd., Leicester. (765)

TWO fine large headed variegated buff Norwich cocks, 50/- each; one variegated yellow hen, 30/-; approval: James Barnes, 30, Factory Whalley, Nr. Blackburn. (766)

W. N. TURNER

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FRANK CULSHAW, 188, Anlaby-rd., Hull, breeder and trainer, British Rollers (Randall's); member Hull R.C.C.; state wants, full particulars, stamp; approval. (711)

THREE Roller hens, 3/- each; Weaver hen, 1/6: Chapman, Longfield Terrace, Wakefield. (760)

GRAND songsters, 12/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (748)

40/-; hens, 6/6, 8/6; quality second to none: Howard Ryder, Clothier, Stourbridge, Worcs. (761)

BEST quality rape 33/- cwt.; samples sent anywhere: Ives, 85, Legshy Avenue, Grimsby. (752)

ROLLERS, same strain as my winners 1st Bacup, 5th Leeds, etc., cold room bred, cocks, 25/-, 30/-, FEW 1916 Roller hens, bred from winners, 4/6 each (stamp, particulars): Wakefield, 42, Hurdsfield-rd., Macclesfield. (762)

FEW genuine Rollers for disposal, cocks 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, hens 3/6, 4/6; approval: Sutherland, Ramsbodde, Forfés. (768)

DEEP Glucke Roller hens, Tomlinson's strain direct, B.R.C. rung, 5/6 each, or two for 10/-: Macready, Jeweller, Stranraer. (767)

J. H. WILLOWS, Draper, Wednesbury, has for sale a few young Roller cocks, suitable for stock birds, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each. (764)

PERICLES and Wardleworth best blood, cocks from Glanrafon, 35, Hough Green, Chester. (763)

30s. each; hens, 10s. each; approval.—F. M. Adams,

ROLLERS, I have a few to spare, in splendid condition; British 1916 cocks, 10/-; hens, 4/6 each: J. Knights, 31, Ondine-rd., East Dulwich. (762)

HIGH-CLASS Roller cocks, B.R.C.C. rung 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; satisfaction guaranteed: J. Britton, 4, Wellington-st., Radcliffe, Manchester. (725)

WANTED for cash, any quantity of Rollers, cocks and hens, state what you have for sale, and price, to: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (769)

CHAMPION Rollers, Glucke, Water Glucke, few cocks for sale, hens 6/-, 7/6 each; approval: Thos. Walton, 6, Cross Green-crescent, Leeds. (751)

HIGH-CLASS Roller hen, 1915, ideal mother and perfectly healthy, 8/6; approval, deposit: Johnson (Chef.). Noon's Hotel, 69, High Holborn, W.C.

NOTICE! Grand lot Rollers, day and gaslight songsters; prices reasonable; easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (737)

HIGH-CLASS 1916 Rollers, Randall's strain, B.R.C.C. rung, cocks, 15/-, hens 4/6; approval, cash or deposit: F. G. Martin, 43, Park-rd., Wellingborough. (767)

HENS, Randall's pure Glucke strain, 1916 rung, better blood impossible to get, 4/6, 5/-, and 7/6 each; approval: Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham, Cheshire. (756)

J. HUNTER has a few good birds of Mr. Ives' strain for sale, all bred from winners, cocks from 25/- to 37/6 each, including my last year's winners: 21, Cross-st., Prescot. (764)

HIGH-CLASS Glucke and water Glucke Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, 1916; bred from winning strain; cocks 20/-, 25/-, 27/6; hens, 7/6; approval: T. Cooper, 10, Stanley-st., Bacup. (764)

HIGH-CLASS Roller hens, 3/6 each; also a few loud singing cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; also long, clean Yorkshire cocks, same price; cash or deposit Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (765)

GOODING'S Hollow Glucke strain, B.R.C.C.; only three young cocks left, at 40/-, 50/-, 60/- each; a few hens 7/6, 10/6; approval: 38, St. Luke's-rd., Westbourne Park, London. (768)

H. BEST has for sale some grand Rollers, including winners from his stock that has done so well this year; cocks from 20/-, hens 10/- each: 5, Alma-place, Beckett-st., Leeds. (754)

HIGH-CLASS Glucke and Water Glucke, cocks 15/-, 20/-, hens 5/-, 6/-, same strain as my cups and medals, winners; approval, cash or deposit note: Morris, 18, Dale-st., Wrexham. (751)

EARNSHAW, breeder of Glucke and Water Glucke Rollers, offers six strong, well made, double breeders, 36 in., wood and wire partition, sand trays, etc; birds for sale: 33, Charles-st., Nelson. (757)

GLUCKE Rollers, best blood obtainable, real living musical boxes, cocks 15/-, 20/- each; hens, 5/-, 7/6 each, or exchange for hens, any breed; inspection invited: C. Ames, 163, Bromsgrove-st., Birmingham.

HIGH-CLASS Roller cocks, B.R.C.C. rung, in full song, 15/- each, hens to match, 5/-; few grand cocks, not rung, 12/6 each, hens 3/6; approval deposit; travelling cages 6d. each: Osborne, Dudley-rd., Wolverhampton. (769)

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HIGH-CLASS Glucke and Water Glucke Rollers, Pure Rhodes' strain, young hens rung B.6, 4/6: one B.5, not rung, 3/-; all birds guaranteed healthy, bred and kept in cold room; stamp reply: Whitfield, 73, Hampton-rd., Stockton-on-Tees. (759)

EX. 4th, 28 points, Bolton champion class, £3, vhc. Leeds; hc. Provincial, 26 points; 27 points, Bolton £2 10/-; vhc. Leeds; vhc. Wigan; hc. Bolton, 27 points, £2 10/-; stock cocks from £1; hens, 7/6; approval: R. Bumby, Bridgwater Arms, Pendlebury. (762)

RHODE'S Glucke and water Glucke Rollers, winners at all leading shows in champion classes this season, extra 1st, 2nd, commended, International, 2nd, 4th, hc, Leeds; hc, vhc, Bacup; two vhc's, Birmingham; extra 1st, he, c, Bolton; hens, 10/6 each; cocks from 40/-: 40, James-st., Bilston, Staffs.

1917-OPINIONS-1917

Following are a few—a very few, a very few I admit—but a very large quantity of similar expressions of satisfaction have already been received during this past fortnight of 1917. Of course, that is very easy for anyone to state, but I am **proving** it by sending a batch to Editor for inspection, bearing 1917 postmark.

Tamworth, Jan. 13, 1917.—Sir,, the songster is a beauty; I have heard some singing cocks in my time, but never one to come up to this. I also purchased two Rollers from you about five years ago, through the advice of a friend, and they were just great.—J. Sands.

Swansea, Jan. 9, 1917.—A line to let you know received bird safe. I'll tell you that I am more than pleased with it. Well, it's a champion. I wouldn't mind having a mate for her in a short time of the same type. I am very glad.—Wm. Matthews.

Merthyr Tydfil, Jan. 1, 1917.—Dear sir, kindly forward me your price list. You are one of the very few honest gentlemen in the trade of birds, which I have proved.—J. E. Bullock.

Southampton, Jan. 1, 1917.—I am writing to inform you how pleased I am with the birds. The cock bird sang the day after he arrived, and he is such a sweet toned bird. This is not the first time we have had birds from you and been satisfactory. When we travel from England to Canada we have taken some of your birds back with us. Wishing you every success. —C. Valentine.

Mossend, Midlothian, Jan. 12, 1917. — Hen arrived all safe, and thank you very much, as I am quite satisfied with her. If I require any more birds I will know where to deal now.—W. Girdwood.

53, Castle St., Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, Jan. 5, 1917.—The Parrot arrived safely last night, and was in wonderful form after such a long journey. It is a very nice bird. I was amazed to hear it talking before it was half-an-hour in the house. With many thanks for your prompt and careful despatch.—Mrs. S. Burchett.

Eton, Windsor, Jan. 12, 1917.—Birds arrived this morning quite safely, in good condition. I am well satisfied with them, and shall not forget to tell my friends where I got the best value in birds.—S. Lawes.

W. RUDD, SPECIALIST, NORWICH.

ROLLER cocks, warranted, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (739)

ROLLER Glucke hens, I have four hens, B. 6 5007, 5113, 5115, 5184, bred from a cock direct from Rhodes, Bilston, and Ryder hen. I have three hens from a cock direct from Bird, Bilston, and Ryder hen, rung, B 6 5019, 5181, 5005, and the price is 5/- each; approval: Pimm, Ickmield, Portrd., Birmingham. (765)

BARGAINS.—Deep Glucke Rollers, bred from my 1st and 2nd Birmingham winners, 4th and 6th London specials, Glucke, bass, hollow roll, cocks, 20/-, 25/-; two faulty cocks, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 5/-; B.R.C.C. rung, 6 hens, not rung, 4/-, same strain as the above winners; particulars, stamp; approval: Heeley, 20, Edith-rd., Smethwick. (765)

RANDALL'S Glucke, Water Glucke, 1916 bred, wearing B.R.C.C. ring, including latest wins, second, two thirds, two fourth, three vhc's, hc, two commendeds at Birmingham, Bacup, Manchester, Wigan, Bolton, winners, 1916 bred, prices on application; stock cocks related to winners, from £1; hens to blend from, 7/6; satisfaction guaranteed: Roller Organ, 25/-: James Barnes, 16, Hill-st., Baxenden, Near Accrington, Lancs. (758)

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Splendid Roller cocks, full song, 15/-, 21/- each; Yorkshire and Norwich, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 each; stamp reply: Rossell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middx.

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Trained Cocks, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-; also others at lower prices. Lot of grand pedigree Hens, mostly young ones, 4/6, 5/6. These fanciers may rely upon, and it matters not what price you pay, whether 10/- to 20/-, you can get nothing more reliable. Other Roller cocks, 12/6 and 15/-. Hens, 3/6. Pairs for breeding, 15/6. Cages 4d. "How to Breed Rollers," by the late Albert Rettich, 1/7 post free from the publisher—**W. RUDD, Specialist, NORWICH.**

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YORKSHIRE cocks, warranted, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (763)

FEW good stock birds, reasonable approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (764)

T. C. CRAWHALL, 121, St. George's-terr., Newcastle-on-Tyne, can spare few good Yorkshires (656)

TWO pairs Yorkshires, one Goldfinch cock for sa A. Newcombe, 125, Briantree-rd., Stisted, Essex.

PAIR of Yorkshire cinnamon, 15/-; a few hens each; unflighted: Webb, 38, Glasgow-rd., Plaist

THREE buff Yorkshire cocks, also three he young birds, 30/-: Marwood, Brompton, Northal ton.

SOME grand pairs, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; on proval; home all day: Metcalfe, 68, Grunswick- Liverpool.

SPLENDID pair Yorkshires, 17/-; cold room br matched for breeding: Hargreaves, 24, Sutherla st., Colne.

BUFF Yorkshire cock, yellow marked hen, b 2nd Eastleigh, £1 each; yellow hen, 15/-: J. nell, Warminster.

SMART Yorkshire hens, 5/- each, bred from winners, 1916 yellow Norwich hen, 5/-: Ja Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall.

PAIR Yorkshires, marked cock, buff hen, unflight 12/6; odd cocks, grand form, 10/-: Cotton, North berland House, Northallerton.

HAVE a winner or two to part with, also excel stock birds, practically pure Crisp blood; pr reasonable.—Nicholls, Seed Merchant, Helston.

WANTED, really good show unflighted yellow must excel in type, with plenty of length: Ap Nicholls, Seed Merchant, Helston.

R. HANFORD, Derby, has some lovely, long, typ Yorkshire cocks, hens, and matched pairs for sale prices; approval; state requirements.

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SEVERAL really grand pairs and few extra odd cocks, cheap to clear; approval: Wells, Mid Champion, Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham.

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UNFLIGHTED buff variegated Yorks. cock, slim, typical specimen, 15/-; 1916 yellow cinna marked hen, 10/-; approval: Sutherland, Rambo Forres.

TWO yellow Yorkshire cocks, 10/6 each; H.M. Greenfinch, Norwich hen Canary, 6/6; 2 stone canary seed, 4/6 stone: Ellerker, Railway-st., K Moorside.

PAIR of good Yorkshire, 15/-; also a few hens cocks 10/- each; all unflighted: Webb, 38, Glas rd., Plaistow.

YORKSHIRES, five pairs, good stock birds, pair; two odd cocks, 8/6 each; one Norwich 4/-; 1915 and 1916 birds: Meredith, 33, Shirley Cotteridge, Birmingham.

YORKSHIRE, buff hen, 1915, guaranteed 9ib cock, few variegated Mules, 1916, guaranteed hea 12/6; approval, deposit: Johnson (Chef.), N Hotel, 69, High Holborn, W.C.

A. RADFORD has 20 grand unflighted birds to pose of, winners, and bred from winners' in tion invited; approval; reasonable: 128, Sandy Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

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YORKSHIRES, same strain as winners, Hudders Sheffield, Skelmanthorpe, etc., yellow and buff 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, hens 10/-; approval deposit: Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfi

I HAVE some clear and cinnamon marks to cheap; buff cocks from 12/6; yellow from 15/-; hens from 7/6; yellow from 10/-; 1915 and 1916 approval: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-av., Forest Essex.

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, four long, typical y hens, 10/- each; yellow cock, buff cock, vhc, each. 60/- lot: Dykes, bargain; approval de stamp particulars: Skelton, 53, Brookland-rd, Ilneton.

TO make room, following cocks have won: ticked buff, a gem, 25/-; clear yellow, 25/-; ticked yellow, 20/-; clear buff, 20/-; a few other 12/6; stamp particulars; approval: Moule 26, Pe bont-rd., Abertillery.

FINE ticked buff Yorkshire cock, winner of 1sts, 40/-; paired to grand yellow hen which win 30/-; the pair, £3 5s.; several other good worth the money; approval: Judge Silk, 27, Michael's-rd., Aldershot.

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HIGH-CLASS yellow Yorkshire cock and buff hen to mate with him, 25/- the pair; buff Yorkshire cock and yellow hen, good length, position, and feather, 25/- the pair; six days' approval; cash or deposit: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford.

CRISP'S strain, lengthy, clear yellow, 1915 cock, 10/-, three unflighted do., 25/- each; all winners this season: yellow and buff unflighted hens, from 7/6, correctly matched pairs from 18/-; approval: Lloyd, 84, Chichele-rd., Cricklewood, London, W.

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TWO pairs Borders, 16/-; good buff Yorkshire cock and three hens, 20/-; two good Goldie Mules, 17/-; approval; cash deposit: Alec. Prentice, Trafalgar-rd., Newport, I. Wight. (769)

HAVE the following left for disposal, good quality, bred from cup winners, clear yellow cock, 30/-; clear buff cock, 30/-; var. yellow hen, 10/-, var. buff hen 10/-, clear yell cock, buff hen 20/-; ticked yell cock, var. buff hen, 20/-: Chapman, 65, Cresswell-st., Kings Lynn.

READY to nest, one Norwich one Yorkshire, three Roller hens, 3/6 each; 16/- lot; one fancy tame moulted cock Hawfinch, 10/-; very steady clean open Mule: Alfred Cooper, Derby-rd., Green Hill, Ilkeston, Ripley. (767)

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H.M. Goldie, 10/-; Linnet, 7/6; warranted breeders; grand Goldie and S'b. hen, parents light mules last season, 22/6; grand light Muling hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6: Ham, 31, Flora-st., Plymouth. (765)

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, Yorkshire hen, 10/-; cock Greenfinch, hen Chaffinch, 2/6; house-moulted cock Redpoll, hen Bullfinch, 4/-; cock Bullfinch, 3/-: Head, Aviaries, East Harling, Norfolk.

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. E. L. Hughes, of Penygraig, will judge the Cage Birds at Aberbargoed, Mon., Feb. 1.

Swansea C.B.A. is holding a show, open to 20 miles radius, on Feb. 4 at the Elysium, High Street. There will be 40 classes in all.

Mr. W. D. Fryett, hon. sec. of the Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S., thanks all members who so kindly subscribed to the purse presented to him at the general meeting.

We have received the balance-sheet for 1916 of the Eastleigh C.B.S. Three shows, pairs, nest feather, and open, have been held during the year, and the balance of £1 8s. 9½d. brought forward is increased to £3 5s. 7½d.

I am leaving my business address, 27, Oxford Street, Manchester, owing to expiration of lease on Jan. 22, writes Mr. W. C. Drew, and all enquiries after that date should be sent to my private address, 15, Dudley Street, Brooks Bar, Manchester.

The balance sheet of the Midland Roller C.C. to hand shows a gratifying progress for the year. The 1916 show yielded a profit of £11 7s. 10d., and the cash in hand is £28 12s. 1½d., an increase of £13 17s. 8d. over the amount in hand at the beginning of the year.

"British Birds" for January, Messrs. Witherby and Co., High Holborn, 1s. monthly, has for its leading article some most interesting "Notes on the Breeding Habits of the Red backed Shrike," by J. H. Owen, and this is illustrated by some striking photographs. An article by H. Noble on the "Supposed Breeding of the Barnacle Goose in Ireland," and some especially interesting "Notes" complete a good issue.

Don't Forget Peny-Graig Charity Show.

Entries for Peny-graig Show are very slow in coming in, writes Mr. T. S. Evans, and this being a Charity Show we are trusting that fanciers will give their most liberal support.

Stick Insects as Bird Food.

A letter from M. P. A. Pichot, in the January issue of the Avicultural Magazine, says that the Stick Insect (*Carausius morosus*) increases so rapidly that it may well form a source of food for insectivorous birds in captivity to take the place of mealworms which are now so difficult to obtain.

We hear from the hon. sec., Mr. W. Hodson, that the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., has arranged its show dates as follows :—Annual pair show, Feb. 20; judge, Mr. J. Robson. Young bird show, June 19, judge, Mr. H. Norman. Autumn show, Nov. 20; judge, Mr. J. Robson. An interesting programme has been arranged for the monthly meetings including lectures by Mr. J. Robson and Mr. H. Norman, a paper by Mr. E. S. Lugg, Plymouth, a debate opened by Mr. Geo. Sands and Mr. C. H. Grendell, a question night, and a judging competition.

Incorporation of "The Zoologist."

The well-known and old established natural history monthly, "The Zoologist," having been acquired by Messrs. Witherby and Co., will in future be incorporated with the illustrated monthly magazine, "British Birds," published by the same firm at 326, High Holborn.

The old-established natural history monthly, "The Zoologist," which now ceases to exist as a separate journal, has had a long and honourable career of usefulness. Established in 1843 it was edited by Edward Newman until his death in 1876. For the next twenty years it was conducted by Mr. J. E. Harting, and during this time, as was to be expected, ornithology occupied an important part of its space. From 1897 to 1914 Mr. W. L. Distant was editor, and its last editor was Mr. Frank Finn. The incorporation will mean that the scope of "British Birds" will be enlarged to cover articles and notes on the avifauna of Europe and N. West Africa.

The opening article in the Avicultural Magazine for Jan., the journal of the Avicultural Society is "Notes on my birds at Villers Bretonneux in 1916," by M. Jean Delacour. The photograph of the heated corridor and aviaries which accompanies the article will arouse envy among aviculturists. "Swallows at the Front," is a long and interesting article reprinted from "Country Life," and Dr. A. G. Butler writes also on "Our British Swallows." Mr. Allen Silver, now Private A. Silver, contributes articles on the Long-tailed Combasou and "Two Hangnests and a Tropial.

Prize Money Paid.

We hear that prize money has been paid in respect of Mansfield C.B.S. Show.

Hands Across the Sea.

I have received £3 3s. from the Victorian Canary Society and Mr. F. White as a donation to the funds of the London and P.O.S., writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, and am asked to acknowledge same in CAGE BIRDS, which I now do, with many thanks.

Some Late Records.

Among the "Notes" in "British Birds" for January, are some curiously late records. Four freshly-laid eggs were found in the nest of a Wren on Oct. 10; a brood of House Martins were being fed in the nest on Oct. 19, and a young Cuckoo was seen on Dec. 1.

Corrections in Show Reports.

Mr. J. Smillie, Kilmarnock, writes that he won 1st in the Buff Hen class at Irvine Show, not Mossie as reported. Mr. E. J. Hopkins states that he won 1st in Variegated Yellow Norwich at Landon and Plasmarl, not Lipscombe as in our report, and that he did not win 3rd prize as stated. 1st in the Goldfinch and Bullfinch class and 2nd in the Bramble, etc., class at Mansfield should be Blanchon, not Blacken. Mr. S. Ferguson writes that he won 1st in Unflighted Yorks Hens at Larkhall, not Park as reported.

An Open Letter.

To the Readers of "Cage Birds."

Friends, one and all,—I am writing this letter, as a friend to friends, to tell you something more of the coming of a new weekly paper which has already been mentioned in our columns. The paper, as you already know, is to be called FOOD, and the first number will be on sale when you are reading this. 100,000 copies will be printed, but there may not be enough to go round, so you must hustle if you would benefit by the reading of it.

Coming to Fleet Street from my cottage in the suburbs of London I overheard two fellow passengers by the tram telling of their last year's gardening experiences. One said that from a pound of seed potatoes of a particular kind he had dug six pounds of produce, and the other was quite proud to be able to say that his own pound of the same kind of potato had produced seven pounds.

It is on record that in a strictly supervised competition at Ilkeston, Derbyshire, a working man, by name T. Smith, raised 204½ lbs. of potatoes from a single pound of "seed."

It is scarcely to be expected that everyone can produce nearly two hundredweight of potatoes from one pound of seed, but everyone may do as well as a lady of my acquaintance, to be explicit, my wife, who is by way of being a bit of a gardener. Last season we (that is, she), planted three pounds of seed tubers, and we dug a full hundredweight from the row in the autumn. If you would know how to make 3 lb. of seed potatoes into a hundredweight the new weekly, "FOOD," will tell you.

In my evening paper last week I read a paragraph which ran, "In the poultry farm of the Rochdale Guardians during December 118 head of poultry produced only 54 eggs. Each egg cost the Guardians 2s. 2d." It is such paragraphs as the one quoted which show the want of knowledge prevailing in respect of poultry keeping, even on the part of the writers to the papers.

I have, at least the lady before mentioned has, a pen of seven second season hens. These hens all went into moult at about the same time, and the first egg laid since the happening was produced on the day preceding the writing of this letter. At present prices hens cost about 3d. a week each to keep, so according to the logic expressed in the paragraph quoted this one egg cost fourteen shillings, as the moulting time extended over eight weeks.

But, and it is a very big "but," in the thirteen or fourteen months which constituted their "pullet year," these hens each laid more than 200 eggs, not one of which was sold for less than 2½d. They were from seven to eight months old when they started laying, let us say eight months, so they are now twenty-one months old. At a fair estimate of two-pence-halfpenny per week for food, there is a profit of about fifteen shillings per bird, and we still have the hens. Yet the egg laid yesterday may be said to have cost fourteen shillings!

The new paper, "FOOD," in its article, "How to Begin Poultry Keeping," will tell you how to do as well or better.

By rearing my own rabbits I know I can produce rabbit meat at half the price I can buy it at the provision shop, and at the same time I can get better stuff. If I rear twice as many as I want for my own consumption, and sell the balance, I get my rabbit meat for nothing. So may you if you read "Rabbits for Backgardens," which is to be one of the features of "FOOD."

I don't know much about bee-keeping, but I know they will provide delicious honey at scarcely any cost, and scarcely any trouble. I am going to learn all about it in "FOOD." "Bee-keeping Notes" will be my teacher.

I have not told you a tenth of what you may find out yourselves for a penny. Get the first number, friends of CAGE BIRDS, and you will write thanking me for having written this letter.

THE EDITOR.

Hope for the Bearded Tits.

Lord Lucas, who was killed in France on Nov. 3, bequeathed to the Hon. Ivo Grenfell, the Whiteslea Estate, consisting of between 2,000 and 3,000 acres in the parishes of Hickling and Catfield, Norfolk, as a sanctuary for rare birds, with an annuity of £250 for its upkeep.

SPARROWS & THE NATIONAL FOOD QUESTION.

Mischief Wrought by Humanitarians.

Writing to the "Yorkshire Post," a correspondent says :—"Now that farmers are urged to grow all the corn and potatoes they possibly can, and encouragement is given to the cultivation of allotments in view of the serious outlook for our food supplies in the coming year, would it not be advisable in the first three months of the year, when we may expect the weather to be most severe, to take some steps to reduce the number of Sparrows and Rooks? As a dairy farmer in the neighbourhood of a town, and needing turnips for the production of milk, my experience of corn growing as an alternate crop is very discouraging, owing to the ravages wrought by the House Sparrow.

"At a low estimate, one-fourth of what I grow is consumed and wasted by Sparrows. Indeed, at harvest time it is distressing to see the quantity, sacksful, that is shaken out and lying on the ground, besides what has been consumed by these useless pests.

"Let any observant person go near a cornfield in the vicinity of a town, and notice the Sparrows, rising up in thousands when scared, and notice the cornless ears left in their wake. I also fancy the would-be allotment man will be disheartened when he finds his lettuce and radish beds cleared of seed before it has had time to sprout.

"Away from the towns they have not one Sparrow where we have fifty. And what is the reason? Simply, they are not fed in the winter, but in the towns, to which they migrate at this time of the year, besides the food they pick up in the streets, they are daily fed by scores of possibly good-natured, but unthinking, people, who do not realise the evil results of their good nature. But really it is as senseless a practice as it would be to feed rats or mice."

"W. C.," in the "Manchester Dispatch," says : "The authorities in discussing the food supply of the country should have an eye upon the Sparrow problem. An organised campaign of extermination, either by the formation of Sparrow clubs or rewards for the destruction of the birds, is necessary, for to-day we cannot afford to risk a year's crop. The Sparrow is actually as bad as he is painted, and Sparrow pie is not a bad dish after all.

Rough on New Laid Eggs.

An authority declares that the amount of nourishment obtained from one Sparrow exceeds that of two new laid eggs.

A 21-year-old Canary.

A canary in Belfast is in its 21st year. The bird has gone blind with age, but it is still in perfect bodily health, and is bright and happy.

"If This Should meet the Eye."

Some time ago, writes Miss A. Chatterton, you printed a small article I wrote, and in consequence a gentleman (I think it was from Chester) wrote asking me to send him any foreign birds' eggs I had and did not want, as he collected them. I sent one lot and then unfortunately lost his address, and I am afraid he thinks me very discourteous. If he will write me again I would be happy to send him some more.

A Change of Venue.

Owing to the proprietor, who is a member of the club, being called up, writes Mr. J. W. Norris, hon. sec. British Roller C.C., we find at the last minute we are unable to hold the annual show at the Hall, where we have had the past two shows, but we have succeeded in finding a place now, and the show will take place at the Bazaar Tavern, King Street, Baker Street, London, W., on Feb. 9th. The judges are Messrs. J. Netherwood, Kettering, and F. E. Fisher and W. H. Shepley, A.R.C.M., London. The usual liberal list of special prizes will be given. Will the numerous exhibitors who have written for schedules please make a note of the alteration of the date. Schedules will be sent out this week-end.

An Event of the Week.

Just as we are going to press we have an advance copy of the new weekly journal, "FOOD," the first number of which will be on sale by the time this paragraph is printed. In an editorial note the views of the paper are expressed in terms that should appeal to all. "It is our aim not only to advocate increased production by all available means, but to give our readers the practical information that will enable them to grow food cheaply and well." Admirable intentions shortly and well expressed. It has only been possible to take a hasty glance through the contents of the first number, but we have seen enough to be assured that a good beginning has been made in the direction of carrying out the policy indicated. No one can afford to be without the first number. The price, one penny, is no criterion whatever of the value of the contents. There are articles on Poultry Keeping, Gardening, Goat Keeping, Pig Keeping, Cooking, and a score of other things. The paper should command a very wide circulation, and should be a great power for good.

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Breeding Yorkshire Canaries for Exhibition.

By J. A. GREENSLADE (Bristol).

A practical article by a successful breeder, showing how to select stock in breeding in order to avoid faults, and to perpetuate and improve desirable qualities.

AMONG the fascinations of our hobby are the many problems that continually confront us, and the subject of "Selection for Mating" presents as many problems as almost any other topic one could mention. The breeding to "type," with the other essential qualities of the Yorkie will never be an easy matter, as Dame Nature sees to that. Only brains and experience can circumvent her vagaries, and then not always.

In the first place, we must bear in mind what material the Yorkshire was produced from, and I believe it is generally accepted that the size and length-giving properties were derived from the Lancashire, and the position, style, and nervy carriage, etc., from the Belgian.

One can readily believe it, especially if the Lancashire cock was mostly used, and the Belgian characteristics derived from using the hens of that variety.

Although the Yorkshire is considered a fixed type and a pure breed to-day, and I think rightly so, there is no doubt that Nature is continually exerting her utmost in the generations of pure bred Yorkshires, either to revert to the Lancs. or the Belgian, and perhaps in some instances, to the Norwich.

The Penalties of Out-Crossing.

Hence the drop tails, flaggy thighs, square shoulders, and flat and browy heads frequently seen in cock birds, generally on the large side, evidently throwing back to their Lancs.' ancestors. Also the extra racy, small and snaky headed, high shouldered hens, generally very much on the small side, unmistakedly showing traces of their Belgian origin.

Further, in some instances you can meet with thick set, wide backed, short tailed, and short legged birds, masquerading as Yorkies, but undoubtedly showing Norwich tendencies, and most likely they have been used largely to obtain colour, but possibly at the expense of type for the time.

In the combating of these natural tendencies of the variety lies one of its chief attractions to my mind, the great idea being to retain the true Yorkie type, with the correct size, grace, and beauty, quality of feather, position, and colour.

One might ask: Is there a proper guide to the ideal bird, and if it were produced, would it win to-day? Yes, I believe the standard fixed by the Yorkshire Canary Club still holds good, and rightly depicts the winner of to-day, except in one direction, and that is length, as the present winners have long left the 6¾ bird behind them, and are being shown anything up to 7¼ inches, and in some rare instances with all of the most desirable points of the standard size bird.

One can easily forgive this breaking away from the standard on this one point when we consider what a big following the breed has to-day, and that it is still rapidly claiming many new devotees. This of course has the effect of producing the standard bird in greater numbers, "good little ones" being now fairly numerous. In my humble opinion, it is much better for the variety for the existing standard to prevail, and give honours to the larger and much more difficult bird to produce, than to alter the standard altogether when winners get plentiful, as is done in some fancies. But let me here sound a warning; in the craze for large winners let us not lose the captivating and essential characteristics of the true Yorkshire.

How to Select Stock Birds.

Before mating to produce the bird of our dreams and the goal of our ambition, it is very necessary that we have kept the right and best available birds for the purpose. I am therefore throwing out the following suggestions, not as the sure and only road to success, but only as they occur to me, and as they are the ideas I have found successful, my reason for doing so being to assist the novice, who I know from my own experience, is often greatly perplexed in this matter.

In the selection of stock birds, we want a maximum of divers good points, with a minimum of bad ones, to enable us to balance the good points to produce the good whole. But the balancing idea must not be carried too far, such as mating the largest with the smallest, or the roughest with the smoothest, etc., neither is it often profitable to mate the best with the worst, or we should be landed into breeding a miscellaneous assortment of oddities.

I do not think that even the "great guns" of the fancy can or do expect to breed winners in every nest, or even showable stock from every pair they put up, but mate some for size, some for style and type, some for quality and colour, with a more or less certainty of breeding something decent from some particular pair or pairs. To my view this idea is good, specially from an economical point, and helps far to lay a self-contained strain, whereas if one bred for quality and colour alone, one would have to go elsewhere for size fairly often, and if one studied size too much one would have to import quality and colour at frequent intervals.

Size versus Colour and Quality.

One general factor holds good in my experience, and it is that size is antagonistic to colour and quality every time, I think some of the reason being that bad colour follows size from the Lancashire ancestors referred to previously. I think it is a fairly general principle with many Lancashire breeders that variegation is no help to them, neither do they seek it overmuch and they also mate buff to buff much more frequently than the breeders of any colour variety would care to do.

The fact remains, if colour or size is carried to an extreme the progeny deteriorates either to course heavy birds without any symmetry or to small hot coloured specimens, very pretty and all that, but of no use either for show or stock.

What I consider is harder than the actual mating of the pairs is to weed out the undesirables, and, starting with yellow cocks, I should first discard all the small pale coloured ones, as from them we cannot expect to get any headway. The only excuse for keeping a small cock at all would be his exceptionally good colour, or if he was extra good on the leg and even at that we really want at least the standard length, and the knowledge that there is some length behind him in his parents.

The only reason for retaining a pale coloured yellow cock would be his size, and a long well-filled-in body, with good leg action, and general good carriage. Any yellow cocks that are short on leg, and with a crouching position, known as "across the perch," can also be dispensed with, as the counteracting properties are rarely met with in buff hens to breed it out. We can also say good-bye to a cock with a mean little dice shaped head, as birds of that description are of little use in the breeding cage. The main features we want in yellow cocks are size, good colour, good and well placed legs, and general typicalness.

The Importance of the Male Bird.

Some might say, and I have heard it given as a good tip, that anything will do for the male bird, so long as it has size, and is mated to a hen that is small and typical, something after the style of mating a bison to a round boxwood ruler; but do not depend on that theory very much, or you will rue it. I have proved to my own satisfaction that cocks with flat heads, drop tails, low chests, or any other bad faults, have a very big say in transmitting their characteristics to the progeny.

About the only thing I am prepared to pass over, providing of course one has the opportunity, is an abundance of feather, also feather that is a bit harsh, and even when allowing that we want to avoid any frills or twists.

Before passing away from yellow cocks, I ought to mention that the small good coloured cocks just referred to that might be kept are very useful for breeding hens from, especially from a quality point of view, providing of course they are not going back in size too much.

In selecting buff hens I should advise discarding those that have mean bad shaped heads, thin and pinched necks, or a bad chuck in the front of the neck just under the cheek, also any with thin and pointed chests. My reason in describing these particular faults is that we cannot get the yellow cocks sufficiently opposite in those directions to balance them.

I do not think it is desirable to keep the very small ones, although many advocate them. I believe it is a wrong theory, and often is the means of bringing down the size, and putting the clock back for some time. A hen that is good enough for show, but hardly large enough to get in the red tickets because of her size, is plenty small enough in my opinion.

Should we have any stock of either sex with big and ugly beaks, we must be careful what we are doing with them, and not retain them unless we are obliged to, as birds showing this fault generally breed coarse and weedy young.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

A Netting Query.

Further Particulars Desired.

SIR,—I am quite pleased to see a reply from "Yelneh" to my enquiry about setting nets. I would like to ask him the distance he puts his staff poles from his nets. Also for a sketch of his stave irons, with sizes of same, and a sketch of his staff poles. If I get that I think I will manage to be successful with nets.

SPRINGBURN.

An Ever Recurring Question.

How to Strafe the Red Mite.

SIR,—Now that the time of year is getting near in which we shall be starting to get our cages, etc., in order, I should like the opinion of your readers on the question of how to exterminate the Red Mite, and at the same time do no injury to the cages, if that is possible.

I am quite aware that there are many ways of destroying the pest, but, unfortunately, it always entails the re-enamelling or painting of cages, or nearly always does, and as in the present times both time and money are at a premium, I do not want to spend more of either than I can help. I hope someone will oblige.

"RED MITE."

Late Birds at Llanelly Show.

A Kindly Action.

SIR,—Please allow me to thank the committee and hon. sec., Mr. H. Webster, of the Llanelly show, for their kind attention to my birds which arrived several hours late, although sent off in good time by the previous night's mail. Mr. Webster wired me of their late arrival, and decided to keep them overnight before sending off again. I duly received the birds the following day, looking none the worse for their "joy-ride" to South Wales.

Such kindly acts as these prove the true fancier and lessen the disappointment of being "left at the post."

J. H. HALLIDAY.

Plymouth.

Gramophone Records of Bird Song.

SIR,—I see that in CAGE BIRDS of Dec. 30 one of your readers writes about records for training Bullfinches. Is it not possible to get a Bullfinch record without having one specially made? Some of your readers may not know that there are already on the market bird records; I enclose you a list of them. I have heard the Nightingale one, and I must say it is lovely to listen to. Some of the notes are like the flute.

R. RENNIE.

Dublin.

[Records of the songs of the Nightingale, Sprosser and Song Thrush have been on the market for a long time, but we think there is no ready-made record of the song of the Bullfinch. As a matter of fact the Bullfinch has no natural song worth reproducing. The records suggested in the letter referred to would be for the purpose of teaching the Bullfinch to pipe a tune or tunes.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

The Judging at Whitehaven Show.

Why Are Cage Tabs Marked?

SIR,—In letter under the above heading in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS, I note that Messrs. Cook and Adams make a statement that "in all our showing this season our prizes have always corresponded with the number marked on the label."

As Cleator Moor Show has been brought into this discussion, and as I acted as judge at this show, I beg to inform Messrs. Cook and Adams that if their tabs were marked as they state they were not marked by me.

I may say that I have judged all varieties of Cage Birds at shows during 25 years, and my system has always been as you point out in your remarks at the foot of their letter. Nothing more is necessary than to mark your duplicate slip from the numbers on the tabs as you award the prizes, then hand it to the Steward, and he takes it to the Secretary who makes out the prizo tickets from this slip.

I might further say that in all my experience as an exhibitor, and I have exhibited at all leading Shows in England during the last 40 years, I never yet had a class ticket or tab marked as they describe.

J. NICHOLSON.

The Age of Caged Birds.

A Linnet 23 Years Old.

SIR,—I have been very interested in the correspondence columns of CAGE BIRDS, as I am a regular reader of the paper, and I have seen records of the long lives of some fanciers' birds. I think we can beat some of them, as last week a Linnet belonging to a relative of mine died at the age of 23 years, and it was in full song till the day it died. It always had what we called a fan tail, as it was always open. If any readers can beat this I should like to hear. I wish CAGE BIRDS the success it so well deserves. H. AINSWORTH.

Helsby.

For Wounded Soldiers in Cardiff Hospitals.

A Generous and Kind-hearted Offer.

SIR,—One or two fanciers, having relatives among our wounded soldiers now lying in Cardiff and neighbourhood, have written to me asking if I will kindly visit them at my convenience. It is a real pleasure to me to be of genuine service to anyone in this world, and especially when it happens to be one of our brave lads. Should there be any father, or mother, or relative with loved ones in any of the numerous hospitals in and about Cardiff desiring someone to visit them and report, they can count upon me to render any little service I can in this way if they will please write me and enclose a stamped envelope for reply. Furtber, if the relatives of the sick or wounded would like to come to Cardiff for a few days, say from Saturday to Monday, and are unable to pay hotel expenses, I will do my best to find them hospitality for their short stay.

I am a fancier, but more a minister, and in this capacity I would like to do something in these troublous days.

Perhaps if letters in the first place were addressed to you you would be willing to forward such to me. If you publish my address it would soon be forgotten, but CAGE BIRDS never. (REV.) C. B. JOLLIFFE.

We need scarcely say that we shall be delighted to assist in the way suggested, and will forward with great pleasure any letters that may be sent to the Rev. Mr. Jolliffe, care of CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Is the City of Norwich Asleep?

Suggestions for an Awakening.

SIR,—"East Norfolk" in the Jan. 13 issue of CAGE BIRDS asks questions in reference to the moribund state of the Premier Society in the City of Norwich which unfortunately can be answered only in the affirmative. The organisation with a high sounding title has lapsed into a status no higher than an ordinary local society. To my mind nothing but a drastic re-construction will place this Society in the forefront, the proud position held in former years.

A commencement might be made in an alteration of its title, and, as suggested, an executive composed solely of those engaged in the Canary production industry should be placed in charge of affairs. Also the headquarters should be at a first-class place centrally situated, and preferably not on licensed premises. It seems that practically the whole of the members are expected to attend the fortnightly meetings or the present executive feel themselves unable to carry on. This position is absurd, as the business of the Society can be all well arranged by an energetic committee. As a matter of fact, and it is deplorable, the committee has probably not been summoned once during the past working year.

Every inducement was offered the Norwich Alliance to hold an open show in 1916. The newly formed East Anglian Norwich Plainhead Club, which is numerously and influentially supported in its restricted area, offered its patronage, and carefully pointed out the benefits which would accrue therefrom, and other guarantees were forthcoming which made failure practically out of the question. It is probably a knowledge of these facts which rightly inspired the letter written by your correspondent.

However, a large meeting of the All England Alliance was held last week, and if the secretary has the time he will no doubt forward you a report. It was decided that at the next meeting a determined effort will be made to arrange matters so that next autumn exhibitors from all parts of the country will have the opportunity of competing at an Open Show in Norwich. Of course, the position of affairs owing to the war will possibly have some influence in respect to this, but it will be an excellent thing to get everything in order for the time when normal conditions again prevail. VERITAS.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 25.)

What is an Irish Novice?

Sir, — May I, through the columns of Cage Birds, ask the different Irish Cage Bird Societies their interpretation of the word "Novice."

Paddy.

The Yorkshire Union and Closed Rings.

An Objection to a Rule.

Sir,—I am not quite sure, but think the time is fast approaching when the Yorkshire Union revises its rules. There is one printed in big type which debars birds wearing closed rings from competing. This rule is a hardship to outside exhibitors who would like to exhibit at Union shows, and excludes a certain number of entries from their shows. I should like the societies forming the Union to consider whether it is necessary to retain this obsolete rule.

T. C. Crawhall.

A Roller Canary Club for Birmingham.

Sir.—At a meeting of Roller Fanciers held Jan. 10 at "Crown Hotel," Hill Street, Birmingham, with M. W. Pimm in the chair, it was decided to form a Roller Club for Birmingham, and the following officials were elected: President, Mr. W. Pimm; Vice-Presidents, Mr. W. Tomkins and Mr. H. Layland; Sec., Mr. W. Taylor, Council School, Hospital St., Birmingham; Treasurer, Mr. W. Millward; Committee, Messrs. Heeley, Worton, Berrcy, Minetts, Savigar, Roath. 1s. Entrance Fee, 2s. 6d. Annual Subs. Meetings will be held every third Wednesday in month at "Crown Hotel," Hill St.,

W. Taylor, Hon. Sec.

Hypophosphites, Not Hypophosphates.

A Very Necessary Correction.

Sir,—May I correct a slight error in Mr. North's article on "Canary Keeping for Beginners." In Cage Birds of Jan. 13 he writes of compound syrup of Hypophosphates, but there is no such article. Parrish's Chemical Food (which is well known) is Syrupus Ferri Phosphatis compositus or Compound Syrup of Phosphate of Iron. The Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites to which Mr. North refers is a splendid tonic in cases of debility, and also indigestion, but needs to be used very carefully, about 4 or 5 drops in a drinker of water.

E. C. Last.

In Aid of a Stricken Roller Fancier.

A Fine Finish.

Sir,—I am pleased to say I have received the following amounts re my appeal for Mr. T. Simpson. Will you kindly acknowledge in your next issue:—Mr. H. J. Clemence, 2s. 6d.; Mr. F. A. Lester, 5s.; collection at Wigan R.C.C. meeting £1 2s. 6d.; collection at the British R.C.C. meeting, per Mr. Norris, Messrs. Aspinall, 2s. 6d.; Attewell, 2s. 6d.; Buffin, 2s. 6d.; Dughill, 2s. 6d., Fisher, 2s. 6d.; Gooding, 2s. 6d.; Gutierrez, 2s. 6d.; Hocking, 2s. 6d.; Peters, 2s. 6d.; Robinson, 2s. 6d.; Norris, 2s. 6d.; and Capt. Bloomfield, 2s. 6d. £1 10s.

H. Roebuck.

[With the £9 19s. 2d. acknowledged in our last week's issue, the total amount subscribed is, therefore, £12 19s. 2d., which is fully sufficient for the need specified. We have sent to Mr. Roebuck the amount we have ourselves received, and are very pleased that such a worthy object has met with such generous support.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

The Need for a National Society

What it Could Do.

Sir,—Mr. Bastock in Cage Birds of Jan. 13 makes the excellent suggestion that a National Society should be formed, which would establish a uniformity of rules, and provide protection for fanciers, thus averting, or if necessary deciding any of the unpleasant disputes now so frequently arising. His invitation for support is evidence that he thinks an organisation of this kind can be brought into existence, and it is very good of him to take the initiative in the matter.

As secretary to the recently formed East Anglian Norwich Plainhead Specialist Club, I would like to ask if it is not possible that the Specialist Clubs, which I believe, taken together, now include almost the whole of the country within the scope of their operations, could be federated under such a title as "The National Federation of Norwich Plainhead Specialist Clubs."

A Society of this character would surely be able to draft rules, definitions, etc., which societies and judges alike would no doubt adopt. The standard of points in reference to type and the definite rules of classification would be impressed upon all judges, and it would be a big step towards establishing confidence amongst exhibitors in showing their birds. Some judges will not give a Plainhead a chance if, for instance, it does not possess an abnormally big head, and others have their own pet ideas as to what constitutes perfection. It would be a great benefit to the fancy generally if a standard, etc., could be established by rule which would make the decisions of judges practically uniform. It is for this reason that I think Mr. Bastock has done well to open a way for discussion of these matters.

There are many other useful things that a federation of Specialist Clubs might do. They could, for example, jointly patronise a conveniently situated show of importance and members could compete for prizes, the honour of winning which would be greater than that of any yet striven for. At any rate, I think this is a matter worthy of careful consideration.

R. Tomlinson,
Hon. Sec. East Anglian Norwich Plainhead Club.

Would Protect the Purchaser.

Sir,—It was with pleasure I read Mr. Bastock's letter referring to the need of a National Society, and I wish him every success in his efforts to make a start, for it coincides with my letter in Cage Birds of Jan. 6, I note Mr. Norman in his letter also hints at the same thing, so let us have this society, for the time is undoubtedly ripe. Here you have the basis for not only minor questions but even the capture of German trade. I know such a society may "hit" some, but only the black sheep will suffer, for they will not be able to sell their so-called big winners to the young novice without producing the birds' credentials. Now come along, you experienced men, and help in this matter, for I am only an

Unflighted.

What is a Ticked Bird?

Cutting the Gordian Knot.

Sir,—Adverting to my letter in Cage Birds of Jan. 13, I find Mr. Norman comes pretty near to my own opinion when he states that "In our inmost minds we all have a feeling that a ticked bird is the nearest to a clear, and that feeling existed with old time fanciers." This is a sound, common-sense statement. A tick as now recognised in the bird fancy is quite as much a mark as a mark is a tick. Throw the tick question out altogether, and we come to mark, and a schedule could be worded "clear, unevenly marked, or even marked, the even marks to include both eyes, or both wings, or both sides of tail." If wings or tail, or both, were evenly marked, and one eye also marked, the bird would go to the unevenly marked class, that is, any other mark or variegation on an otherwise even-marked bird sends it into the uneven marked section.

I also find that Mr. House states about the bird in dispute: "It is ticked all over the saddle, but very lightly ticked. It is not heavily ticked as some birds I have seen." I take it that what is intended to convey is that the marks on the saddle are practically a variegation of small ticks, and here is where I find his object more or less defeated.

To my mind a quantity of isolated ticks renders the bird a marked one. If, on the other hand, the markings were one round solid, although covering a section of different feathers, it would greatly strengthen his argument that the bird is a ticked one.

As it is, the bird is without a definition other than it has a multiple of ticks. This is where I beg to differ with Mr. House, and I feel as justified and as competent to pass an opinion as he himself is, but in a friendly spirit. Of course, the correctly recognised "marks" are on eyes, wings, and tail, and any other variegation, whether on a clear or on an even-marked bird, renders the bird an uneven-marked specimen. As previously stated, there should not be such a thing as a "ticked" bird, and this would be a complete solution to all the trouble as I see it. I should indeed be glad to know the opinion of others on this interesting subject.

I find Nuttall's dictionary gives the definition of "tick" as a small mark, not a multiple of small marks, and if the word tick is to be recognised in the bird fancy the tick should not be larger than an ordinary pin's head, and the only spot on an otherwise clear specimen.

Mr. Bastock suggests a national society to deal with such questions. Even if that were done it would still be only the opinion of a few on a committee. I thought a Cage Bird Union was formed some time ago. What became of it? Personally, I consider that a good discussion in Cage Birds is more stimulating and more likely to get near the mark than any new society would be.

J. Kershaw.

In Favour of the Verdict.

Sir,—Nuttall's Dictionary gives the meaning of the word "Grizzled" as a mixture of white and black-grey. This being strictly adhered to, the word "marked" as used in the Fancy is at once void and should be completely set aside to my mind.

Revert again to Grizzle, one cannot find in a Grizzle a solid mark, only thread-like streaks, dark grey, not exceeding the size of a sixpence. The bird is nothing more nor less than ticked, in my humble opinion.

As to the action taken by Mr. House in "wrong classing" the bird owned by Messrs. Stubbs, I consider he has proved himself quite up to his profession in being fully on the alert.

I note that one of your correspondents classes the bird in question as saddled. I do not understand how this bird can be saddled either, as termed by the Fancy generally. Let us reason together and stick to the point, keeping the origin of the dispute well in front of us, also a friendly spirit. No pulling down Houses. There is no one "Idle" to rebuild them at present.

J. Locke.

The Word "Splashed" Suggested.

Sir,—I have read with great interest every letter on the matter. The short letter by Mr. J. Kershaw in Cage Birds of Jan. 13 is, I think, a good short expression of opinion by a Canary breeder. Myself, I am of Mr. Kershaw's opinion; the very word speaks for itself, so we shall look forward with interest for the Yorkshire Union and Norwich Canary Club settlement.

Respecting a marked bird, I think it needs very little decision. If we had the chance of going round a show with, say, half a dozen new in the fancy, and pointed out to them such a bird as Messrs. Stubbs', I can easily imagine how these novices would describe its markings. Very likely they would say, innocently, that the bird is splashed, and then we should no doubt correct them and say, "No, that is a marked bird." So let me, therefore, endorse Mr. J. Kershaw's few lines.

J. H. Jowett.

Ticked, Flaked, or Variegated.

Sir,—I have noted with interest all that has been said on the above subject. Having been a breeder of Scotch Fancies for nearly 30 years, I should like to give your readers an idea of what we used to term a ticked or flaked bird. I can recall many a friendly discussion on the subject with prominent old breeders, some of whom alas have gone over to the majority, and the conclusion generally arrived at was that if a bird had one or two distinct marks it was considered a foul or ticked bird, but it had three or more such marks it was a flaked or variegated. We did not consider a grizzled patch on a bird a distinct mark, it only being light coloured feathers with dark tips on ends. It was matterless what size this grizzle patch might be, the bird was always considered a foul or ticked. Then again, take a green bird; even if its tail feathers were all light, so long as it was all dark above the perch, it was classed as a green, but if it had a few light feathers on any part of its body it had to be classed as a flaked or variegated. Personally, I consider this is wrong. I think our green class ought to read "self or foul green," that would take in the light tailed and also the birds with a few light feathers on body. I hope that this subject will be so thrashed out in the columns of Cage Birds that a definite and lasting understanding will be arrived at.

C. Lugton.

Yorkshire Union v. Border Fancy Rules.

Sir,—Mr. House says we scoff at Blakston. This is not correct. We simply said we did not accept Blakston as an authority, and where the scoffing comes in we fail to see. It is admitted that the Norwich Clubs have no ruling as to what should be a tick, therefore it is quite plain that they don't up to the present time accept either Blakston or the Yorkshire Union's definition. Mr. House says the Yorkshire Canary Club, the Cinnamon Marked Club, and the Border Canary Club are in agreement with the Yorkshire Union. I would ask him to get the rules of the Southern Border Fancy Club, and then, perhaps, he will alter his opinion.

Now we take it that Mr. House judges by Blakston and the Yorkshire Union rules. Very well. This places him in a worse position than before, and we will state why. At Port Talbot show we had two birds in the marked class, one yellow and one buff, and both these birds are saddle marked. According to the Yorkshire Union rules, given us by Mr. Midgeley in this week's Cage Birds, a bird has to be marked either on the eyes, flights, and outer tail feathers before it can become a marked bird. Mr. House wrong classed the one bird and placed the other first, yet the bird that won has not got the slightest mark of any kind on either eyes, flights, or tail. Mr. House says if the markings of the saddle had been solid it is £1,000 to a grass seed that the wings would have been marked also. I can assure Mr. House that had he been judging under the Yorkshire rules his £1,000 would have vanished like a whiff of smoke. Had he judged under the Yorkshire standard he should have wrong classed both birds, so we ask him what rules he judges by.

Mr. House says that because Mr. Martin passes an opinion on the subject we scoff and sneer at him. What did we say? Simply that he was an easily satisfied man, and placed him as a greater authority than Blakston. He should have felt more honoured than otherwise. We are quite aware that everyone is entitled to an opinion, but what sort of an opinion did Mr. House have for all and sundry in his letters of Dec. 9 and 23? Does it not look also as if Mr. Martin is trying to put the screw on Mr. Cole? Mr. House says while we argue that the bird is marked we admit it is grey or grizzly. We want him to read our letters over carefully and point out to us where we said it.

Mr. Martin says we have not advanced any well-founded argument in support of our contention. We will give him a little bit of evidence to go on with. Since the bird was wrong classed he has been shown four times: Birmingham, Perth, Pontypool, and Llanelly; the judges were Messrs. Roe, Robson, Houghton, and Allsopp, and on each occasion the bird was allowed to stand. Now we ask Mossrs. Martin and House if this is any evidence, or if these judges are not capable of knowing what a tick should be. Please answer us this question.

Now what has Mr. Martin advanced in support of himself? As far as we can see, only his guinea to the Editor. He wants us to have the bird judged by the Yorkshire Union rules. In the first place we would like to point out that we are showing Norwich, not Yorkshires, and if we are to go by the Yorkshire rules why is it we are not showing our birds in the Yorkshire show cages? Would the Yorkshire Union accept the S.H.P.C. definition of a tick? We think not. Not only that, but we should still be in the same position as we are now, for should the Yorkshire Union accept the bird as a ticked we should still have to show the bird in the marked classes according to the generally accepted tick among the Norwich men around here.

Mr. Martin says the Yorkshire Union rules are the only law that deals with the case in question. He is wrong; the Southern Border Fancy Club have their rules, which are entirely different to the Yorkshire Union, and their law stands as much as the other. Can Mr. Martin dispute this? Does he think he has cut the lines of our communications? If so, he is mistaken. We still see the way clearly before us, and we will accept his challenge on the following condition. That the bird is to be judged according to the rules laid down by the Southern Border Fancy Club. We may as well have the laws of this Club as any other, and the winner is to give the two guineas to the Red Cross.

Now, how much progress have we made as regards the bird being a ticked or a marked? Up to the present time the balance of evidence is certainly in our favour. We have the recent decisions of four well-known judges, also of several others which if needs be we could name. Against this Mr. House names Blakston and the Yorkshire Union rules. These are only the rules of a Society and are not accepted by one and all. Mr. Martin says in the absence of scheduled instructions the bird must be judged as a ticked. On the other hand, we take it he will have to be judged as a marked. Therefore, according to this, he is sometimes to be a ticked and at others a marked. Mr. Martin is certainly making some advance.

In answer to "Manxman" we don't think it would be fair for us to make an outline drawing of the bird. It would perhaps be said that we had put the balance of markings in our favour, but perhaps Mr. Norman would help. He has seen the bird on several occasions, and no doubt has got a good idea of his markings.

STUBBS BROS.

[Mr. Norman has a careful sketch of the bird which is causing all this discussion, and we hope to receive this finished in time for reproduction in our next issue.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

(Some interesting letters unavoidably held over.)

Club Reports.

BARROW C.B.A.

Meeting held Jan. 13. Decided to remove the place of meeting to the rooms adjoining Weights and Measures Office, Lawson Street. Next meeting Jan. 20. Entries for forthcoming members' show taken, and general business.—Tom Croft, Hon. Sec.

CRYSTAL PALACE AND PENGE.

Annual general meeting, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, Jan. 10. Balance sheet showed a balance of £2 13s. and more subs. to come in. Usual business was gone into:—Schedule for pair and Finch show, on Feb. 14; presentation of purse subscribed by members to hon. sec. The prospects of club for 1917 are good. Several new members were made and more applied.—W. D. Fryett, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Annual general meeting Jan. 10, with a fair muster. Decided to confine the competition for cup to the N.F. show and Old Bird show. Several propositions and amendments were made, and whatever carried was accepted with the sportsmanship that gives credit to the society. The annual dinner and distribution of prizes was fixed for Jan. 27, when we hope to have a good night together. N.F. show was fixed for July 27, same classes as in 1916. Balance-sheet was read and accepted, and the old officers were re-elected for 1917.—R. Charleson, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting, Jan. 4, Mr. Hemming presiding. Syllabus arranged. The table show of birds for sale proved an attraction, and there were several transactions. Result:—Pairs: 1, 4, hc, Woolhouse; 2, vhc, Wasdin; 3, c, Drabble. Cocks: 1, 4, vhc, Hemming; 2, Jones; 3, hc, Williams. Hens: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Sisson; 4, hc, Gill; vhc, Jones; c, Crook. Messrs. Hobson and Oxley judged. Mr. Hemming paid a tribute to Mr. Jones on the able manner he had performed the duties of President during the past four years, and Mr. Jones suitably responded. The attendance was good, and Messrs. Farnell, Moore, Goodwin, and Thornton were elected members. Next meeting, pairing competition. A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. Bingham, who has lost a son in France.—E. Sisson, Assist. Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Jan. 9, Mr. W. G. Fellows (chair). The annual report showed that despite the number of members who had joined up, the season had been very successful, the whole of the programme having been carried out with the exception of the outing. The society's financial position had also improved, the balance sheet now showing £10 11s. 8d. to the good; the plate chest, however, had been reduced, one cup having been won outright. The balance sheet and report was passed, and the hon. sec. voted an honorarium. The voting papers were then counted, and it was found that the hon. sec., Mr. G. J. Slade, 34, Milton Road, Fitzhugh, Southampton, had been re-elected, Mr. W. Melbuish to be the hon. assist sec. The chairman, Mr. W. G. Fellows, and Mr. J. B. Hayter, vice-chair, were also re-elected. The hon. treas. from the founding, Mr. A. G. Washer, retained his position, and Messrs. W. J. White and A. A. Winter were re-appointed auditers.

An attractive programme was arranged for 1917, including two table shows, F.F. show, and annual show, and it is hoped that despite all unfavourable circumstances a good season's work will be carried out, and the fancy in Southampton and district will be kept alive; with the hard-working committee who have been elected, all should be well.—G. J. Slade, Hon. Sec.

CHOPWELL C.B.S.

Meeting, Club Hall, Jan. 6, Mr. W. Marsh, chair; prize money was paid out in full to all successful exhibitors, and balance-sheet was read and passed as satisfactory. Our show on Dec. 23 proving, as last year, a success. A good deal of business was got through, and as this was our general meeting the first on the agenda was the election of officers. The following were elected: Chair, Mr. W. Marsh; vice-chair, M. Simpson; auditors, G. W. Charlton and T. Nixon; committee, Messrs. G. W. Barkass, T. Nixon, W. H. Christer, W. Marsh, E. Jamison; sec. and treas., W. H. Chester; assist. sec., G. W. Barkass. New members elected: Messrs. W. A. Ford, J. W. Oxley, John Gardener, J. Brough, J. Oxley. Will new members please note that 1s. per entry for first year is charged, making 2s. 6d. in all; also decided that any person wishing to become a member must be paid up by the young bird show, and in case of no show being held to be paid up by September meeting. Members who have rule cards would do well to send same in as there have been several alterations made and new members should ask secretary for same, price 2d. each. As we have every appearance of making more members, this society should be one of the strongest in the district. The radius is four miles. Meeting was adjourned, the committee to meet again to settle several points in rules which required revising. Thus closed a pleasant and successful meeting.—W. H. Christer, Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Griffin Hotel, Jan. 6; Mr. W. A. Wilson, chair. Officers elected:—Pres., Mr. W. Hall; vice-pres., Messrs. W. Greenwood, E. Hallersley and Dr. Cummings; hon. treas., Mr. Sanderson; joint secs., Messrs. W. A. Wilson and R. Watkinson; committee, Mr. Baldwinson (chairman), Messrs. Livingstone, Chambers, Wrightson, Wainn, C. E. Hall, Owen, and E. Reed. Results of various competitions, 1916:—Leeds cup, Mr. Baldwinson, 42 points, 19s. 6d. prize-money; runner-up, Dr. Cummings, 42, 13s. 8d. prize-money; president's cup, Mr. Baldwinson, 66; breeders' special, Mr. Sanderson, 54; section specials:—Ch. Yorks., Baldwinson 86, A. Brown, 60, Ch. Norwich, W. Tose 86, Livingstone 56; Border and A.O.V. Can., Stephenson 40½ points; British Section, Haigh 106, Baldwinson 104, Dr. Cummings 89, Novice Yorks., Sanderson 99, Wrightson 50; members' specials: Haigh 106, Dr. Cummings 99, Sanderson 99, Tose 86, B. H. Wilson 64, A. Brown 60, Livingstone 56, Meunard 56, Richardson 52. Special most points Canary classes only, Mr. Baldwinson; amat. British, Dr. Cummings 134, Dobson 91, Colburn 66 Fisher 14, Chambers and Smith 4. Table show specials:—British, Hunt 25, Dr. Cummings 15; Yorks., Sanderson 35, Baldwinson 17; Nor., Livingstone 29, Baldwinson 25. Most points gained by novice, all table shows to count, Sanderson, 45 points. The annual prize distribution will be held at the Griffin Hotel Feb. 3, and will take the shape of a tea and concert; tea 2s. per head; members intending to come must let secretary know at once, so that arrangements can be made. Mr. Brookhouse, of Bramley, and Mr. Noble, of Pudsey, were elected members.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec.

W. STANLEY (Patriotic) F.F., &c.

Meeting, held Jan. 13; R. Peart, chair. Decided by a good meeting to hold another patriotic show. Feb. 24. Election of officers: Chair, R. Peart; vice chair, J. Armitage; treas., W. J. Platten; assist. sec., W. Siddle; sec., R. Hutchinson. Will all fanciers in the district help us with this good cause?—R. Hutchinson.

SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, January 6, W. Thompson presiding over a good attendance. The business waxed fast and furious on electing of officers, the old ones going back in office with one or two exceptions, though new ones had been nominated for office, and four for the secretaryship. The old secretary gained the largest majority he ever had.—W. L. Smith.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

Meeting, Prince of Wales Hotel, Jan. 13, Mr. Wm. Cooper presided over a good attendance. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. J. Parfitt in his illness, wishing him a speedy recovery. Unanimously decided to have members' stock pair show Feb. 17. Classes: 2 Norwich; 1 Novice Nor., 2 Yorks., 2 Novice Yorks., 1 Bord., 1 Mules and Hybrids. Members will receive postcard as to time of staging, etc. Judge, Mr. Jno. Hillman. Now is the time for new members to roll up.—J. Webber Hon Sec.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH.

Meeting, Laidlaw's Rooms, Jan. 8; Mr. R. Crawford, president, in the chair. Agreed to hold a judging competition, any variety Canary. Secretary promised a special prize to the winner. Pairs show, Jan. 27, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, entry 6d. A discussion arose re rule 14, and it was agreed to leave it as at present. New members elected, Carstairs and Miller. The chairman said he would like to see members attending the meeting better and not leave the work of the club on the shoulders of a few. Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—Wm. Gunning, Sec.

WIGAN ROLLER C.C.

Annual meeting, Jan. 10. There was a record attendance, and seven new members were enrolled. Officers elected: Pres., Mr. T. Kay; vice-pres., Mr R. Barnett; treas. and sec., Mr. P. Greenall; auditors, Mr. Bamber and Mr. Vernon; committee, Messrs. Farrimond, Ashton, Tomlinson, Mather, Smith, Unsworth, and W. Smith. Decided to hold next annual contest Dec. 14 and 15, 1917. Roller clubs please note to avoid clashing.

Meetings will be held monthly, but on every second Wednesday and Saturday alternately. Lectures will be given on Jan. 24, and Feb. 10, by Mr. Kilshaw and Mr. Massey, on the song of the Roller Canary. A number of birds will be present at each lecture. Roller fanciers will be given a cordial welcome. Intending members should write the Sec., P. Greenall, 581, Ormskirk-rd., Pemberton, Nr. Wigan.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Results of Competitions, 1916-17.

Skelmanthorpe show brought the Union competitions to a close for the season. The first season's competition for the Yorkshire Union challenge trophy (value 10 guineas) resulted as follows: 1, L. Dykes, 267 pts.; 2, H. H. Towers, 219; 3, A. W. Hartley, 190. Amateur gold medal winners:—C. Padgett 182, John Taylor 156, A. Gledhill 154; novice gold medals:—Yorkshires, W. Chapman 240, W. H. Hamlyn 219, L. Hodgson, junr., 180, W. Crowther 188. Pownall Bros. 182.; Nor., A. F. Isman 23 Winners of Mr. W. B. Atkinson's specials: W. Chapman 274, and W. H. Hamlyn (Harrogate) 247. Errington's colour food prizes: Champ., C. Morrison 180, and J. Taylor, 143; novices, W. Chapman 206, W. H. Hamlyn 187.

Any competitor finding the above points do not agree with his reckoning should write me immediately.—S. Midgley, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW (West of Scotland)

Annual general meeting, Jan. 13, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Mr. W. Wood presiding over a good attendance. Financial statement for 1916 was submitted and considered satisfactory. Election of office bearers for 1917: Pres., Mr. G. Smart; vice-pres., Messrs. E. Barron and J. Black; sec., W. Hutchison; committee, Messrs. Begg, Cook, Wood, Jardine, Gunion, Gilbert, Eagesham, Boyd, Kerr, Nimmis; auditors, Messrs. Barron and Boyd. Alterations in cup rules were made. When points cups are won outright in future, cups shall be for best young bird in section; no restriction on number of birds to be shown for cup. Decided that prize money be on sliding scale at annual show. Agreed that fee of 3d. per cage be charged for pair show and F.F. show. Decided to hold pair show Feb. 3, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7. Messrs. Jeffrey and H. P. Hutchison judges. Decided to add class for variegated in all varieties of Canaries. Specials were presented by Messrs. Barron, Wood, Black, Hutchison, and Black. A vote of thanks to the retiring president terminated the meeting.—W. Hutchison.

GUISBORO' (Priory) C.B.S.

Annual general meeting and social at Headquarters, Year's Rooms, Jan. 6, when the members sat down to a good tea, provided by our genial host, Mr. Wear. After full justice had been done to the good things provided the chairman announced the most interesting item on the programme, viz., the distribution of prizes for most points during 1916. In the championship class, special most points was won by our worthy chairman. Mr. J. G. Cook, nomination special, H. Hood and other specials, Messrs. G. Barker, W. Wilson, M. Graham, Jack Taylor, Bob Mays, and G. Jobling. Novice special, J. S. Campbell and other prizes by Messrs. A. Knaggs, G. Atkinson, and F. Readman. As time was getting limited it was decided to devote the remainder to dealing with matters of business. Election of officers: Chair., Mr. J. G. Cook, re-elected; treas., Mr. Fred Jones, re-elected; committee, whole of members. Owing to pressure of business and other circumstances the sec., Mr. Knaggs found it impossible to carry on the secretarial duties, and Mr. J. S. Campbell was unanimously elected. Unanimously agreed that the society place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Knaggs. Decided to hold four shows: Pair show first Saturday in February; N.F. show July, young stock Oct., and a table show. Decided to give a medal to the member breeding the best bird during 1917, and to hold a judging competition in connection with our pair show. A prize to be given to the member coming nearest to the judge's awards. This ended a pleasant and enjoyable evening. It rests with the members now to rally round their new sec., and make this society one of the best in the Cleveland district.—J. S. Campbell, Sec.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Crown Hotel, 8. Special meeting. Balance-sheet. Arrangement of cup competition for show, Jan. 27.—W. Parkinson.

Burnley C.B.S.—Jan. 21, 75, Lindsay Street, 7 Quarterly balance-sheet; yearly balance-sheet. Election of officers and fixing date F.F. show.—J. Moorhouse.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Jan. 21, King's Head Hotel, 6. Paying prize money specials, balance-sheet, etc.—R. Ward.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Jan. 22, 8.—Opening of a discussion on "The basis for a strain" Non-members particularly invited.—F. J. Martin.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Members are reminded that entries for the pair show close on Wednesday next.—F. J. Martin.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Jan. 2, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 1.30 p.m. Members' stock pair show of Canaries, Mules and Hybrids. Judge, W. Vardy.—Smith and Lees.

Clapham C.B.A.—Jan. 23, 8. Annual general meeting.—T. J. Hose.

Derby C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Normanton Hotel, 7.30. Annual meeting. Election of officers. Proposed extension of radius to 20 miles.—F. W. Jordan.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—Jan. 22, Sec.'s residence, 8. Programme for the year and other business.—J. Alderslade.

Eccleshill C.B.S.—Jan. 20, Fountain Inn, 6.30. General meeting, election of officers, etc., for 1917. Arrango prize distribution, etc.—S. Wilcock.

East Ham F.S.—Jan. 25, headquarters, 8. Adjourned annual general meeting. Important business.—W. A. Harwood.

East Stanley Club.—Jan. 20, Club-room, 5. Paying prize money.—J. Armitage.

Grimsby O.S.—Jan. 25, Slatter's Room, 8. Annual general meeting. Programme for 1917. Balance-sheet.—D. C. Thornton.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Jan. 20, 122, Ingram Street, 6 to 8 p.m. The Sec. will be in attendance at headquarters to receive entries for annual show.—J. H. Adam.

Halifax C.B.S.—Jan. 20, King Cross Band Room. Annual members' show. Birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. P. Mason (Windhill).—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

Idle C.B.S.—Jan. 24, Springfield Hotel, 7.15. Rabbit pie supper. Presentation of prizes. Social evening.—L. Lloyd.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Jan. 13, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 7.30. Annual general meeting and balance-sheet.—W. Gilbert.

Landore and Plasmarl C.B.S.—Jan. 20, George and Dragon, 6.30.—Hy. Fry.

Leigh C.B.S.—Jan. 24, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Names for feed to be given in, 3s. per head, and other business.—R. Charleson.

Mountain Ash F. and F.S.—Jan. 25, Napier's Hotel, 6.30. Annual meeting, report and balance sheet, election of officers, and other important business.—T. Holman.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Princess Alice, 2.30. Table show: Stock pairs, yell. and buff, buff and yell., Crest and C.B., C.B. and Crest. Judge for Can., Mr. Cook; Brit. not fixed.—T. C. Deans.

N.W. Glasgow C.B.C.—Jan. 23, 44, Napiershall Street, 7.30. Annual general meeting; submitting financial statement, election of office-bearers for 1917, paying over prize-money won at Annual Show, etc.—P. Houston.

New Kyo Constitutional Club C.B.S.—Jan. 21, 6.30. Prize-money and other business.—J. W. Christon.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—Jan. 24, Shield's Cafe, 7.30. General meeting, pair show, and new cup.—R. Havis.

Newcastle E. End C.B.S.—Jan. 31, Blue Bell Inn, Shield Road, 7.30. Annual meeting for passing of balance-sheet, and other business.—E. Coltman.

National British Bird and Mule Club.—Jan. 25. "Red Lion," York Street, Piccadilly, 8. Supposed Hybrids.—E. Stephens.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Jan. 24, Room back of stage, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. Entries Annual Show Jan. 20; auditor's report; election of new sec.—A. W. Newton.

Penygraig C.B.S.—Jan. 22, Butchers' Arms, Penygraig, 6.30. Important business regarding catalogues, also staging; new members invited.—G. Padfield.

Pontypool C.B.S.—Jan. 27, headquarters, 6.30. Washing exhibition by A. E. Moule; using his Climax drying cage.—W. D. Lewis.

Richmond (Surrey) C.B.S.—Jan. 29, St. John's Hall, Richmond, 8. Annual general meeting.—C. Parmiter.

Shipley.—Jan. 20, Co-op. Hall, 2.15, also members' show, Co-op. Hall. Entries taken up to 2.15.—Long and Craven.

Stanley Garden House Club F.F. and C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Club Rooms, 6.30. Election of stewards; closing date for entries, and other important business.—T. Nicholson.

South Shields Always Ready.—Jan. 24, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road, 7.30. Adoption of balance-sheet; election of officers; new members to be proposed; new members invited.—J. W. Watson.

St. Quintin Park F. and F.S.—Jan. 25, Street Traders' Institute, Portobello Road, W., 8.15. Question night; visitors welcome.—A. S. Tarrant.

West Stanley F. F. and C.B.S.—Jan. 20, Victoria Hall, 7.30. Paying out prize-money and election of officers.—R. Hutchinson.

West Stanley Patriotic F.F. C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Victoria Club, 11.30. Important business, tickets, etc.—R. Hutchinson.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B...

Annual general meeting, Jan. 8. Officers elected:—Messrs. Burt, Runchman, Offord junr. and sen., Prance, Mugford, Hohden, Curtis, Brock, Marks, Weston, and Wills, for the Council; Mr. J. Chard, chair; Mr. G. W. Sanders, vice; Mr. V. Wynn, treas.; Mr. H. Shepherd, trustee and custodian; Messrs. Sayer and Prior, auditors; Mr. Thynne, assist. sec.; and F. J. Martin, sec. Mrs. Alice Cook was elected a vice-president. Young bird show, July 4; judge, H. Norman. Annual show, Nov. 7 and 8; judge, Mr. T. Heath. Pair show judge, Mr. J. Robson. The balance sheet, as audited, was read, and showed that the income had exceeded the expenditure by about £5, making the society's cash balance about £27. During the year no less than £12 in cash had been given to the members in special prizes, in addition to other prizes, and the guinea special won by Mr. Hannaford. There were also the cups for competition as usual. Four fanciers were elected members. The pair and British bird show is being held on Jan. 31. Fanciers please note.—F. J. Martin, Sec.

WALLSEND (Mid-Tyne) C.B.S.

General meeting, Station Hotel, Jan. 10. Mr. L. Simpson presided over a good attendance. Officers elected:—Col. E. R. Pinkney, pres., our worthy host; vice-pres., Messrs. Johnston, Robertson, Arkley, Young, Forest, Elcoat, Morris, Craig, Liddle, Lennox, Ewan, Dr. Spencer, Dr. Phillipson, Dr. Aitchison, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Hepplewhite; chair, Mr. L. Simpson; vice-chair., Mr. R. White; committee, Messrs. Wilson, Heslop, Couchman, Mathewson, Couchman, Muse, W. Studholme, R. Studholme, Scott, Heron, Messenger, McKie, Masterman, Stephenson, Bevoor, Montgomery; auditors, Messrs. Stephenson and Robson; sec. and treas., Geo. Greenwell. Annual report and balance sheet was read by the sec., and although the past year has been very heavy in respect to expenses, it left a balance of £8 0s. 6d. after paying £15 prize-money, in addition to entry fees. Mr. J. Johnston, Border Green fancier, was elected a vice-president. Decided to leave question discussion over till next meeting. We are having table show for British next meeting; classes: Linnet, Greenf., Goldf., and Bullf., and Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; 6d. a cage. Members please turn up at 7, prompt. We have to be out by 9. Mr. W. Curry, Newcastle, will judge. New members: Curry, J. Leghorn, Baker, South Shields; Barnes, Tyne Dock; Henderson, Byker; Graham, Blaydon; Stephenson, North Shields; Simpson, Blaydon; Brown, Wallsend; J. Dobson, Ryton; Purvis, Wellington; Scott, Byker; Chapman, Newcastle; Lyons, Walker; Moat, Backwroth; Ridley, Ryton; Dick, North Shields; Boyd, Winlaton; Coomber, Low Fell; Kirkpatrick, Newcastle; Waters, Sunderland; Young, Beamish; Clarkson, Pelton; Mulgrove, North Shields; McVay, North Shields; Smith, Sunderland; Armstrong, Tyne Dock; Hindmarsh, Seaton Delaval; Foster, Cramlington; Archbold and Lascelles, Seghill; Wood, Wallsend. We have extended our radius for membership to 20 miles; fanciers wishing to join send names to sec. 1/- to join and 2/6 subs.—Geo. Greenwell, Sec., 17, George Road.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Jan. 8, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, Mr. P. Johnston, chair, and a good attendance. Mr. J. Hyde was complimented on his compilation of the balance-sheet, which was considered very satisfactory under present conditions. Judges for coming year were elected: Pair show, Jan. 27, Mr. H. Norman; Young Bird show, July 7, Mr. J. Hodder; Annual Autumn show, Nov. 16-17, Mr. H. Norman. An excellent syllabus was outlined, covering the third Monday in each month throughout the year. At the last three meetings, 15 new members have been elected. Mr. H. Wills nominating six and Mr. F. C. Knight, 9. Officers elected: Pres, G. A. Zouche, Esq., M.P.; vice-pres., Messrs. C. W. Law, E. R. P. Moon, G. Gardner, and G. E. Weston; patrons, Rt. Hon. W. H. Dickinson, M.P., D. S. Waterlow, W. Reynolds, Alderman C. A. Dixey, Dr. P. Barragry, L.R.C.P. and S.C., Councillor A. Soloman, and Mr. T. R. Trower; chair, Mr. P. Johnston; vice-pres., Mr. H. T. Dann; treas., Mr. J. M. Kent; Hon. Sec., Mr. J. Hyde; corresp. Sec., Mr. F. C. Knight; auditors Messrs. W. Shearer and G. Gardner; committee Messrs. W. H. Browbridge, E. T. Bush, J. Carrington, E. Mound, W. Shorter, G. Street, G. Stretton, W. Shakespeare, A. Gambrill, A. Knight, W. H. Wills, and F. Walmsley Members were reluctantly obliged to elect new members on committee owing to the difficulty in obtaining a quorum at meetings, several officers being on war service, or in H.M. Forces. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting. Fanciers wishing to join society should apply to F. C. Knight, 40, Spencer-road, Dartmouth Park, N.W.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Jan. 7, 19 birds sang: 1, Stead; 2, Sellers; 3, Hollingworth; 4, Ward. Judges, Grant and Hayes.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel Skinner Lane, Jan. 14; 19 sang: 1, Binns; 2, Summers; 3, shared, Summers and Balmfield. Judge, T. C. Summers; timekeeper, W. Rayner.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for Linnet singing, Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, York Road, Jan. 14: 1, 3, Marshall; 2, Buckley; 4, Watson. Canaries: 1, 2, Lockwood; 3, Appleyard. Judges, Dearlove and Biss.—T. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

West Leeds Linnet and Canary Assoc., Viaduct Inn. Linnet singing contest, 20 birds sang: 1, 2, T. Dobson and Jarrow, shared; 3, 4, Dobson and Dagless, shared. Canary contest at night, Prince of Wales, Wadsworth: 1, Cunliff; 2, Thompson; 3, Wood; Dobson and Thompson shared 4th; 16 birds sang.—T. Cawood, Sec.

Canary Contest, open to all comers, Jan. 21, Viaduct Inn, at 7.—T. Cawood.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, open sing, Jan. 14. 39 birds entered for four prizes, and some good singing was done: 1, Jones; 2, Scott; 3, Cox; 4, Foster.—S. Pugh, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, Jan. 14. 20 birds sang: 1, 2, Holmshaw; 3, Robinson. Wainwright and Jackson sang another match for £1, Jackson again suffering defeat.—E. Phillipson, Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn, Linnet Club, Jan. 14. 19 birds faced the judge in a four minutes time sing; Shepherd, timer; Bamforth, chalker: 1, Norburn, 3min. 46sec; 2, France, 3.35; 3, Hardman, 3.11; Wright, 3.4; Jones, 3.1; Norman and Ginger tie for 5th prize, 2.52 each; very good singing in snowy weather.—J. Hardman, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax Linnet Club, headquarters, Commercial Hotel, members' sing, Jan. 13, finest contest since Dec. 18, 1915, when 32 birds entered for three good prizes: 1, Cooper; 2, Collinson; 3, Wallis; timekeepers, O. Potter, J. Cooper; tappers, J. Liversedge, J. Wallis. Five new members turned up. All entered birds for contesting, and some of them look like having good birds in a few weeks' time. Next contest, Jan. 27.—R. Plows, Sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

LLANELLY.

The one day show of the Llanelly C.B.S. was held Jan. 7. The entry was a shade less than that of last year, but otherwise the show was quite as successful. The Market Hall is a grand building for a big show, and looked well with its tiers of birds cages, palms and ferns. Although the top lights were shaded, the side windows gave a good light for both judging and sight-seeing, and the day being fine, the numerous visitors and everybody concerned appeared to enjoy the display. The secretarial work this year was in the capable hands of Mr. H. Webster, and he managed everything splendidly; he, of course, had the able assistance of Mr. Daniel John, the vice-chairman, who ran the show for many years, and they had several willing assistants. Among them were Councillor R. D. Jones, the chairman, Messrs. Gregory, Gregory, sen., Jones, Sam Lewis, L. G. Lewis, Jenkins, Teague, Macdonald, Owen, Morgan, Jenkins, Jones, Mathias, Speck, and Davies. Messrs. T. R. Gregory and D. R. Jones acted as joint managers, and their work was quite up to date in every respect. We understand Mr. Gregory was responsible for the staging and preparing the hall for the event, and the way all this was arranged was sufficient proof of his ability in this particular direction. He was not the only Gregory that did useful work that day; his little daughter acted as doorkeeper, with the result that a record amount of cash was taken (trust a lady for looking after the money); the society should retain her services by offering an honorary membership. We were sorry to hear a few entries failed to arrive in time for judging, but it is one of the risks incidental to exhibiting in these times. Mr Allsopp, Cardiff, judged the Canary section in the absense of Mr. Hirst, and Mr. H. Norman the Hybrids and British.

The open Canary section did not quite come up to expectation in numbers seeing the classification offered. In Norwich, Messrs. Stubbs Bros. staged a fine team, and turned out the cup winners. Yorks were good in quality, splendid teams being put down by Messrs. Dykes, Owens, Thompson, and Bevan, but unfortunately many of the birds were very thick whilst being judged. The local crack, Mr. Owens, held a strong hand, staging some real gems including a brace of unflighted hens of great merit, and easily accounted for the open cup in this section, and also the local cup. Borders were really splendid and proved quite a feature of the show. Entries totalled 74 in the six open classes, competition being very keen. The cup in this section was won by Mr. D. Jenkins, who staged some of his well known cracks, the runner up, Mr. Morgan Thomas being only one point behind. Novice Borders were also fine entries, totalling 52 in four classes, the cup being won by Mr. Bevan, who staged some really excellent exhibits. Some fine teams also being staged by Messrs. Geo. Evans and E. J. Evans, in fact all those in the money could have upset some of the awards in the open classes. Local cup for most points in open Nov., was won by Mr. D. H. Davies.

The Hybrid section was only fairly well filled, but contained some notable examples. Mr. Chick's well known clear Greenfinch-Canary was accompanied by a ticked brother. Mrs. Lilian Dalton had out three exceptional dark Mules, they led an excellent class and are all fine examples of their particular cross, the leader, a grand Greenie, being in wonderful fettle.

As usual, the British birds were a splendid lot. The two Goldfinch classes, each containing over twenty birds, were excellent, the H.M. birds showing the colour, condition, and quality obtainable by careful keeping and judicious feeding. In the Bullfinch classes the excellence was reversed, the F.M. birds being an exceptional collection, either of the first dozen were tip-top show specimens. The winner staged by Mr. Jeffreys is an outstanding bird, he is so big that at any other time it would be dangerous to stage him as a native. Mr. Nicholas staged a charming Linnet, a good all-round specimen, thus adding to his many wins at this fixture Other particularly good birds were Mr. Chick's Yell Bunting and Hawfinch, Mrs. Dalton's H.M. Lesser Redpoll and Siskin.

THE CANARY SECTION.
Judge: Mr. E. W. Allsopp.

NOR., CL. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, Morris, cl., grand col. and qual., neat head, good deep chest, well cut away, good subs. and cond.; 2, Stubbs Bros., tkd., another good one, lovely col. and qual., grand shape and subs., tip top wings and tail; 3, Jenkins, cl., good rich level col., neat head and neck, splendid type and qual.; 4, Davies.; vhc, Jones. BUFF (6): 1, Davies, cl., good col. and qual., nice round head, good shapely body, plenty of daylight behind, splendid subs. and cond.; 2, Matthews, cl., good head and subs., nice cobby shape, well braced wings, fine col. and cond.; 3, Mrs. Bridgwater, cl., plenty of subs., good head, shapely body, nice wings and tail, perhaps hardly as cobby as leaders; 4, Lewis; vbc, Jenkins; abs., Stubbs Bros. VAR. (6): 1, Matthews, var., lovely col. and qual., fine size, very shapely, good wings and tail, best of wings; 2, 3, Stubbs Bros., gems, both grizzle mkd., grand heads and neck, fine deep chest, good cobby shape, beautiful col. and qual.; 4, Jones; vhc, Morris; hc, Lewis. HEN (9): 1, vhc, Hitchings, varieg. yell., lovely rich col. and qual., good round head, nice deep chest, nicely cut away behind, good subs. and cond.; 2, 4, Davies, cap mkd. buff, nice head and neck, grand cobby shape, best of wing carr., nice size, qual. and cond.; 4, cl. yell., medium size, neat head, shapely body, grand col. and qual.; 3, Jenkins, cl. buff, good head and neck, deep chest, well cut away, good wings and tail, grand subs. and cond.; hc, Matthews; c, Breslaner. UNFL. CK. (11): 1, 4, Stubbs Bros., cl. yell. blaze of col., good shapely head, grand subs., tip top wing, lovely qual and cond.; 4, var. buff, grand head, deep chest, well cut away, splendid subs and cond., a real good one; 2, Jenkins, cl. buff, fine head and neck, shapely body, grand col. and qual., neat wings and tail; 3, Hitchings, cl. yell., nice col. and qual., good cobby shape, plenty of subs.; vhc, Mrs. Bridgwater; hc, Davies; c, Lewis. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, Stubbs Bros., a fine team, leador lightly var. yell., lovely col. and qual., grand cobby shape, best of wings, good subs. and cond.; 2, cl. buff, good round head, shapely body, splendid wing carr., grand col. and qual.; 3, cl. yell., tip top col. and qual., splendid type, well moulded, nicely cut away; 4, Davies; vhc, Hitchings; hc, c, Lewis. NOVICE (4): 1, Jones, cl. buff, good head, very shapely body, splendid subs., cond., qual. and col.; 2, Thomas, var. buff, grand size and shape, nice col. and qual., shade weak in head; 3, Phillips; 4, Davies. YORKS., CL. ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Dykes, cl. blaze of col., good head and shoulders, fine back, wings, and tail, feathered to perfection, lovely length tex. and nerve; 2, 3, vhc, East, shade paler col., shapely head, fine shoulders and back, grand pos. and nerve, well up on leg; 3, another cl., hardly as neatly rounded head, good back, wings and tail, fine leg, grand pos., col., and qual.; 4, Bevan, grand head, good shoulders and back, lovely wings and tail, rather patchy in col.; No. 3, Thompson, a real good one, soft when judged. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Bevan, cl., good head, fine shoulders and back, splendid length, grand leg and pos., nice col. and qual.; 2, Griffith, lovely col. and qual., neat head, grand flights and back, splendidly moulded, nice leg and nerve; 3, Owen, cl., fine col. and qual., neat head, shoulders, and back, best of flights and tail, splendid nerve and leg; 4, Dykes. VAR. (9): 1, Dykes, yell., lovely col. and qual., neat head, good shoulders, back, and flights, well moulded, fine pos., and nerve, grand leg; 2, Brennan and Coulson, yell., good head and shoulders, nice straight back, well packed flights and tail, grand length, fine leg and nerve; 3, vhc, Owens, buff, nice col. and qual., good back, best of flights and tail, well moulded, splendid leg and pos.; 4, Bevan, yell., nice col. and cond., grand type, fine length and pos., good leg and nerve; hc, Jones; c, Morris. HEN (11): 1, 3, 4, Owens, eye tkd. yell., leading, grand col. and qual., nice head and shoulders, good flights and tail, splendidly moulded, stands well on leg; 3, grizzle mkd. yell., very shapely, splendid pos. and leg, good flights and tail, lovely qual. and cond.; 4, cl. buff, neat head, good shoulders, straight back, well packed flight and tail, lovely leg and pos; 2, Fry, cl. yell., nice col. and qual., well moderled throughout, lovely length and pos., grand leg and nerve; vhc, Dykes, soft when judged; hc, c, East. UNFLI. CK. (9): 1, Tucker, tkd. yell., nice col. and qual., good head, lovely shoulders and back, well moulded, splendid length, pos., and nerve, well up on leg; 2, Griffiths, lightly var., another good one, neat head, good back and shoulders, very shapely, lovely length and pos., fine leg.; 3, hc, Owens, cl. buff, nice col. and qual., good head, shoulders, and back, well packed flights, splendid length and nerve, stands well; 4, vhc, Thompson, cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., beautifully moulded, c, Jones. HEN (9): 1, 2, Owens, cl. yell., nice col., and qual., very typical, splendid flights and tail, good legs and pos., 2, cl. buff, neat head, good back, well packed flights and tail, fine length and nerve, grand leg and pos.; 3, Fry, cl. buff, good length, splendid type, nice nerve and pos., good col and qual., well up on leg; 4, Bevan, wing tkd. yell., lovely col. and qual., good head and shoulders, fine nerve and pos.; vhc, Dykes; hc, Tucker; c, Coulson and Brennan. NOVICE (9): 1, Fry, cl. yell., good col. and qual., neat head and shoulders, well moulded throughout, splendid leg and nerve; 2, 4, Griffiths and Thomas, cl. yell., nice back, flights, and tail, good shape and style, splendid leg and pos.; 4, eye tkd. yell., good col. and qual., nice back flights and tail, splendid length and pos. good leg; 3, Williams, cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., fine shoulders and back, well packed flights and tail, nice shape, grand leg, pos., and nerve; vhc, Thomas; hc, Sherrat; c, Lewis and Jones. BORDER, CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, 3, Jenkins, both cl., real gems, feathered like wax, beautifully moulded, lovely wing carr. and cond.; 2, 4, Thomas, tkd. and cl., another brace of good ones, splendidly typical, grand feather, cond., and col.; vhc, Edgington; hc, Madagan; c, Macdonnell. BUFF (17): Grand Class: 1, Thomas, cl., lovely col. and qual., grand shape, best of wings, lovely type, well put down; 2, hc, Macdonnell, cl., nice col. and qual., very jaunty, good wing carr. and cond.; 3, Jenkins, cl., another good one, splendidly feathered, lovely type and cond.; 4, Owens, cl., splendidly feathered, correct type, fine col. and cond.; vbc, Denyard; c, Edgington. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, vhc, Jenkins, lovely, rich col., good waxy feather, splendid type, qual., and cond.; 2, Thomas, fine col. and qual., good type, very jaunty carr., grand cond.; 3, Pte. Blake, cl., nice tone of col., well feathered, true Border type, tip top cond.; 4, Madagan, cl., grand col. and qual., sweetly moulded, beautiful cond.; hc, c, Hutchinson. BUFF (18): Another grand class: 1, Macdonnell, cl., lovely col. and qual., good head, fine shape and cond.; 2, Owen, close up, good waxy feather, splendid type and qual., well moulded; 3, vhc, Thomas, cl. good head, sweetly moulded throughout, tip top wing carr., fine qual. and col.; 4, Davies, cl., nice col. and qual., rather heavily built for a Border; hc, Jenkins; c, Daniels. VAR. (11): Splendid class: 1, Jenkins, yet another win for the noted cinn. mkd. buff, often described, a real gem, feathered like a Java, grand type; 2, Davies, head and wing mkd. yell., good col. and qual., very shapely, tip top wing carr.; 3, c, Thomas, var. yell., splendid tone of col., true Border type, very jaunty, lovely qual. and cond.; 4, Macdonnell, var. buff, neat head, grand shape, correct wings and tail, fine qual. and cond.; vhc, Denyard; hc, Daniels. GREEN [illegible] (10): 1, vhc, Nicholas, well-known cinn., in good order; 2, 3, Nelmes, yell. green, neat head, shapely body, best of wings and tail, grand col. and qual.; 3, yell. cinn., nice tone of col., lovely qual. and cond., good shape, jaunty carr.; 4, Boven, green, neatly moulded, good wings, fine cond., qual., and col.; hc, Sampson; c, Bowen. NOV. YELL. CK. (15): 1, 3, Geo. Evans, lightly var., lovely col. and qual., neat head, very shapely, tip top carr., well put down; 3, cl., splendid type, grand feather, very jaunty, lovely col. and cond.; 2, E. J. Evans, cl., nice col. and qual., correct type, good wing carr., jaunty action, well put down; 4, Davies, good cl., nice size, very shapely, splendid wing and carr., tip top col. and qual.; vhc, Myles; hc, c, Morgans. BUFF (12): 1 James, cl., good col. and qual., neat head, good shape, fine wings and tail, very stylish; 2, Geo. Evans, cl., close up, correct type, nice action, good feather and cond.; 3, Mrs. Bevan, cl., another good one, nice style, grand type, tip top wings fine col. and qual.; 4, vhc, hc, Davies, cl., very shapely, nice col. and qual., well put down; c, Morgans. YELL. HEN (9): 1, vhc, Mrs. Bevan, var., grand col. and qual., neat head, shapely body, correct wings and tail, tip top order; 2, c, Davies, cl., nice tone of col., grand type, nice action, cond., and qual.; 3, Lycett, eye, wing, and neck mkd., lovely col. and qual., fine eye, very shapely, beautiful order; 4, Pattison, cl., nice style and shape, good col. and qual; hc, Morgans. BUFF (16): 1, 2, Mrs Bevan, gems, leader lightly var., tip top col. and qual., nice size, grand shape, jaunty action, good wings; 2, tkd., neat head, very typical, splendid wing carr., grand col. and qual.; 3, E. J. Evans, cl., neat head, shapely body, true Border type, splendid wings, col., and qual.; 4, James, lightly var., yet another good one, splendid shape, good action, good col. and qual., put down in faultless cond.; vhc, Pattison; hc, Myles; c, Bowen. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, 3, Edwards, Crest, Crestbred and Crest, all good subs., and fine cond.; abs., Mrs. Burgess (2). SELL. (5): 1, 3, D. H. Davies; 2, Edwards; 4, W. C. Davies; abs., Addison. LOCAL, NOR. (3): 1, hc, Davies, cl. yell., fine col. and qual., good head, shapely body, nice wing carr.; 2, 4, vhc, Jones, cl. buff and cl. yell., both good type and qual., nice size and cond.; 3, Jones and Jenkins, non-fed, cl. yell., nice tone of col., good size and shape; c, Jenkins. YORKS (10): 1, 2, 3, Owen, a brace of cl. yell., and cl. buff, all grand type and qual., fine style, good nerve and leg, nice pos.; 4, hc, Speck, cl. buff, nice length, good leg and col., hardly qual. of leaders; vhc, Mathias; c, Lewis and Jones.

THE HYBRIDS AND BRITISH BIRDS.
Judge: Mr. H. Norman.

CLEAR MULE (3): 1, 2, Chick, the now well-known cl. yell. Greenf., leading, a wonderful example, followed by a tkd. buff of the same cross both in grand fettle; 3, Evans, very nice variegGold-Can. DARK (11): 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Dalton, three grand birds, leader lovely dark Greenf., fine size beautiful shape, nice rich col., and lovely qual feather, followed closely by an excellent Goldf., nice size and shape, sound col., good blaze, fine qual feather, 3rd splendid Linnet, fine size, nicely proportioned, grand depth of col., beautifully mkd.; 4 Oldham, another good Greenie, big bold buff, rare subs., fine qual., feather excellent cond. VAR. (3): 1, Andrews, lovely Goldf., good size, beautiful shape, deep rich col., grand qual. feather, very fit; 2, Chick, nice Greenf., shapely, excellent feather, very fine cond.; 3, Evans; vhc, Gorton; hc, Sampson; c, Richards. HEN: 1, Welsh, very fine Greenf.-Bullf., bold massive bird, nicely put together capital depth of col., excellent feather; 2, Gorton, charming Goldf.-Bullf., fine size and shape, nicely built; 3, Wren, Goldf-Chaffinch, not a particularly good specimen, but accepted by the judge as genuine, a rare cross; 4, Sampson. GOLDF. (23): 1, Ford and Regan, nice, wide full face, grand rich col., capital body col., good wings, lovely qual., in the pink; 2, James, another beauty, not far behind, grand, clean-cut blaze of good depth of col., well up in tanning, well buttoned wings, fine cond.; 3, Jeffreys, a splendid example, grand bold full face, rare size, good tanning, richly col. wings, loss of a primary put him back; 4, Richards, grand face, rich col., well tanned and buttoned, fine cond., loses in size only; vhc, Andrews; hc, Jones and Jenkins; c, Edwards F.M. (21): 1, Jeffreys, grand bird, capital size and shape, good wide cleanly cut face, grand col., good chestnut body, capital wings, A1 cond.; 2, Andrews, scarcely so wide at top, but full spreading face, rich col., capital wings; 3, c, Messer, good size and shape, nice col., clean cut blaze, rich body col., scarcely so nicely finished as winner, should make a good one; 4, Mrs. Dalton, another nice one, charming shape, richly col. throughout, pure qual.; vhc, Lucas Bros.; hc, Morgan. BULLF., H.M. (13): 1, Gibbon, well-known, a beauty for type and all round excellence, in pure feather; 2, c, Alexander, fine bold big bird, nicely built, grand cap and bib, excellent body col., good wings, pure cond.; 3, Caunt, nicely built, good bold head, dense cap and wings, good depth of col., grand cond.; 4, Thomas, nice size and shape, good cap, nicely mkd. wings, fine cond.; vhc, Williams; hc, Robinson. HEN (10): 1, Andrews, grand size, thick-set, good bold head, densely col. cap, good wings, A1 col. and qual.; 2, Jones and Jenkins, nice size and shape, excellent wings, very fine qual.; 3, Chick, shapely bird, fine size, grand depth of body, neatly formed cap, lovely cond.; 4, c, Holborrow, shapely, good size, fine feather; vhc, Osborne; hc, Thomas. F.M. (22): 1, Jeffreys, wonderful size and shape, good bold front, grand cap and bib, rich col. throughout, very fine cond., a grand bird; 2, Thomas, beauty, beaten only in size, grand shape, bold full front, nicely formed cap, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Davies, excellent example, good bold head, nice depth of body, well mkd. wings, rich col. throughout; 4, Mrs. Dalton, shapely, fine size, good back and wings, excellent body col.; vhc, Roberts; hc, Chick; c, Edwards. HEN (10): 1, Lucas, good size, boldly built, nice wide cap and bib, excellent col. throughout, fine cond., 2, 3, Holborrow, a good one, capital Bullie shape, nice back and wings, fine col. and cond., 3rd close up, lovely qual.; 4, vhc, Gregory, shapely, neat cap and wings, fine cond.; hc, Lewis; c, Andrews. HAWFINCH (4): 1, 2, Chick, well-known birds, grand richly col. cock leading, with the well-known hen 2nd, both in the best of fettle; 3, Hiden, good size and shape, nice bold head, should make a good one; 4, Burrows, shapely, good size, well up in col., scarcely the finish of winners. LINNET (10): 1, vhc, Nicholas, fine size, beautifully proportioned, good bold head, grandly mkd., in the pink; 2, Davies, fine bold bird, good size and shape, beautifully pencilled throughout, grand col. and qual.; 3, Richards, nicely built and proportioned, rich col. and well mkd., very fine cond.; 4, Lewis, good size, bold full front, nicely mkd., sound qual.; hc, Bobbett; c, Rees. F.M. (17): 1, Williams, bold bird, good size, nice shape and proportion, beautifully mkd. throughout, sound col. and qual.; 2, 3, Davies, beauties, capital shape, well pencilled, excellent cond.; 4, James, nice style, good bold head; vhc, Nicholas; hc, Thomas; c, Jeffreys. GREENF. (14): 1, Caunt, big bold bird, splendid shape, nicely balanced, grand depth of col., lovely qual.; 2, Oldham, good one, scarcely so nicely modelled, but grand col. and qual., fine cond.; 3, Holborrow, taking bird, good size, beautifully proportioned, full bold head, capital wings, A1 quality; 4, Edwards, a good one, capital wing bars; vhc, Wren; hc, Nobler. F.M. (12): 1, Osborne, a beauty, very shapely nice style, good depth of natural col., capital wings, fine qual. feather; 2, Holborrow, fine size, well modelled, smart wings, good col. and cond.; 3, Ford, shapely, good size, nice bold head, good wing bar, fine cond.; 4, Gregory, neatly built, lovely qual., nicely proportioned, capital wings; vhc, c, T. J Gregory; hc, Fairhurst. BRAMBLEFINCH (5): 1, 2, Chick, leader wonderful size, nice shape, richly Spangled and laced, good col. throughout, fine qual.; 3, Ford, another big one, hardly so full of polish as winners, nice depth of col., well spangled; 4, Edwards; vhc, Austin. CHAFFINCH (7): 1, Ford, bold bird, good shape, capital depth of col. throughout, good wings, nice qual.; 2, Andrews, good one, shapely, full size, good cap and wings, nice cond.; 3, Gregory, smart and shapely, good col. and cond.; 4, Chick; vhc, Jones and Jenkins; hc, Holborrow. YELLOW BUNTING (8): 1, hc, Chick, grand size and style, nicely moulded, beautifully mkd. and spangled, fine col.; 2, Mrs. Dalton, another beautiful bird, scarcely so cleanly mkd., otherwise equally good, fine col., pink of cond.; 3, Gregory, lovely bird, beautifully mkd. and spangled, fine col. and qual.; 4, Edwards; vhc, Ford. REDPOLL, F.M (12): 1, Nicholas, rare size, good bold head, splendidly pencilled, sound col., in the pink; 2, Holborrow, beauty, close up, rare subs., nicely laced, sound rich col.; 3, Alexander, smart bird, full of work, neat full head, good wing bar, fine qual.; 4, Lewis, scarcely so large, but rare qual., beautifully pencilled; vhc, Tonks; hc, Osbourne; c, James. H.M. (7): 1, Mrs. Dalton, fine bold massive bird, good full head, splendidly pencilled, lovely qual.; 2, Lucas Bros., nice size, well proportioned, capital wing bars, well mkd.; 3, Ford, scarcely so massive, lovely qual. and cond., splendidly pencilled; 4, Jones and Jenkins; vhc, Morgan; hc, Andrews. MEALY OR TWITE (6): 1, Fallhurst, grand Twite, fine size and shape, full of work, in grand order; 2, Jeffreys, similar, splendidly pencilled, capital col., fine cond.; 3, Sampson, very tight in feather, good tone of col., capital wings; 4, Nicholas; vhc, Edwards. SISKIN (9): 1, 2, Mrs. Dalton, very fine cock bird leading, grand size and shape, beautifully laced and full of col.; 2, smart hen, shapely, nice size, richly pencilled; 3, Jeffreys, very hot col. cock, big bold bird, good shape, nice qual.; 4, no name; vhc, Andrews; hc, Oldham. A.O.V. (2): 1, Chick, well-known Corn Bunting; 2, Edwards. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Chick, grand team, all well-known birds, in the pink, Corn Bunting leading; 3, Edwards, very fine Bramble, grand size and shape, sound col., lovely cond. SOUTHILL (7): 1, Cole, grand bold Thrush, rare size and shape, beautifully spotted; 2, 3, c, Lewis, charming heavily Spotted Thrush, rare cond., 3rd good bold Blackbird, fine depth of col.; 4, hc, Teague; vhc, Speck. SMALL (3): 1, Chick, very fine Wheatear, grand size and col., grand cond.; 2, 3, Lewis, very nice Skylarks. LOCAL MULE: 1, Morgan, fine bold var. Goldf.-Can., grand cond.; 2, vhc, Jenkins, capital dark yell., nice size and shape, grand col.; 3, Davies, big bold buff, shapely, fine qual.; 4, Reynolds. BRITISH (22): 1, Jones and Jenkins, very fine Bullf., thick-set, bold head, lovely rich col.; 2, Jenkins, charming Pipit, shapely, full of work, excellent cond.; 3, Miss Webster, nice Greenf., capital shape and style, nice qual.; 4, Jones, another good Bullf., very rich col.; vhc, Lewis; hc, Gregory; c, Williams.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Third annual show, Bird Market, Clayton Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Jan. 1. Since the war began the club has found it difficult to grant its full patronage to shows in the district owing to so many shows being cancelled or confined to members, so the members decided to run a show among themselves and to engage a specialist judge from a distance, so that the cups and trophies might be competed for under the most favourable conditions. This year Mr. James Bailey, Bradford, was the judge, and he did his work well and to the satisfaction of all. The entry was not very great, especially in the Novice section, which had an extended classification; it is difficult to understand why it should be so, as at other shows novice classes have filled well, better than the champion classes.

Of course the pick of the birds in the North were present, and enthusiasm ran high. The spoils were well spread about, no one exhibitor running away with all the prizes. Mr. Stewart, of Whitehaven, was present with a fine team, and was warmly congratulated by all upon winning the Club's Challenge Cup with his unflighted yellow, a bird of great merit, lovely position and feather, and staged to perfection. This is his second successive win, and thus the Cup becomes his own property. Mr. Stewart had run second for many seasons, and well deserved the honour. The Ramsden Cup winner for second best bird was won by Mr. J. T. Reed, Leadgate, with a lovely clear yellow hen. Mr. Reed is a novice, and is to be congratulated upon staging such a fine team of birds; he practically swept the decks in the Novice classes, and his birds were staged to perfection. Amongst the other young birds which ran the winners a close race may be mentioned Mr. Hands' ticked buff, a bird of lovely position and a coat like silk, Mr. Havis's yellow hen, a bird of great length, good colour and feather, and Mr. Crawhall's buff hen, a bird of lovely type, extra good in quality, but just a bit small. The winners in the Novice classes were all nice birds, Mr. Reed, besides winning the yellow hen class, also won 1st and 2nd in the unflighted yellows with a brace of nice birds. Messrs. Studholm and Son won in young buffs with a beautifully feathered bird; if only he had had more size, but there, we can't have everything. Mr. Shields won the buff hen class with a hen of good size, type and quality. Special winners: Challenge Cup, Stewart; Ramsden Cup, Reed. Special given by the President, Mr. T. C. Crawhall, for most points, donor not competing, Stewart. Most points, classes 1 to 10, Crawhall; 11 to 18, Reed. Mr. Coomber's special for best closed ring in novice, Collins. Best champion, given by Mr. Shield, Stewart. Best Novice, Reed. Most points, Crawhall. Most points, Novice classes, Reed. Best unflighted closed ring champion, Mather. Crawhall Cup, most points, with three closed ring unflighted, over patronage shows, Coomber.

The club is in able management. The President, Mr. Crawhall, who founded it when there was hardly a Yorkshire exhibitor in the district, was present, and had a cheery word for all. Mr. Tindale acted as show manager, and was ably assisted by Messrs. Wigglesworth, Mather, and Studholm, senior. Mr. Studholm, junior, was door steward, and one man above all to do his duty was the secretary, Mr. Havis, who carried out his work in a most pleasing and thorough manner.

CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, 4, Stewart, father and son, father leading, both exceptional length, type and qual., the older bird wins on size, but the 4th is a little neater drawn; 2, Havis, great length, exceptionally high col., nice pos.; 3, vhc, Crawhall, Gateshead winner, lovely, typical bird, good back, nicely piped tail, good wing carr., unwashed, which pegged him back; hc, Leck; c, Tindale. BUFF (3): 1, Stewart, beautifully rounded, teeming with col. and qual., in the pink; 2, Crawhall, bigger bird, longer, and if anything straighter, but again wants a tubbing; 3, Tindale. TKD. OR MKD. YELL. (2): 1, Mather, mkd. wings and head, long and well drawn, nice pos. and qual.; 2, Leck. BUFF (4): 1, Crawhall, wing tick, beautiful pos., nice straight back, well carried wings, close compact tail; 2, Stewart, eye tick, last year's cup winner, well-rounded, beautiful salmon col., feather shone like satin; 3, Wigglesworth; 4, Havis. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Leck, Newcastle winner, good length, nice pos. and feather, we have seen her looking better, closely pressed by 2, Stewart, beautiful hen, just on small side, nice boxy feather; 3, Tweedie; 4, Tindale. BUFF, A.V. (5): 1, 2, 3, Crawhall, Whitehaven winner leading, followed by her mother, the Blaydon winning hen, wins on condition, though a little smaller; 4, Tindale; vhc, Hands. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): A grand class: 1, Stewart, tkd. side of head, wins challenge cup, charming bird, good length of side, stands like a guardsman, clothed in the most silky feather, just tins his wings a little at times, but well worth his place; 2, Coomber, very breedy, nice feather, good wing carr., inclined to run thin in neck, but his other good points well outweigh that, well piped tail; 3, 4, Crawhall, beauties, 3rd, nice qual., full of breed, well clothed; 4, Newcastle, Blaydon and Whitehaven winner, long bird of exceptional qual. and nice pos., unfortunately was a bit wild, which pegged him down; vhc, Tindale; hc, Coomber; c, Hands. BUFF: 1, Hands, grizzled back, and wing, breedy, full of qual., shows for all he is worth, if anything a bit short in flights; 2, 3, Tweedie, nice birds, clears;

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2nd, longer; 3rd, better qual., hard to separate; 4, Coomber, mkd. wings, eyes and head, lovely qual, of great promise, good shaped head, well filled neck, close fitted wings, nice tail; vhc, c, Tindale; hc, Crawhall. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN (16): Hot class indeed, some charming damsels left cardless: 1, vhc, Havis, grand big hen, good col. and qual., some doubted its sex, but most decided it could only be a hen, and one to be proud of, too; 2, Mather, another charming damsel, plenty of breed, long flights, grand tail, bit paler in col., but a Yorks. lass through and through; 3, Tindale, head capped, good col., lovely silky feather, good head, neck, wings and tail, nice pos.; 4, Crawhall, head and eye tkd., as long as winner, lovely back, straight as an arrow; hc, Hands; c, Mather. BUFF, A.V. (10): Good class; 1, vhc, Crawhall, lovely little thing, as though chiselled out of marble, straight as a rush, could do with a little more position, but seems nervous; 2, F. Johnson, larger, a brighter col., real Yorks. type, good feather, nice oval head, well filled neck; 4, Coomber, smart, excellent type, good feather, pos. of the best; hc, Wigglesworth; c, Coomber. NOV. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Frost, nice qual., good head and neck; 2, Studholm and Son, hotter col., nice shape, long, well carried wings; 3, Shield, Gateshead winner; 4, Studholm and Son; vhc, Collins. BUFF (5): 1, Reed, excellent qual., good pos., straight; 2, Shields, grand head and neck, nicely laid on wings, feather of the best, stands well; 3, 4, Studholm and Son; vhc, Collins. YELL. HEN (4): Reed, cl., good length, nice qual., stands to perfection; 2, Studholm and Son, cl., good pos., nice soft feather, not quite so hot; 3, 4, Collins. BUFF: 1, Reed, heavily variegd., good pos. and feather. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Reed, 1st cl., nice long bird, good pos.; 2nd, wing tick, hotter col., good length, tight waxy feather; 3, Studholm and Son, variegd., plenty of length; 4, Frost; vhc, Studholm. BUFF (4): 1, Studholm, cheek tick, not large, but nice qual., all through, good head, neck, well packed wings; 2, Collins, larger, and bit heavier, some thought might have won, good type, nice head, full neck, long, well drawn-out body; 3, Frost; 4, Key. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Reed, Ramsden Cup winner, not a big one, but lovely feather, one of the best hens in the show, cl., nice col., good wings and nice pos.; 2, Collins, wing tick, nice hen, but beaten to-day; 3, Studholm; 4, Kay. BUFF (5): 1, Shields, nice size, good qual., stands well; 2, Frost, another nice bird; 3, Shields, good pos., and shape, but dirty; 4, Key; vhc, Studholm and son.

NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

FINE FINISH TO A SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

Nearly 500 Entries at a Members' Show.

Boxing Day proved a happy choice for the annual old show of the North Liverpool C.B.S., for it seemed to suit the convenience of all concerned and the results were most gratifying. The committee and members are workers, and during the year all the shows have been well patronised, also the social events, but the Boxing Day show beat the lot. Five hundred exhibits for what is practically a members' show, constitutes a fine record, and there was quality as well as quantity throughout. The show was opened by Mr. J. Meade, who also distributed the prizes in the evening. The chairman, Mr. A. E. Wilkins, whose presentation set of seven own make British show cages was greatly admired, and realised 25/6 for the benefit of the society, rendered his valuable aid, whilst the hon. sec., Mr. Harry Holden, who has so splendidly filled the secretarial shoes of Private Edgar Broadbent, now on active service, never put aside his pen until all the prize cash was paid out. Plenty of solid work was put in by the stewards, Messrs. Huyton, Worral, Satterthwaite, Foxcroft, Hammond, Leadbetter (vice-chair), Sinclair, Cattle, and Davies. In addition to a lengthy subscription list for "specials," the following members gave birds: J. Kewn, W. Blaylock, R. P. Roberts, H. Satterthwaite, and Mrs. Holden. All the gift birds were sold, thanks to the cajolery of Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, who wielded the hammer with deadly effect. Mr. T. Costello promised the society a valuable silver trophy, most probably a challenge shield. Mr. E. Battersby promised to replace the Novice Border Cup with another, and several offers of financial assistance were forthcoming. Among the numerous visitors to the show were Messrs. J. W. Cutmore, R. Lobb (Bootle), E. Bunner, J. Geenan, J. Jones (Garston), etc. Judges: Messrs. W. Cowgill (Bradford), A. Wellings (Prescot), R. Hunter (Dunskirk), and T. Rowlands (Liverpool).

Champ. Yorks. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (8: 1, Algie; 2, c, Rowlands; 3, Huyton; vhc, Leadbetter; hc, Mullins. Buff (5): 1, hc, Huyton; 2, vhc, Rowlands; 3, Leadbetter. Yell. Hen (6): 1, 3, Huytou; 2, hc, Rowlands; vhc, Leadbetter; c, Mullins. Buff (6): 1, Rowlands; 2, hc, Kewn; 3, vhc, Huyton; c, Mullins. Uneven Mk. or Var. Yell. (3): 1, 3, Huyton; 2, Kewn. Buff (4): 1, Metcalfe; 2, Huyton; 3, Rowlands; vhc, Leadbetter. Green Slf. or Fl. Yell. (8): 1, Rowlands; 2, Huyton; 3, Richardson; vhc, Kewn; hc, Roberts; c, Evans. Buff (8): 1, Rowlands; 2, vhc, Roberts; 3, hc, Richardson; c, Evans. Yell. Hen (7): 1, Roberts; 2, hc, Rowlands; 3, Mullius; vhc, Richardson; c, Evans. Buff (8): 1, Leadbetter; 2, Roberts; 3, vhc, Rowlands; hc, Mullins; c, Evans. Cl. Tkd. or Var. Yell. 1916 (7): 1, Rowlands; 2, Algie; 3, Wilson; vhc, Huyton; hc, Mullins; c, Leadbetter. Buff (8): 1, Rowlands; 2, vhc, Wilson; 3, Leadbetter; hc, Mullins; c, Algie. Yell. Hen (8): 1, c, Rowlands; 2, vhc, Kewn; 3, Huyton; hc, Mullins. Buff (7): 1, 2, Rowlands; 3, Huyton; vhc, hc, Mullins; c, Leadbetter. Green Sl. or Fl. Yell. (7): 1, Metcalfe, 2, Roberts; 3, Rowlands; vhc, Mullins; hc, Evans; c, Wilson. Buff (6): 1, Rowlands; 2, Evans; 3, Huyton; vhc, Leadbetter; hc, Roberts; c, Mullins. Yell. Hen (4): 1, Rowlands; 2, Algie; 3, Richardson; vhc, Leadbetter. Buff (3): 1, Rowlands; 2, Evans; 3, Roberts. Best Champ. Yorks.: Rowlands (Unflighted Clear Yellow Cock). Nov., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (8): 1, Jordan; 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Grice; vhc, Percival; hc, Cattle; c, Corkhill. Buff (11): 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Jordan; 3, Corkhill; vhc, Grice; hc, Hammond; c, Worral. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (12): 1, Jordan; 2, Corkhill; 3, hc, Grice; vhc, Satterthwaite; c, Hammond. Buff (8): 1, vhc, c, Satterthwaite; 2, Worral; 3, Cattle; hc, Percival. Uneven Mk. or Var. Buff (6): 1, 3, Satterthwaite; 2, Jordan; vhc, Percival; hc, Ashton; c, Foxcroft. Yell. Hen (4): 1, 3, vhc, Worral; 2, Satterthwaite. Buff (15): 1, Sinclair; 2, hc, Worral; 3, Costello. Green Slf. or Fl. Yell. (11): 1, Hammond; 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Brockell; vhc, hc, Worral; c, Costello. Buff (11): 1, Hammond; 2, Jordan; 3, hc, Costello; vhc, Foxcroft; c, Brockell. Sl. or Fl. Yell. Hen (6): 1, Jordan; 2, Costello; 3, Hammond; vhc, Satterthwaite; hc, c, Worral. Bf. (6): 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Worral; 3, Jordan; vhc, Costello; hc, Grice; c, Ashton. Cl. or Tk. Yell. 1916: 1, Worral; 2, 3, vhc, Grice; hc, Jordan; c, Satterthwaite. Bf. (8): 1, Worral; 2, Satterthwaite; 3, hc, Grice; vhc, Jordan; c, Percival. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Corkhill; 2, Worral; 3, Cattle; vhc, c, Grice; hc, Cahban. Bf. (10): 1, hc, Satterthwaite; 2, c, Grice; 3, vhc, Corkhill. Unvn. Mk. or Var. Yell. (4): 1, Worral; 2, Gidman; 3, Satterthwaite; vhc, Brickell. Yell. Hen (3): 1, Grice; 2, Worral; 3, Sinclare. Buff (4): 1, Quick; 2, Hammond; 3, vhc, Percival. Green Self or Fl. Yell. (10): 1, Jordan; 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Foxcroft; vhc, Worral; hc, Hammond; c, Ashton. Bf. (10): 1, Jordan; 2, vhc, Satterthwaite; 3, Hammond; hc, Worral; c, Grice. Yell. Hen (5): 1, Corkhill; 2, 3, Satterthwaite; vhc, Worral; hc, Foxcroft. Bf. (6): 1, 3, Hammond; 2, Worral; vhc, Quick; hc, Corkhill; c, Sinclare. A.O.V. Hen (3): 1, Grice; 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Hammond. Nat. Col. (5): 1, Satterthwaite; 2, 3, hc, Hammond; vhc, Percival. Norwich (open to a 20-mile radius): Cl. Tkd. or Var. Yell.: 1, 2, Hodson; 3, Metcalfe; vhc, hc, Ashton; c, Winstanley. Cl., Tk. or Var. Bf.: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Hunter; 3, Costello; vhc, c, Barr; hc, Winstanley. Cl. Tk. or Var. Yell. Hen: 1, Barr; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Costello; vhc, Pendleton; hc, Hammond; c, Winstanley. Cl. Tk. or Var. Buff: 1, vhc, Hodson; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Frankham; hc, Winstanley; c, Pendleton. Green Slf. or Fl. Yell. (2): 1, Bache; 2, Pendleton. Slf. or Fl. Buff (6): 1, c, Bache; 2, Frankham; 3, Pendleton; vhc, Hodson; hc, Ashton. Slf. or Fl. Buff Hen (2): 1, Ashton; 2, Costello. Cl. Tk. or Var. Yell., bred 1916 (3): 1, Metcalfe; 2, Algie; 3, Hodson. Buff (6): 1, Metcalfe; 2, Pendleton; 3, Wilson; vhc, Algie; hc, Hodson; c, Atherton. Yell. Hen (3): 1, Barr; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Wilson. Buff Hen (5): 1, Metcalfe; 2, Percival; 3, Hodson; vhc, c, Frankham. Green Slf. or Fl. Buff Hen (2): 1, Pendleton; 2, Barr. Bord., Cl., etc., Yell. (7): 1, Parsons; 2, 3, vhc, Longmore; vhc, Bratherton; c, Battersby. Bf. (12): 1, Satterthwaite; 2, hc, Longmore; 3, Parsons; vhc, Bratherton; c, Sinclare. Yell. Hen (8): 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Parsons; 3, c, Longmore; vhc, Bratherton; hc, Cubhan. Bf. (7): 1, 3, Longmore; 2, vhc, Battersby; hc, Parsons; c, Mrs. Frankham. Unvn. Mk. or Var. Yell. (3): 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Cubhan; 3, Parsons. Green Self or Fl. Yell. (15): 1, c, Longmore; 2, Parsons; 3, Bretherton; vhc, Cubhan; hc, Mrs. Frankham. Bf. (7): 1, 3, hc, Longmore; 2, vhc, Battersby; c, Bretherton. Self or Fl. Yell. Hen (6): 1, 2, hc, Longmore; 3, Sinclare; vhc, c, Bretherton. Bf. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Longmore; 3, Cubhan; hc, Satterthwaite. Britlish (open to a 20-mile radius): Goldf. (10): 1, Wilson; 2, c, Howard; 3, Huyton; vhc, Singles; hc, Ashton. Bullf. (6): 1, Satterthwaite; 2, 3, hc, Lonsdale; vhc, Minopro; c, Frankham. Grecnf. (9: 1, 2, Satterthwaite; 2, 3, hc, Lonsdale; vhc, Minopro; hc, Hammond; c, Howard. Chaffinch (4): 1, Lonsdale; 2, Bammond; 3, Huyton; vhc, Quick. Bramblef. (6): 1, 3, Frankham; 2, Hunter, vhc, hc, Satterthwaite; c, Rowlands. Linnet (9): 1, 2, vhc, Minopro; 3, Percival; hc, Ashton; c, Hammond. Lesser Redpoll (8): 1, 3, Rowlands; 2, hc, Battersby; vhc, c, Satterthwaite. A.O. Hardbill (5): 1, Satterthwaite; 2, 3, vhc, Frankham, hc, Hammond. Hen (3): 1, 2, Minopro; 3, Lonsdale. Mule or Hyb. (7): 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Frankham; 3, Howard; vhc, Percival; hc, Cattle; c, Ashton. Mule or Hyb. 1916 (5): 1, Mrs. Holden; 2, Quick; 3, vhc, Cubbau; hc, Howard.

A pair of Norwich belonging to Private G. Hodson were claimed at £3. The sale of the Gift birds realised £5, and Mrs. Holden's gift bird was raffled and brought in 22s. 6d.

Season's cups and the day's specials: Premier Cup, Satterthwaite; Champion Yorks., Rowlands; medal, Huyton; Novice Yorks., Jordan; medal, Worral; Champ. Bord., Longmore; medal, Bratherton; Novice, Battersby; medal, Satterthwaite; Brit., Satterthwaite; medal, Mrs. Holden; Norwich medal, Pvte. Hodson. Most exhibits in Novice section Hammond (27 birds). Most points, Satterthwaite, 152 points. Most entries in Nor. and Boxing Day shows (British), Lonsdale. Most entries in Norwich, Barr. Most points Champ. Yorks., Rowlands; 2, Huyton; 3, Roberts. Best Bird, Rowlands; most points, Nov. Yorks., Satterthwaite; 2, Worral; 3, Jordan. Most points, Bord., Longmore; 2, Parsons. Most points Norwich, Metcalfe; 2, Hodson.

KENDAL C.B.S.

A most successful show, held Dec. 26, in the Town Hall. The entry was up on last year, there was a good gate, and quality generally was excellent, especially in Norwich and British. The committee, headed by Mr. J. Thompson, had all the arrangements well in hand, and everything passed off smoothly. Mr. W. Heywood made a courteous and efficient secretary. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. CK. (17): 1, Townley, tkd. neck and wing, lovely shape, grand qual., level col.; 2, 4, Hoyle, tkd. head, a lovely exhibit, but not so smart in wng carr., 4th variegd. buff, small, feathered like a Java; 3, Hawthornthwaite, variegd. yell., grand feather; vhc, hc, Rainford; c, Higginson and Heywood. HEN (10): 1, 4, spl, best in show, Townley, magnificent yell., grand head and chest, rare carr., lovely feather, very fit; 4, buff, grand qual., nice carr.; 2, Higginson and Heywood, grand qual. buff, short and compact, in nice form; 3, hc, Rainford, stylish buff, nice qual., hardly so stout; vhc, Hawthornthwaite; c, Dickinson. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Townley, buff, very short, stout bodied, good head, nice qual. and col.; 2, 4, Dickinson, nice headed buff, hardly so stout, but nice qual., 4th variegd. buff, grand feather; 3, Dr. Allen, tkd. necked yell., capital shape and qual., looks like a hen; vhc, Hawthornthwaite; hc, Hoyle; c, Dent. HEN (7): 1, Hawthornthwaite, very smart, neck and wing tkd. yell., capital col. and qual., nice type; 2, Dr. Allen, shapely head, tkd. buff; 3, Hoyle, nice qual. variegd. buff; 4, Rainford; vhc, Crossley; hc, T. J. Allen; c, Wells. NON-FED CK. (7): 1, Dr. Allen, very neat cap and wing mkd. buff, grand type and feather; 2, 3, Higginson and Heywood, stout, shapely buffs, not so tight in feather; 4, Dickinson; vhc, Dent; hc, Dixon; c, Crossley. HEN (7): 1, Alexander, nice yell., not well shown; 2, Higginson and Heywood, head and wing mkd. buff, very wild and so lost its chance; 3, Crossley, nice wing tkd. buff; 4, hc, Dixon; vhc, c, Dent. NOV. (6): 1, vhc, Millroy, shapely, neat feathered, head and wing tkd buff; 2, hc, Wells, cinn.-mkd., lovely shape and feather, easily 1st had it been washed; 3, 4, Dixon. YORKS. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 3, 4, Harrison, very neat, slim, well tapered yell., nice qual., 3rd face and wing mkd., longer, but not the shape and feather; 2, vhc, hc, Douglas, very shapely, nice feathered cheek tkd. HEN (7): 1, 3, 4, Harrison, charming hen, said to be a nest-mate of the winning cock, a good pair to get from one nest, 3rd rattling good cinn.-mkd., not so fit; 2, Douglas, nice length and shape; vhc, T. J. Allen; hc, Higginson and Heywood; c, Dr. Allen. BUFF CK. (9): 1, 2, 3, Harrison, long, slim, well tapered variegd., grand style, 2nd cl., more length, lovely qual., not quite the style and fineness, 3rd nice shapely cl.; 4, hc, Higginson and Heywood, neat, stylish variegd; vhc, Douglas; c, T. J. Allen. HEN (9): 1, 3, vhc, Harrison, very smart cinn.-mkd., capital shape and style, 3rd nice shape, not so fit; 2, c, T. J. Allen, stouter, nice style; 4, Parkinson; hc, Higginson and Heywood; No. 5, Higginson and Heywood; No. 9, Dr. Allen, passed as yell. NOV. (6): 1, 2, 3, Millroy, 1st neat stylish yell., 2nd cinn. mkd. yell., rather small; 4, Parkinson; vhc, hc, Dennison. BORD. YELL. (12): 1, 2, Hill, very neat and slim, grand style and qual.; 2, quite as smart in body and style, hardly so silky in feather; 3, T. J. Allen, grand body and style; 4, hc, Newby, very neat, but not steady; vhc, Townley; c, Little. BUFF (11): 1, hc, Allen, neat head, grand wings and tail, a little swell; 2, 3, c, Newby, nice wings and tail, 3rd good shape and style; 4, Hill, grand style and qual.; vhc, Townley. HEN, YELL. (8): 1, hc, Allen, very sweet and neat, grand style and feather; 2, 3, Newby, not quite so neat in head, good body; 3, nice style; 4, Bell; vhc, c, Townley. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 4, Newby, grand feather and style, shapely body; 2nd just a shade stouter; 3, Allen, very nice shape and qual.; vhc, hc, Townley; c, Higginson and Heywood. VARIEG. (14): 1, Allen, very smart, stylish 4-pointed buff, grand qual.; 2, 4, Newby, self yell. cinn., very shapely, grand col., nice pose, 4th wing and head tkd. buff, nice shape and style; 3, hc, Hill, variegd. yell., nice shape, close compact feather; vhc, Parkinson; c, Dickinson. HEN (8): 1, 2, 4, Newby, yell., self cinn., capital col., shape and style, neat feather, 2nd wing mkd. buff, good shape and qual; 3, hc, Higginson, variegd. yell., smart, stylish, nice feather; vhc, Parkinson; c, Hill. NOV. (6): 1, Hill, very sweet neck tkd. buff; 2, 3, Millray, head and neck tkd. buff, nice style, and a neat yell.; 4, Parkinson; vhc, hc, Dennison. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, Hawthornthwaite, good yell. cinns., 1st best in shape and size, 2nd soundest col. and best qual., bit open in flights; 3, hc, Dickinson, variegd. crest, large crest, good frout; 4, Wells; vhc, Alexander. GOLDF. (4): 1, 2, 3, Higgiuson and Heywood, a good team, 1st wins by richness of col. and closeness of feather, quickly claimed at catalogue price, 2nd larger, deeper cut blaze, not so bright; 4, Wells. BULLF. (8): 1, 2, Fisher and Dixon, lovely shape, col., and qual., very steady, 2nd not quite so shapely, rich col.; 3, 4, Alexander, lovely col., grand back and bars, not so steady; vhc, hc, Higginson and Heywood; c, Bell. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Fisher and Dixon, nicely mkd. Twite, excellent col. and feather; 2, Dennison, nice shapely, well mkd. Linnet, good qual., steady; 3, Alexander; 4, vhc, Wells; one Linnet was disqualified for stainiug. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Fisher and Dixon, lovely Redstart, grand col. and feather, very steady, well mkd. Meadow Lark, rich col. Bramble and nice Chaff. HYB. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Alexander, rattling good Goldf.-Greenf., splendid col. and qual., rich col., nice shaped Linnet-Bullf., well mkd. Goldf.-Bullf., and a nice hen Goldf.-Bullf. VARIEG., ETC., MULE (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Fisher and Dixon, the largest Siskin-Can. we have seen, very nicely mkd., good col. and feather, 2nd shapely, nice col., variegd. Linnet, 3rd rich col., dark Greenle Can., lovely qual., 4th lustrous variegd. Goldf.-Can.; vhc, Alexander; hc, Higginson and Heywood. SELL., 15/-. (6): 1, Higginson and Heywood; 2, 3, vhc, Dickinson; 4, Allen. 10/- (7): 1, vhc, hc, Dickinson; 2, Allen; 3, Rainford; 4, c, Crossley. GIFT (10): 1, Allen; 2, Newby; 3, Dickinson; 4, Higginson and Heywood; vhc, Hawtbornthwaite; hc, Townley; c, Hoyle.

Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Last members' show of the season, Jan. 13; 53 birds staged; judge, Mr. L. C. Casey. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks (4): 1, 2, 3, Firth; 4, Widdop. Buff (5): 1, 2, vhc, Firth; 3, 4, Oldfield. Mkd., Ck. (5): 1, Bartle; 2, 3, 4, Firth; vhc, Ackroyd. Hen (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Firth; 3, Bartle. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (6): 1, 2, Ackroyd; 3, Oldfield; 4, Widdop; vhc, hc, Firth. Buff (8): 1, c, Warburton; 2, 4, Ackroyd; 3, vhc, hc, Firth. Unflg. Ck. (9): 1, vhc, hc, Firth; 2, 4, Washurton; 3, Bartle; c, Widdop. Hen (8): 1, 4, vhc, Firth; 2, c, Warburton; 3, Oldfield; hc, Ackroyd. Brit. (3): 1, 2, 3, Bartle. Most points for year's specials, A. Firth, 100 points, wins cup outright (three years in succession), and gold medal. G. Ackroyd and G. H. Washurton divide the 2 and 3 prizes, 96 points each. L. Widdop 4, 77; T. Oldfield, 5, 71; D. Bartle, 6, 65; sp. for most points in classes 1 and 2; marked classes, also unflighted, A. Firth; most points hen classes, G. Ackroyd; most points Norwich; also British, D. Bartle, without opposition; novice special, L. Widdop.—A. Firth, Sec.

CHOPWELL C.B.S.

7th annual show, Dec. 23, Workmen's Club Hall; an ideal hall for a show, with plenty of light. An entry of 110 was very satisfactory, and many birds were on view. The hall was well filled with visitors throughout the day. Norwich and British were the feature of the show, and Mr. Christer's team of Foreign proved a great attraction. There being 39 specials, competition was very keen. Cup for most points was again won by Mr. G. W. Charlton, also spl. most points in Borders. Special best bird, R. Johnson, spl. most points British and Mules, and most points Bullfinch and hen Finch or Bunting. The Stewards (Messrs. G. W. Barkess, W. Marsh, G. W. Charlton, M. Simpson, W. Carr, E. Jameson, were always at their posts, and everything went on smoothly under their direction. The duties of secretary were carried out by Mr. W. H. Christer, assisted by Mr. R. Johnson. The judges were Mr. W. Curry and Mr. Jos. Lindsay, of Westwood, and their awards were highly satisfactory.

Nor. Yell. (11): 1, 2, spl, Page; 3, hc, Makepeace; vhc, Simpson; c, Marsh. Buff (7): 1, 2, spl, Cresswell; 3, vhc, Page; hc, c, Marsh. Nor. Hen (8): 1, hc, Page; 2, 3, spl, Makepeace; vhc, Simpson; c, Marsh. Yorks. Ck. (4): 1, spl, vhc, Nixon; 2, Simpson; 3, Dodds. Hen (2): 1, spl, Simpson; 2, Nixon. Bord. Yell. (4): 1, 2, 3, spl, Charlton; vhc, Dodds. Buff (3): 1, 2, spl, Charlton; 3, Dodds. Hen (5): 1, spl, 2, hc, Dodds; 3, vhc, Charlton. Crest or C.-B. (5): 1, spl, 3, c, Marsh; 2, hc, Charlton. Mule or Hyb. (4): 1, Simpson; 2, spl, 3, vhc, Charlton. Goldf. (3): 1, spl, 2, Simpson; 3, Charlton. Bullf. (8): 1, spl, 2, c, Johnson; 3, vhc, Simpson; hc, Jameson. Linnet (6): 1, spl, 3, Johnson; 2, Carr; vhc, hc, Simpson. Chaffinch, etc. (7): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Simpson; 2, hc, c, Johnson. Siskin, etc. (5): 1, spl, 3, Johnson; 2, Barkess; vhc, hc, Carr. Hen Finch or Bunting (10): 1, spl, Carr; 2, Marsh; 3, vhc, Johnson; hc, Charlton; c, Simpson. A.O.V. (2): 1, spl, Charlton; 2, Johnson. For Large: 1, 2, spl, Christer. Small: 1, spl, 2, 3, Christer. Sell. (10): 1, Simpson; 2, spl, hc, Cresswell; 3, Marsh; vhc, c, Charlton.—R. Johnson.

HOLYHEAD C.B.S.

Members' British and Mule show, Headquarters, Jan. 2. Mr. J. Maker and Mr. Roberts judged, and gave general satisfaction. Goldf.: 1, Jones; 2, Evans; 3, E. Doughty. Greenf.: 1, J. Doughty; 2, Jones; 3, Roberts. Linnet: 1, H. Doughty; 2, E. Doughty; 3, Maher. Redpoll: 1, Maher, 2, Roberts; 3, Evans. Chaff.: 1, Jones; 2, J. Doughty; 3, H. Doughty. Light Mules: 1, Roberts; 2, Maher; 3, J. Doughty. Dark: 1, J. Doughty; 2, Griffiths; 3, E. Doughty. A.O. Hardbill: 1, Evans; 2, Griffiths; 3, Jones. Softbill: 1, E. Doughty; 2, Jones; 3, Roberts. Special best British, Jones; best Mule, Roberts.—J. Doughty, Sec.

MORLEY C.B.S.

Annual members' show Dec. 30, at Headquarters. Keen competition ensued for the various specials, Mr. B. Cook winning special for best bird, with a very good unflighted hen, and special most points for the five shows with 85 points: T. Booth, 2nd, 76; J. Scholes, 60; W. Robinson, 42. Mr. O. Atkinson judged and gave satisfaction. Class 1: 1, 3, Cook; 2, Robinson. Class 2: 1, 2 Booth; 3, c, Robinson; vhc, Cook. Class 3: 1, 2, Cook; 3, vhc, Booth; hc, c, Robiuson. Class 4: 1, 2, Booth; 3, hc, Robinson; vhc, Scoles. Class 5: 1, 2, Booth; 3, vhc, Robinson; c, Cook. Class 6: 1, sp, Cook; 2, vhc, c, Scholer; 3 Booth.—B. Cook, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Final show of the season, Park Chapel School rooms, Jan. 3rd, which decided the winners of the various competitions. Mr. H. Sutcliffe, Shipley, judged. Champ. Cl. Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Walker; 2, Midgley; 3, Farrar. Buff: 1, Walker; 2, Stables; 3, 4, Farrar. Unfl. Yell.: 1, 3, Walker; 2, Farrar. Buff: 1, vhc, Midgley; 2, Stables; 3, 4, Walker; hc, Farrar. Ev. Etc.: 1, 2, Taylor. Cl. Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Stables; 2, Taylor; 4, Farrar. Buff: 1, 2, Stables; 3, Walker; 4, Farrar. Ev., Etc.: 1, 3, hc, Midgley; 2, Taylor; 4, Farrar; vhc, Walker. Nov., Cl. Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Wilman; 2, Hargreaves; 3, Rycroft; 4, Spencer; vhc, Verity. Buff: 1, 2, 4, Wilman; 3, Anderson; vhc, Hargreaves; hc, Verity; c, Naylor. Unfl. Yell.: 1, 4, Verity; 2, Spencer; 3, Denton; vhc, Wilman. Buff: 1, 4, Naylor; 2, Spencer; 3, Anderson; vhc, Verity. Un., Etc.: 1, Denton; 2, 4, Hargreaves; 3, Verity; vhc, Spencer; hc, Anderson; c, Wilman. Cl. Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, 4, Wilman; 2, 3, vhc, Spencer; hc Denton; c, Verity. Buff: 1, Deuton; 2, c, Wilman; 3, 4, Spencer; vhc, Hargreaves; hc, Naylor. Even. etc.: 1, 4, Spencer; 2, Hargreaves; 3, Verity; vhc hc, Naylor. Sell. Ck.: 1, Anderson. Hen: 1, Anderson.

The winners of the various competitions are as follows:—Mr. A. Farrar's Cup, winner J. Farrar, 260 points; Mr. J. Farrar's Cup, winner C. L. Walker, 336; members' specials, Champion section, Walker 99 points, Midgley 84, Farrar 83, Stables 66, Taylor 50, Northrop 30; Novice: Wilman 93, Spencer 92, Hargreaves 83, Naylor 83, Verity 82, Denton 65; Selling Competition, Champion: Rushworth; Novice, Anderson.—J. Spencer, sec.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Members' show, Dec. 26th, at Sunderland. Mr. W. F. Swan had everything in hand, and looked after the birds with great care, also the stewards of the Sunderland C.B.S., assisted our judge, for which I thank them. Entries did not come up well, on account of the railway companies refusing to take live stock. The twelve classes received an entry of eighty birds. Geo. Dobson's old Crested cock won the Challenge Cup, and gold medal for best old bird, and the same exhibitor won the gold medal for best Cresthred bred 1916. Mr. R. Armstrong's buff marked Crested cock won the Challenge Cup and gold medal for the best Crest, bred 1916. Mr. Armstrong also won special best second bird in the first three classes, and best second in the next three classes. Geo. Dobson spl best second in the next three; J. Morgan won special best second in the last three classes. Mr. J. Clark, Sunderland, judged. Buff Crest Cock: 1, 3, sp, Dobson; 2, Smitb; 4, Armstrong. Hen: 1, vhc, Bewick; 2, sp, Armstrong; 3, hc, Swan; c, Farrer. Yell. Crest: 1, sp, Riseborough. Buff C.B. Ck.: 1, sp, Dickinson Bros.; 2, Armstrong; 3, Bewick; vhc, Smith; hc, Dobson; c, Riseborough. Hen: 1, sp, 3, Dobson; 2, Dickinson Bros.; vhc, Bewick. Yell. C.B.: 1, sp, 2, Swan; 3, Riseborough; vhc, Bewick. Buff Crest, 1916: 1, sp, Cup, 3, Armstrong; 2, Dobson; vhc, hc, Swan; c, Bewick. Buff C.B., 1916: 1, gold medal, Dobson; 2, 3, Simpson; vhc, Riseborough; hc, Armstrong; c, Bewick. Yell. Crest, 1916: 1, Armstrong; 2, Bewick. Yell. C.B., 1916: 1, Bewick; 2, Riseborough; 3, Dobson. Nov. Crest: 1, 2, 3, Morgan; vhc, hc, Dobson. C.B.: 1, 2, Morgan.—Geo. Dobson, hon. sec.

Please see note at head of members' shows.—Ed.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Show, Griffin Hotel, Leeds, Dec. 26. Judge, Mr. E. Clegg (Dewsbury), who gave entire satisfaction. Yorks Yell. (5): 1, 2, A. Brown; 3, Richardson; 4, Baldwinson; vhc, Simms. Buff (6): 1, 3, A. Brown; 2, Baldwinson; 4, Watkinson; vhc, Dr. Cummings; hc, Richardson. Yell. Hen (4): 1, 3, Watkinson; 2, Baldwinson; 4, A. Brown. Buff (6): 1, 3, A. Brown; 2, 4, Baldwinson; vhc, Dr. Cummings; hc, Simms. Yell. Unflg. (3): 1, Richardson; 2, Baldwinson; 3, A. Brown. Buff (7): 1, 3, Baldwinson; 2, A. Brown; 4, vhc, hc, Watkinson; c, Dr. Cummings. Yell. (7): 1, vhc, W. A. Wilson; 2, Dr. Cummings; 3, c, Johnson; 4, Mennard; hc, Liviugstone. Buff (9): 1, 3, Tose; 2, Baldwinson; 4, Mennard; vhc, hc, Johnson; c, Dr. Cummings. Yell. Hen (8): 1 Tose; 2, 3, Johnson; 4, vhc, W. A. Wilsou; hc, Dr. Cummings. Buff (9): 1, vhc, Baldwinson; 2, 4, Mennard; 3, hc, W. A. Wilson; c, Tose. Unflg. Yell. (8): 1, Tose; 2, 3, Mennard; 4, vhc, hc, Livingstone; c, Johnson. Buff (9): 1, vhc, Tose; 2, Baldwinson; 3, 4, Mennard; hc, A. A. Wilson; c, Johnson, Bord. Cl., etc. (6): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Stephenson; 3, Alderson. Green (8): 1, 3, Stephenson; 2, Alderson; 4, hc, Simms; vhc, c, Mennard. A.O.V. Can. (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Taylor; 3, Mennard. Linnet (10): 1, 4, Dr. Cummings; 2, vhc, Hunt; 3, Dobson; hc, Richardson; c, Colburn. Goldf. or Bullf. (12): 1, c, Cummings; 2, 4, Colburn; 3, vhc, hc, Haigh. Redpoll, etc. (6): 1, 2, Haigh; 3, Hunt; 4, hc, Dobson; vhc Dr. Cummings. Greenf. (8): 1, 4, Haigh; 2, vhc, B. H. Wilson; 3, Dr. Cummings; hc, Owen; c, Colburn. A.O. Hardbill (8): 1, Hunt; 2, 3, Haigh; 4, hc, Dr. Cummings; vhc, Owen; c, Dobson. Mule or Hyb. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, B. H. Wilson; 4, hc, Haigh. Nor. Yorks Yell. (6): 1, 4, Wrightson; 2, Dickinson; 3, vhc, hc, Sanderson. Buff (4): 1, 2, Dickinson; 3, Sanderson; 4, Wrightson. Yell. Hen (5): 1, 3, vhc, Sanderson; 2, 4, Wrightson. Buff (5): 1, 3, Sanderson; 2, Dickinson; 4, vhc, Wrightson. Unflg. Yell (7): 1, 2, Alderson; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Sanderson; c, Wrightson. Buff (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Sanderson; 4 Alderson; hc, Wrightson.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec.

(Some Show Reports unavoidably held over.)

Queries Answered

For Rules see last week's issue.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN

A SONGLESS NORWICH.

E. W.—You say nothing about the apparent health and condition of the bird, nor whether it moulted in the autumn or is now losing feathers. These are points which might easily explain its silence. Assuming the bird was in a healthy condition and really a cock, it certainly ought to have been in good song by this time. See that it is kept in a bright, comfortable position, not necessarily overheated, free from direct cold draughts, extreme fluctuations of temperature, and do not hang it near or over burning lights in the evenings. Then give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape only. In addition, give separately every third day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and a slight sprinkling of linseed and mustard. On the intervening days give first a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with sugar, and next a morsel of banana, boiled or raw carrot, or sweet apple. In the drinking water add ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, every second day for a fortnight. If it has not commenced to sing in, say, three weeks hence, write again and give full particulars as regards the above-mentioned points, and I will advise you further.

ALWAYS LOSING FEATHERS.

Nash.—I should suspect that the bird is much exposed either to cold direct draughts, damp, or rapid extremes of heat and cold, which, either singly or in combination, are the great exciting causes of the condition. You must first of all see that any, or all, of these conditions are quite removed. Keep the bird in a bright and cosy place, not necessarily overheated, but yet not on the chilly side at present, and whatever the temperature, see that it is fairly equable. Do not hang it high up near the ceiling nor near or over burning lights in the evenings. In addition to the staple seed diet, give a piece of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for two or three weeks as may be necessary, and on the alternate days give either a morsel of banana or boiled or raw carrot. Dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, i.e., two tablespoonfuls; add 20 drops of syrup of buckthorn and give 20 drops of this mixture in the drinking water two days in every three until the feathers have quite ceased dropping..

NORWICH WITH COUGH.

E. V.—It would certainly be best to cage up the bird for the present and keep him in a quite warm place where the temperature is fairly equable until the symptoms have quite disappeared. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and in addition give separately twice a week half a teaspoonful of mixed seed, and every second day a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, for three consecutive days, and afterwards twelve drops of the following mixture, which any chemist will make for you, every second day until the symptoms have disappeared. Mixture: 1 dr. each of tinct. of squills and sweet spirits of nitre, ½ dr. each of elixir of ammon. and fod. of potass., and ½oz. liq. ext. of liquorice.

BREEDING CANARIES ABOARD SHIP.

W. B. B.—(1) You omit to say whether your query refers to a vessel engaged on any active service or likely to be lying in port. In the former case I suspect you would have to run a certain risk of things being very much hashed up at times when the storm fiends are abroad on mischief bent. Apart from this risk, I see no reason why you should not succeed very well in breeding Canaries on board. I note you have heating arrangements at command, but if the vessel is engaged in trade or on any service entailing passage over high and low latitudes, I would advise you to use it chiefly to equalise the temperature somewhat during such passages. For instance, when in cold latitudes and at keeping the temperature somewhere between 60 and 65, and gradually reduce it in warmer climes are approached, and in the hotter climes you would rather need to reduce the temperature as much as possible by ample ventilation. It would also be a good thing to have a curtain so arranged that you could draw it over the cages at any time. Then, if the elements were likely to cause any serious disturbance whilst hens were sitting or had young in the nest, draw the curtain closely during the disturbance so as to induce the hens to sit closely for the time being, and they would weather the storm and get to work afterwards with the best of the tars. (2) You do not mention any marks on the Norwich cock at all, so I presume he is a clear yellow. In this case you should get a moderate-sized buff hen, lightly ticked, in one or both wings for preference, as a mate for him. Get as good head qualities as you can, a nice round full chest, and well-braced wings and tail. (3) The panting when you go near the cock is due to nervousness. If it appears in an overfed condition, add a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice to his water daily for a week. Do not approach such a bird suddenly in any alarming kind of dress, especially headdress. The turning on the perch is merely an idiosyncrasy. (4) The escaped Budgerigar would live for some time, but they generally disappear after a time, and none know where.

LOSS OF PLUMAGE.

H. Latchford.—Our comp. being a comedian in a way, one needs to keep a sharp eye on his vagaries. I just notice that in my reply on Jan. 6 in advising you about giving the bath, he makes me say you should "choose the wildest days for offering it." I am only hope the meaning was sufficiently obvious. I meant, of course, to say the "mildest days."

A VARIED TRIO.

N. C. Mayes.—(1) I am not aware that one can tell if seed has been kiln dried by pouring water over it and judging by the sulphury colour of the water. This naturally implies that the seed had absorbed a proportion of sulphur, presumably used in the drying process, which was dissolved out again by the water, and as sulphur is practically insoluble in water, I should hardly think such a test was reliable. Any colour in the water when washing or soaking seed is just as likely to be due to the solution of a proportion of clayey dust which the seed contains. (2) The cause of the excreta sticking to the bird's feathers is more often than not due to some digestive or intestinal trouble, which may be due to some dietetic error. You should have given full particulars as to how you are feeding it. Add six drops of syrup of buckthorn and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the water every second day for a week, and in the next week give instead five drops each tincture of gentian and dilute sulphuric acid every second day. (3) No, a temperature of 45 to 50 degrees is not too cold for Canaries. On the contrary, if you keep it within these limits of variation, or, say, within five degrees on either side of 50, void of direct draughts, you may regard it as the ideal winter temperature.

KEEPING ROLLERS.

H. H.—No, it is neither necessary nor advisable to keep Rollers constantly in darkened cages or song-boxes. It is only highly trained birds, such as schoolmasters or contest singers, which are kept partly, but not constantly, in these cages, and birds in training which show too much disposition to get "wild" and run out of bounds in song from a Roller fancier's point of view. Such matters as these, and the necessity of having a control over the song of certain birds, and to tone down faulty notes or delivery are the main purpose of these song-boxes, which are not really meant for the birds to spend their lives in them continually in perpetual twilight. The actual breeding of the birds, and general management, does not differ materially from that of other breeds. You would find a chapter devoted to the breed in Part XVI. of "Our Canaries," and another in House's "Canary Manual," post free, 1s. 2d. Our manager could send you either.

TO PREPARE FOR BREEDING.

Walter.—The birds are certainly being fed much too liberally for the time of year, but as they have been brought up and accustomed to this high feeding from hatching, you will need to bring about any material change by degrees. As they have hitherto been kept in a good-sized aviary, the ill-effect of high feeding would not be so pronounced as if they had been kept in closer confinement, and if you are now going to keep them in cages it will be almost a necessity to reduce the dietary somewhat, or the birds will most likely be forced into premature breeding condition at the first few mild days that may come now at any time. To commence this reduction I would advise you to give a staple diet of three parts, by measure, of good sound canary seed to one part of summer rape. In addition to this, keep a supply of the mixture which the birds have been accustomed to as staple hitherto, and give a small teaspoonful separately from the staple diet every second day, and on the alternate days give a morsel of bread and milk, crushed sponge cake, or any other soft food you may prefer, and give a morsel of green salad daily as long as you can get it in a fit condition for use. After the first week or ten days reduce the quantity of the mixed seed to half a teaspoonful per bird, and a week or so later begin to give it every third day, and the soft food ditto. Then, finally, bring them on to the staple, as above, with half a teaspoonful of the mixed seed per bird twice a week only, and the soft food once or twice a week. If you can get it in good condition, quite free from frost and snow, a little green salad may be given daily all through the winter, but otherwise give as a substitute a morsel of banana, raw or boiled carrot, or sweet apple three times a week, on those days when you are not giving either of the other extras. Keep them on this dietary until the middle of March, and then you may feed as advised on pages 32 and 33 of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," of which you should get a copy from our Manager, who will send it you for 7d., post free. These birds will probably not need much extra feeding to prepare them for breeding. Mate them at the end of March or beginning of April, according to the weather prospects at that time. Don't be over anxious to mate very early, which is rarely any real advantage, and a mistake many beginners fall into.

AN IMPROVED ROLLER.

D. O'B.—Glad to hear you are working at evolving a new type of Roller, and wish you every success. I think I can quite see your ideal, which is one I fully sympathise with, and am quite sure if you succeed in getting it fixed, and there is no reason why you should not, without any serious detriment to the song tours, it will prove an immensely popular one, and be worth all the patient labour necessary to fix it in the breed. You will do quite right to mate the perfectly marked bird back to its father in any circumstances, and if your birds have not been previously much inbred, I would advise you to select the cock that comes nearest in markings to the ideal and its own brother to the perfectly marked hen back to its mother, and make another pair of a cock and hen, brother and sister which are full brother and sister to the perfectly marked bird, choosing a clear hen, or the nearest to it, and a cock with the nearest approach to the desired marking for this pair. The young from this brother and sister mated back with the progeny of the other two pairs should give you a very material advance towards your ideal, both in markings and in fixing the type permanently in the strain. Avoid as far as possible saddle, breast, neck and head marks, but ticks round the eye orbits may be tolerated more freely.

CANNOT PERCH PROPERLY.

A. H. F.—Seeing that the bird is so lively, and sings as usual, I do not think there can be much seriously wrong with it. See that the perches are of a proper size and shape, fixed securely, and examine the feet to see if the claws are much overgrown. The latter point alone may, at the bird's age, quite account for its inability to retain an upright position on the perch. First make some perches of a nice soft wood, about half an inch in diameter, and round in shape, then flatten off the top surface to an oval shape, and fix these in so that they do not wobble about when the bird moves on them. Next catch the bird and soak the feet for a few minutes in quite warm water, cleaning them quite free from dirt meanwhile, and finish off by holding them in cold water for a minute, and if the claws are overgrown cut them back with a sharp pair of nail scissors to a normal length, being careful not to cut too far back and make them bleed. By holding the claws up in front of a strong light you will see a thin pink streak extending a little way down the centre of the horny part of the claw, which is the vein, or "quick." Cut a little short of the extremity of this streak and no harm can be done. Finally, anoint the feet with a little vaseline, but do not leave on any surplus grease to collect dirt or sand from the cage floor. You may, with advantage, be a little more generous with the diet. In addition to the present staple, give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats twice a week, and on two other days give a morsel of bread soaked in milk, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of buckthorn and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week, and after this give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for another week.

CAGES AND CONTESTS.

D. R. S.—(1) I doubt if you will get as good results all round from running a cock with two or more hens in a flight cage, as by keeping the hens singly in single breeding cages. Although the cages are of good size they afford the minimum of privacy and seclusion for each hen's nesting arrangements and consequently the maximum of interference is likely to accrue, which is the real stumbling-block to successful breeding with several birds flying together in a limited space. The most I would advise you to attempt is to divide the larger flight into two and run two hens in each compartment, using one cock for both compartments, running him in them alternately. Two hens each in the smaller cages would be quite sufficient, and if the cock proves himself trustworthy and does not interfere with the hens' nesting arrangements, you might leave a cock permanently in each of these cages after the season begins. Keep four nesting sites in each compartment to serve each couple of hens. If you could divide the smaller flights into three compartments each, you might keep a hen in each space, and run a cock with them alternately, which would give you six breeding hens instead of four in these two cages. (2) To enter the contests of the B.R.C.C., unless it was such as were specified to be "open to all," you would need to be a member of the club. But there are many contests held in many parts of the country into which you might enter without being a member of this club, if that is what you mean. (3) This question is not very clear. You say "thus rung," but omit to say how rung, or with what ring. Birds wearing B.R.C.C. rings are, of course, entitled to compete in the club contests, and there are some open contests in which they would be able to compete. This point should be clear to you from rules of the club which you would obtain on entering. This applies just the same if the birds are bought or sold, provided always the sale is a bona fide one. (4) The indiscriminate mixing of strains is most undesirable. Birds highly developed on the lines of performing deep hollow tours may easily be ruined by the introduction of an outside strain not so developed. It is safest for a novice to stick to the same strain, not necessarily doing close in-breeding, or at least, introduce only such strains as are developed along similar lines.

EXPECTING TOO MUCH.

Boy Roy.—Sorry to disappoint you, but you are really expecting too much. You cannot in any circumstances turn a number of Canaries of different breeds into an aviary, however large, to breed at their own sweet will, and expect the breeds to remain pure. The birds would be practically certain to mate up indiscriminately irrespective of variety, even if one or two of the most lusty cocks did not monopolise the whole harem. Besides this, two cocks, five hens, and one of unknown sex, are too many birds to stock a cage for breeding 5ft. long and 2½ft. wide. The height is of little importance. One cock and three hens would be ample to stock the aviary. If you could put in a division about midway between floor and roof so as to make it into two sections 2½ ft. high, each having the same floor space as now, you might keep the three Norwich in one part and the four Yorkshires in the other, with just the same chance of success as you would have by devoting the whole space to one trio of birds, and you would then keep the breeds pure. The Border Fancy you would, of course, discard altogether in these circumstances.

A BAD MATCH.

Old Man.—Two rather heavily variegated buff birds, of unknown parentage, are not a suitable match for pairing together by any means. So far as colour is concerned, you might expect the progeny to consist chiefly of heavily variegated buffs, with a sprinkling of broken greens and possibly a stray self green now and again. Whether you would get any birds less heavily marked than the lightest of this pair depends entirely on how they have been bred and it would be best not to expect any lighter marked ones. If you wished to stand a reasonable chance of getting clear or lightly ticked birds you could not do better than replace either of your birds, but preferably the cock with a clear yellow bred from two clears. Glad to know you can still, after many years, learn something from "Cage Birds," we are never too old to learn evidently.

LUMPS ON WINGS.

Chas. Taylor.—You ought to have described the appearance of the lumps as nearly as you could, and especially said whether they appear to arise from the base of a feather. I rather suspect that they are abnormal growths of feathers, the feather-making material having become in the quill stage, a mass of furfuraceous matter, which forms the substance of these apparent growths. Try slightly moistening them with a small feather dipped in tincture of iodine once a week for a month, give a morsel of bread and milk dusted with flour of sulphur and then sprinkled with soft sugar every fourth day for two or three weeks, and on the day following each time add to the drinking water twelve drops of Fluid Magnesia. If this does not have the desired effect in causing them to disappear, write in, say, a month and give the above particulars, and also say if there is any neck, or stalk, so to speak, between the base of the growth and the bird's skin, when I will advise you further.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

HOW TO PAIR FOR MULES.

K. E. C. — I should feel inclined to try the old Goldfinch with one of the Yorkshire hens, the produce as a rule are smart birds, but have scarcely enough substance for exhibition purposes. The best are bred from Norwich hens, but if you only want yours for song, the Yorkshire should do. The other Finch I would also pair with a Yorkshire in preference to a Roller hen, as these are as a rule too small. Now, about the Siskin hen it would certainly be good if you could manage to breed a Goldfinch-Siskin Hybrid, and I should feel inclined to try them together and see how they go on; you could do this and still use the Finch with the Canary. If you ran him in with her when she was quite ready to go to nest; two or three matings would be sufficient. Any eggs you get from the Siskin you could put under one of the Roller hens. If you saw any possibility of getting any young I would advise you to add a little insectile mixture with the ordinary egg food, and get the Roller hens used to taking it, so that they could feed the young hybrids should you have any luck. It is very disappointing to get choice young and then fail to rear them.

TO KEEP FINCH IN COLOUR.

Leo. — I gather you have a field-moulted Goldfinch, and want to retain the brilliant plumage later on. Now as a matter of fact it is quite exceptional for a Finch to moult out quite as bright in colour as he was before he moulted. You see it is quite against Nature, because after the moult, birds are not quite as fit as they were before, and until they have recovered there is little improvement, but as time gets on the circle begin to come "up in colour" as fanciers term it, and are at their richest when ready for breeding. As regards moulting the Goldfinch, semi-outdoor treatment is the best. The healthier the bird the quicker he moults, and the better he comes through in colour. There is no secret about it; keep the bird healthy, look after him well, giving plenty of wild food, and a judicious use of rain water for bathing purposes when he is three parts through. When he is through, do not neglect him if you feel disappointed in his appearance, for if he has good natural colour, it will appear again in time.

BULLFINCH-CANARY HYBRIDS.

A. D. G.—Several have claimed to have bred Hybrids from the cock Bullfinch, although he is not a model breeder. I must say I have never seen any of these Hybrids yet, and unless I had a cock Bullfinch and a suitable hen that appeared to take to each other I should prefer to try them in the usual way. Don't let me discourage you if you feel like having a shot at them, one never knows what will happen with birds.

BREEDING BRITISH BIRDS IN AVIARY.

C. Young. — As a rule birds like to pair with their own species, but even if you did get a cross you could only get something that would be more valuable than the true breed. I think your best plan would be to let each pair fly by themselves in a separate cage during the winter months, and then turn them into the aviary some time during March. I fear if you wait until the hens show signs of wanting to nest you will possibly waste your time. If you turn them in when I say, each pair will keep together, and if the place is suitable and the birds healthy none of them will soon start feeding their partners. Put in plenty of old cages, nest boxes, and pans, and two or three old Finch nests if you can get them, if not, abundance of moss and cow hair.

LINNET WHEEZY.

F. C. M.—As your Linnet is still in full song there cannot be much the matter with him, possibly you are feeding him a little too well. You do not say what seed you give him. Go to the chemist and get some syrup of buckthorn and give five drops in a tablespoonful of water, leaving it for him to drink for six hours, then repeat two days later. If he is a big drinker as some Linnets are, do not let him have it so long. I gather from your asking about shepherd's purse that you are not giving him greenfood. You should let him have a spray of chickweed or watercress, or a piece of apple if he will eat it. You cannot buy shepherd's purse, it grows on waste land, it has a tiny white flower at the top of the plant, with branches down the main stem, with a purse full of seeds at the end of each branch. (2) All Goldfinches knock their beaks against the wires of the cages, especially when they are recently caught. I would advise you to send 2½d. to the office for the Nutshell booklet on the Linnet, it will tell you the correct way to feed him.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AMAZON SCRATCHING ITSELF.

R. W. C.—The bird is evidently suffering from some form of skin irritation, occasioned by some internal trouble. It should have ripe fruit daily; also nuts, shelled and unshelled, such as Barcelona, monkey, and walnuts. It can also have biscuit, plain cake, and stale crusts, and once or twice weekly a piece of raw carrot. Add a good portion of white oats to the seed mixture. Do not omit to keep a continuous supply of cuttlebone and grit in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. It is not desirable to give a purge to a Parrot except in very special cases—any corrective should be gentle in its action and soothing, and for this reason I almost always use and advise fluid magnesia. Spray or bathe the nostrils with dilute glyco-thymoline, it will do no hurt if a little is swallowed. Put a little honey and borax into its mouth once or twice daily, either from the end of a stick or feather, or give it thinly spread on bread, biscuit, plain cake, or anything similar that it will eat readily. Keep the bowels moving freely by a gentle laxative, there must be no purging—every fourth day should be sufficient to give a mild dose, and on the other days put ten drops of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. If the bird is at all thin give 15 drops of cod-liver oil emulsion daily, thinly spread on, or soaked into, anything it will eat. Report progress in a few weeks.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

THE TICKED BIRD QUESTION.

T. J. Reynolds.—If you will send us a shorter letter, keeping entirely to the point, and authenticated by your proper address, we shall be pleased to publish it. As we understand the controversy, it is a question of whether a grizzle marking may be considered a tick, a variegation, or a "mark." The show points of a Norwich or a Yorkshire Canary are not in question, neither have the definitions 2, 4, or 6-pointed anything to do with it. Further, your letter only names your county, not your full address.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. The Post Office regulation is that bodies of birds must be sent at the letter rate of postage, and must be packed in hermetically-sealed receptacles which must themselves be enclosed in strong wooden, leather, or metal cases. If this regulation be infringed the packets may be destroyed by the authorities. **Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's**

W. T. V. P.—Lung disease of some standing, whilst both lungs were affected with pneumonia, small portions of these organs had undergone necrosis.

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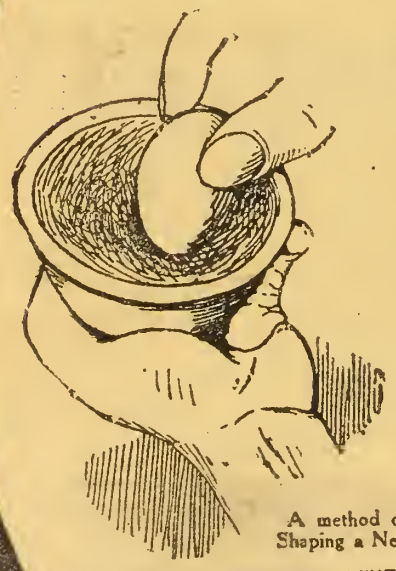
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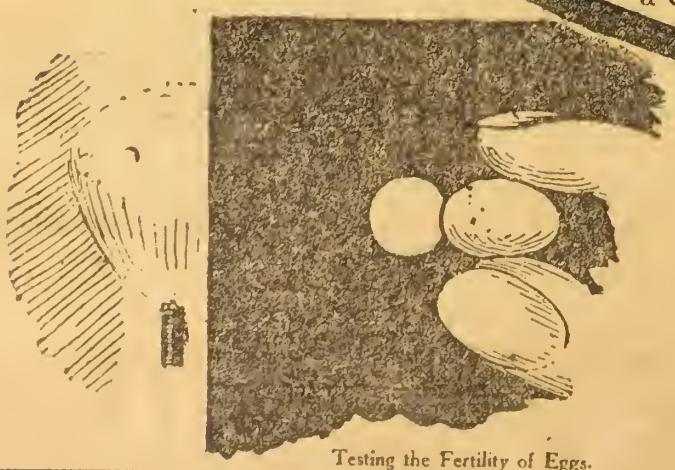
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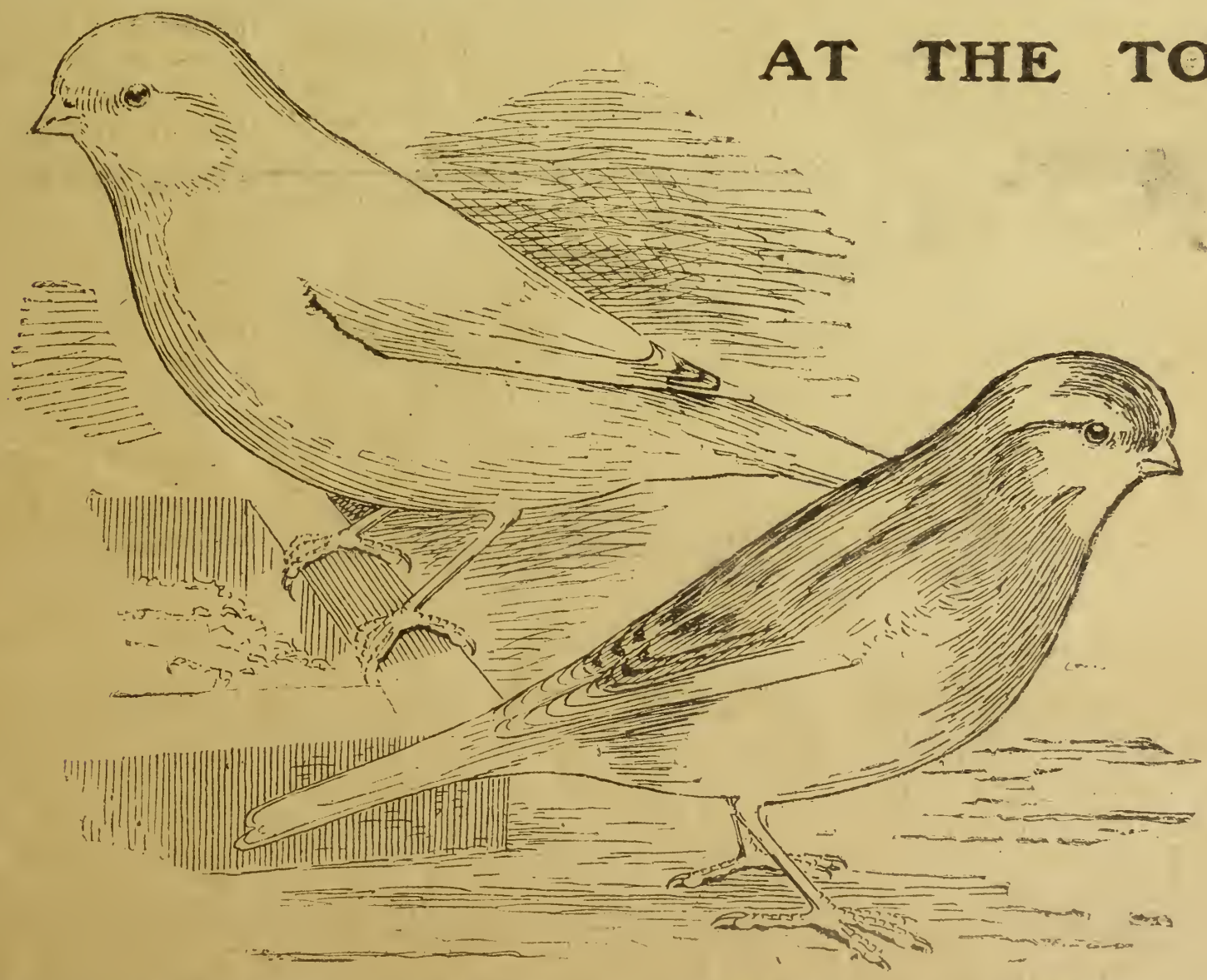

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BELGIANS, good pair, also yellow cock, 1916 birds; approval: Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple. (780)

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CREST and Crestbreds, cocks or hens: Jacklin, 48, Ogle-st., Hucknall, Notts. (760)

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YELLOW and Buff cocks from 10/-; hens 5/-; own breeding, winning strain; healthy: Bluck, 3, Westbourne-terrace, Hove. (778)

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NOTICE! Grand lot Norwich, many winners; prices reasonable; easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (737)

NORWICH cocks, yellow or buff, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; pairs, properly matched, 20/-, 25/- upwards; approval, stamp: Williams, Granley-rd., Cheltenham. (752)

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TWO fine foul green Norwich cocks, 20/- each; two yellow, one buff, ditto, 12/6 each, to clear: Treasurer, 14, Rotunda-terrace, Cheltenham. (778)

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NORWICH unflighted yellow cock, yellow hen, buff hen, 10/- each; 1915, yellow cock, clear buff hen, buff marked hen, 20/- each: Craig, 15, Damacre-rd., Brechin. (780)

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TYPICAL unflighted clear yellow Norwich cock, big head, 15/6; heavily marked unflighted Norwich cock, 15/6; yellow hen 5/-: Woods, 26, Silton-st., Moston, Manchester. (782)

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O.S., in the Gamble Institute, Gourock, on **Friday and Saturday, 2nd and 3rd February, 1917,** open to a radius of 15 miles, taking Paisley and Clydebank east, and Dunoon and Largs west, as boundaries; 30 Classes; specials galore. Judges: Canary section, Mr. Robert Heggie, Glasgow; British section, Mr. H. Jamieson, Glasgow. Schedules from Show Secretary: **Mr. E. Campbell, 11, Kempock-st., Gourock.**

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(Mon.). The 8th Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds, **Feb. 7th, 1917.** Judges: Yorkshires and Borders, J. Parlitt, Blackpool, remainder, H. H. Mortimer, Abertillery. **W. J. Baker, Hon. Sec., 161, Alma-st., Abertillery, Mon.**

Glasgow and Western Counties

Norwich Canary, Etc., Club. Annual Show of Norwich, Border, Yorkshire and Lizard Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on **Saturday, Jan. 27, 1917,** in City (Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow. Judges: Messrs. Alex. Macfarlane, Alexander Walker, Glasgow, and John Cranna, Auchterarder.—**J. H. Adam, Hon. Sec., 15, Alexander Street, Sandyford, Glasgow.** N.B.—No faked or painted birds on exhibition.

Sale Show

in aid of the "Blue Cross" work among the wounded horses at the Front; Feb. 10, 1917. Classification up-to-date. No cancelling, no amalgamation. Extended classification for Mules, British and Borders. **W. Middleton, 20, Northenden-rd., Sale, Cheshire.**

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB OF SCOTLAND. Club Show, **Saturday, January 27th,** Central Halls, 25, Bath Street, Glasgow. Judge, C. Martin, Glasgow. Admission 6d., including tax. Doors open 1.30 p.m.—**S. F. Wood, Sec., 4, Tollcross Road, Parkhead, Glasgow.**

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Twitterings.

Mr. F. Harrison writes that all prize money has been paid out to exhibitors at Clay Cross Show, and thanks all who have sent entries.

Although our recent show resulted in a loss, writes Mr. H. Walker, Hon. Sec. Leeds F. and F.S., we have handed a cheque for 10s. to the Red Cross Fund.

Mr. J. Webber, hon. sec. Abertillery C.B.S., writes that he omitted to report in last week's club report that Mr. H. H. Mortimer is giving four 2s. 6d. specials for the coming pair show.

Mr. J. W. Norris, hon. sec. British Roller C.C., writes that further specials have come in for the contest of Feb. 9, and these will be printed in the catalogue. Mr. Norris will be pleased to send another schedule to any exhibitor whose schedule has gone astray.

Kindly thank all exhibitors at our show on Jan. 20, writes Mr. C. Cunnah, sec. Sutton-in-Ashfield and Hathwaite C.B.S. All exhibits were packed and sent away before 3 o'clock on Saturday night, and I hope they all arrived home safe. I have two drinkers which were left behind; if the owner will send his name and address I will forward them.

Wanted to know that fanciers can see the art of pairing to produce winning results by visiting the great Pair and British Show of the City and Suburban A.C.B. on Wednesday next, Jan. 31st, at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Baker Street, W.—(Advt.)

The Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. Competitions have resulted as follows, writes Mr. R. Garnett: Open: 1 Craig, 229 pts.; 2 Morrison, 178; 3 Dykes, 170; 4 Towers, 161; 5 Brown, 49. Amateur: 1 Midgley, 84 pts.; 2 Sutcliff, 72; 3 Ratcliff, 28. Novice: 1 Pownall Bros., 112 points; 2 Hodgson, jun., 99; 3 Chapman, 63; 4 Woad, 38; 5 H. Hamlyn, 25. Any member disputing these points must write secretary at once.

We hear from Mr. A. J. Watcham that in view of the unsettled times it has been decided not to hold the annual show of the London C.B.A. This of course refers to the amalgamated show of the three societies, the L.C.B.A., the National and British Mule Club, and the Foreign Bird Club. A pair show will be held by the London C.B.A., Feb. 1, at 7.30, at headquarters, 2, York Street, Piccadilly. There will be 14 classes; Mr. J. Robson judge.

Ramsden's Pure Peppers.—Thirty cases of new season's Pepper have arrived. My business had been classed as non-essential, and facilities for shipping and labour refused. Every effort will be made to secure further shipments, but the difficulties are very great. Fanciers intending to colour feed this season should purchase at once, as they may not be able to secure supplies later on. Orders will be executed in rotation while the stock lasts. Prices as last year; no advance—½lb. 1s. 6d.; 1lb. 2s. 6d.; 3lb. 6s. 6d.; 5lb. 10s.; 22lb. 37s. 6d.; carriage paid.—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.—(Advt.)

OBITUARY.

E. W. GABBITASS (Mansfield).

Sad death of a young fancier.

I am sorry to inform you, writes J. Miller, chairman Mansfield C.B.S., of the sad loss our Hon. Sec., Mr. Bernard Gabbitass, has sustained through a fatal accident to his only son, Ernest W. Gabbitass, who was killed by a runaway tub of coal at the Mansfield Colliery on Jan. 10, while following his employment as a pony driver in the pit. Although only 14 years of age, he has been a member of our Society for over two years, and was a great help to his father during show business. As a society we shall miss him very much, and I am sure that all our members will join in sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Gabbitass in their sad bereavement.

Mr. A. E. JAMRACH (London).

We regret to have to announce the death, on Jan. 1, of Mr. Albert E. Jamrach, the famous London naturalist. The name Jamrach is of course known all over the world. The business in wild beasts and foreign birds carried on by the deceased gentleman and his father, Charles Jamrach, before him has been established in St. George's Street (Ratcliffe Highway) for very many years. Apart from his dealings in beasts, birds, and reptiles, Albert Jamrach was an enthusiastic collector of foreign curios, and the premises at the back of his live stock shop formed a veritable museum. He succeeded his late father in the business in 1891, and all who had dealings with him felt that they were dealing with a gentleman in the true sense of the word. He spoke several languages fluently, and in the course of his business had become possessed of a wonderful accumulation of information. A conversation with him about the unique subjects in the collection in which he took such a pride was an education in itself. Many indeed will feel the loss of the deceased naturalist. He was laid to rest at Hampstead on Jan. 5, at the age of seventy-one.

Judging at Llanelly Show.

My absence from judging at Llanelly show, writes Mr. A. Hirst, was by the desire of the Committee and not through any fault of mine.

An Address Wanted.

Will Mr. C. H. Bamford, Bristol, or similar name, who had birds from me a fortnight ago communicate with me, writes Mr. G. Cotton, Market Place, Northallerton. Address mislaid.

Corrections in Show Reports.

In the report of Llanelly show, 2 and 4 in the novice cock class should be G. O. Thomas, not Griffiths and Thomas as printed. Mr. J. Jones writes that he got vhc with 25 points in the young bird novice class in the Bacup Roller contest. D. H. Davies won the members' Norwich cup at Llanelly, not the novice cup as reported. In the report of the Northern Crest Club show, he Dobson should read he Robson. In the report of the Birmingham R.C.C. contest the 1st prize in the champion any age class received 2 points for H.R., not 1 as stated. 2nd in novice cock and he in hen class at Pontypool should read Thomas, not Thomson.

I have taken over secretarial duties of the Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S., writes Mr. T. Carlisle, and all communications should be addressed to me at 37, Webster Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

Mr. Challenger, the late hon. sec. of the Porth and Rhondda Valleys C.B.S., has resigned, writes H. S. Legg, and I have taken on the position. All correspondence in future should be sent to me at 7, Primrose Terrace, Llwyneelyn, Porth, Glam.

We have received the balance sheet of the Plymouth Western Counties O.S. It is gratifying to note that the balance in hand has nearly doubled itself during the past season. £9 6s. 1d. was brought forward from 1915, and the amount carried forward to next season is £18 1s. 5d.

Will you kindly notify readers of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. E. Moule, that I have changed my address to business premises, 105, Alexander Road, Abertillery; also kindly allow me to thank the members of the Bristol East C.B.S. for their great kindness in coming forward to act as bearers in our recent bereavement.

As will be seen by an advertisement under show advertisements in to-day's issue, the Glasgow and Western Counties Club is holding its annual show to-day, Jan. 27, in the Good Templars' Hall, Ingram St,. Glasgow. Three popular judges will officiate, and the birds on exhibition will embrace all kinds of Canaries, as well as Hybrids, British and Foreign birds.

THE GREAT NEW PAPER "FOOD."

The following extract, taken from a letter on a subject concerning our own paper, CAGE BIRDS, is one of the many kindly references to the new weekly "FOOD," which was mentioned in our Open Letter to readers last week:—

"Whilst writing, I cannot pass without a word about the New Weekly Paper, "FOOD," which you have the honour of publishing. I have read the first issue with very great interest, and I must say that it is a few years late in coming, for such a paper issued in peace times could not have failed to attract attention. I am more than certain that in view of the vast interest that will and must be taken in allotments and backyard farming the success of the paper is assured, dealing as it does with every item in detail, and if kept it will make a most useful and interesting book of reference in the times to come. Allow me to congratulate you on the first issue of "FOOD." May its popularity increase, so that it may become a permanent institution

R. T. LONSDALE.

Garston.

A "Correction" Revised.

I notice in last week's CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. H. Fry, Llandore and Plasmarl C.B.S., that Mr. Hopkins claims to have won 1st prize in the Var. Yell. Nor. instead of 3rd as reported. Mr. Hopkins did not exhibit in that class, and the awards should read: 1, Lipscombe; 2, Hedges; 3, Williams.

Our Annual for 1917

Is now in course of actual preparation, and there are still one or two special advertising positions left open. No matter how much rates may increase in the future, those who advertise in our Annual will be sure of a whole year's publicity at present low rates. ABSOLUTELY the final date for receiving advertisement matter is Jan. 31st, so send in your order NOW. **Note what an old advertiser says.** After explaining that he is not at present advertising the "Filup Feeder" because of difficulties in manufacture, Mr. C. H. Goodman says, "The results obtained have always been good, and I am afraid people during next season will still read my advertisements of past years. Your Annual appears to go all over the world."

In Aid of a Stricken Roller Fancier.

Too late for acknowledgment last week we received a further contribution of 4s. 6d. in aid of the fund to provide a self-propelling chair for Mr. T. Simpson, and Mr. H. Roebuck writes that he has received 2s. 6d. from Mr. R. F. Brown. The total amount subscribed is, therefore, £13 6s. 3d., and as this is quite as much as is needed we close the list with thanks to those who have so kindly subscribed in response to the appeal of Mr. H. Roebuck and ourselves. In his letter announcing the receipt of the 2s. 6d. referred to, and acknowledging our cheque for the amount sent to us, Mr. Roebuck says: "I can assure all Roller Canary fanciers and the others who have so generously subscribed, that they have helped to make more bearable the monotonous life of Mr. Simpson."

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests to the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Jan. 21; 19 birds sang: 1, Wigfield; 2, 3, shared, Wigfield, A. Summers, and Binns. Judges, A. Butler and W. Lipman.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for Linnet singing, Classmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, York Road; 26 birds:—1, ,, Marshall; 2, Benson; 4, Buckley. Canaries: 1, 2, Lockwood and Shaw, divided; 3, Lockwood.—T. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

West Leeds L. and C.A. Linnet singing contest, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wadworth Street, Jan. 20. 1, Jarrow; 2, J. Long; 3, T. Dobson; 4, Chadwick. 20 birds. Canary singing contest at Viaduct Inn, Kirkstall Road, Jan. 21. 1, J. Wood; 2, Nichols, 3, 4, Thompson. 14 birds.

Linnet and Canary contests, Jan. 28. Linnet at Viaduct Inn, Canary at Prince of Wales Hotel (members only).—Sec, T. Cawood.—(Advt.)

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, opening, Jan. 21, 46 birds entered for four prizes. 1, 4, Williams; 2, Scott; 3, Scotson.—S. Pugh, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, Jan. 21, some very good singing was done considering the severe weather, 20 birds sang: 1, 3, 4, Parlett; 2, Wainwright.—E. Phillipson, Sec.

Birthday Greetings.

From a very large number of expressions of good wishes and congratulations on having passed our fifteenth Birthday Anniversary we select the following for publication, and beg that all our kind friends will accept our grateful thanks:—

Heartiest felicitations upon your Natal Day, and I sincerely hope peace may reign in the land ere you celebrate your next birthday.

Meanwhile, you are to be heartily congratulated upon keeping the old flag flying in view of the almost insuperable difficulties which I know beset your profession at the present time. Again best wishes.

JOHN B. WATERMAN,
Vice-President Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

A FINAL HINT.

To Cage Bird Judges.

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1917 is already in the hands of the printers, and those judges who do not send in their names for insertion in our Directory of Cage Bird Judges may find that they have not been included. Many of the entries in the old list are out of date because of removals, deaths, retirements, etc., and the list in the 1917 ANNUAL will be revised according to the information received from the judges themselves. No charge whatever is made for the insertion, and the information should be sent in the following form:

Smith, E. V., 125, Long Street, Southampton, A.V. (if all kinds), or. Spl. —— (if certain varieties are specialised in).

No other information need be given in the communication, and the cards must reach us not later than Jan. 31.

Strange Freaks of the London Disaster.

Among the many extraordinary vagaries of the recent disastrous explosion were the curious escapes of some caged birds from the prevailing destruction. A Canary in its cage was being carried by one of the homeless people who were seeking shelter, while another had an Amazon Parrot, and amid the ruins of one house which had been demolished, the occupants being killed, two birds were still hopping about in a cage which remained hanging on a broken wall.

A FANCIER'S TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

BURIED FOR FIVE HOURS.

My brother William, writes Mr. Thos. Thwaites, Leeds, had to join the colours last July and landed in France in November. On December 22, he, along with seven of his comrades, got buried by a shell exploding near their trench. After five hours they were dug out and four of them were dead, and my brother and the other more fortunate three are now in hospital recovering from their terrible experience. Before joining up, he closed down his business, and another brother, who is a railway worker and therefore exempt, is doing his best to keep everybody supplied with his famous Nest Linings, till he returns to civil life. I myself will no doubt have to close down also, and get into khaki in a few weeks' time, so it is useless for me to repeat my Breeder's Card at present. However, should I be fortunate enough to return all right, I shall most certainly resume my hobby as a breeder of High Class Rollers, and I shall not forget to duly advertise same in CAGE BIRDS and its Annual.

BIRDS IN WINTER.

IN AND AROUND TORONTO, CANADA.

The following extract from the "Toronto Star Weekly" has kindly been forwarded by a Canadian reader, Mr. Wallace C. Jones. Many of the birds mentioned are familiar here, as well as in Canada, and we have pleasure in reproducing the interesting article for the benefit of our readers.

MUCH is said and written about the birds that come in the spring, but what of the winter birds, our little feathered neighbours who stay with us the year round? What do they feed upon, where do they protect themselves from the storms of winter, what are their habits, and just which birds are hardy enough to brave the rigorous Canadian climate?

The Cosmopolitan House Sparrow.

Most birds are so obtrusive during the winter that the casual observer hardly knows that they are present. Of course there are the English Sparrows, which are an exception. They are noisy, bold little fellows, and come so close to our houses and depend so upon civilization for their food, that they have come to be almost domesticated.

It is a much discussed question whether these little birds are to be looked upon kindly or not. They have multiplied to such an extent since being introduced to this country from England that in some localities they have become a pest, consuming grain and tree buds so extensively as to be almost classed as parasites. On the other hand, the amount of insects and worms injurious to trees that they consume in the spring almost justifies their destructive habits.

Another small bird very much in evidence during the winter is the Snow-Bunting. Not the little bird commonly called Snowbird, for he, paradoxically, is not a bird of winter at all, leaving for the South at the first sign of snow.

Justifies its Name.

The Snow Bunting is the one genuine snow bird. He seems to really delight in the snow. Many of the birds that stay all winter just seem to worry along in spring, getting barely enough food to keep themselves alive, but the Bunting remains cheerful through the coldest weather.

His coat is a greyish brown, and the breast a beautiful white, so that he really seems to fit into the winter landscape. He breeds as far north as Lapland, and comes here to a warm (?) climate for his winters.

The Chick-a-Dees and Nuthatches are two other of our truly winter birds. The Nuthatch, so called from its habit of cracking and extracting nuts from the shell for food, is of a warm buff and brown colour, and is very numerous in just this locality. The Chick-a-Dee, that cheery little bird, needs no description. His sprightly motions, and call of "Chick-a-Dee" makes him easily recognised.

The other morning while walking in the deserted garden I was startled by a huge flock of these little birds rising suddenly almost from my feet. Wondering what had drawn such a crowd, I examined the spot, and found that the feathers of a chicken had been stripped and left there, and these little birds were probably taking advantage of the find to make cozy their winter quarters. No doubt they felt like a person coming unexpectedly into a fortune—their whole winter furnishing all in one spot.

But most interesting to me of all the winter birds is the Woodpecker—the Red-headed Woodpecker, though to be correct it is only the male which has the red tuft on the head.

Fresh Quarters Every Year.

There are many different kinds of Woodpeckers, but the one which winters here in Canada is the Downy Woodpecker, and a very interesting neighbour he is.

He is such a very busy little fellow that he drills himself a new house each year in a stump or hollow tree. But he only occupies this the one season.

The next year he drills another, the discarded holes being occupied by the female Woodpeckers—that is if Mr. Downy will allow his abandoned wife to occupy it, for, I am sorry to say, that there is very little chivalry among the birds except during the mating season, and a Woodpecker will fight and keep the female out of the discarded hole, even though he does not want to occupy it himself.

An incident is told of a Woodpecker who had tried in vain to keep the female from wintering in his last year's house, but in spite of all his efforts she managed to establish herself in the retreat.

But Downy was not to be outwitted. Unable to keep the intruder out, he decided to make it so uncomfortable for her that she would leave voluntarily. So he set to work and bored a large hole in the bottom of the retreat, thus making such a draught that Mrs. Woodpecker had to leave. This incident seems almost too human to be true.

All the birds appear to live a solitary life in the winter, there being no pairing off except in the mating season. The Woodpeckers, as well as the Chick-a-Dees, find plenty of food during the winter months. They eat the insect larvæ and eggs from the trees. The Woodpeckers towards spring tap the maple trees, and drink the sap. When they can get this they eat very little else.

A Natural Provision Against Winter.

In the fall birds of all kinds become very fat. Mice and squirrels lay by a supply of food in their retreats, but the birds carry the equivalent in their systems in the form of fatty tissue. It serves as a protection against the cold, and also in severe seasons when food is scarce, it supplies the demands of the system for sustenance.

Crows have been found covered with a layer of fat a quarter of an inch thick, and have been known to go two weeks without one morsel of food.

Of course the smaller birds I have spoken of have not such an abundance of fat. The little creatures really become very hard pressed for food during some of the severe months, and no doubt many of them die off. At any rate by spring many of their little bodies have become so light that to hold one of them in the hand seems hardly more than holding a bunch of feathers.

The birds mentioned above are the ones that we are the most familiar with—the ones that come close to our habitations and seem to be more friendly with, and to a certain extent dependent upon man.

But there remain those larger birds, the natives of the far North. They breed in the North, and come to us for the winters. Others breed right here in our vicinity. The huge pine trees found in the Don valley prove a favourite nesting place, and away in the tops of these waving pines I have seen many of their huge, rough-looking nests.

These large birds are enemies of the smaller birds, as they feed upon them, but the number of field mice that they consume is incredible, and they therefore are entitled to the protection of the farmer.

Cannibals Among Birds

A queer, eerie kind of bird is the Owl. It is a permanent resident of Canada. It seems more mysterious, I suppose, because most of its goings and comings are at night, and being rather inert, it does not attract the attention that the more active ones do.

It is a great enemy of the smaller birds, and is the real bogey of the Chick-a-Dee, Nuthatches, and Woodpeckers, as it can put its long talons down in the hollow tree and draw out its little victim.

I once found a deserted Owl's nest in an old hollow tree in the vicinity of High Park. In the bottom of the nest were all sorts of feathers and quills, from Jays, Bluebirds, Woodpeckers, and other small birds, very eloquently telling the tale of the probable end of some of these little songsters.

The Hawk, with which we are all familiar, stays throughout the year with us. He is not a very popular bird, I fear, as he is too fond of loitering near the chicken yard. But he, too, has his use; during the breeding season the amount of destructive field mice he requires for his food is tremendous.

Impales Its Victims.

One of the larger birds deserving of most dislike is the Shrike, often called the Butcher Bird. He is harmless-looking enough, and consequently the smaller birds do not fear him as they otherwise would. He comes down from the North in the winter, and lives almost entirely upon smaller birds. He often impales his victims upon thorns or twigs, thus acquiring the name Butcher Bird.

Rarer visitants here are the Grosbeaks and Eagles. The last named I have never had the good fortune to see in this vicinity, but they are known to nest in numbers along the rocky cliffs of Lake Ontario. Their nests are huge, sometimes six feet high by four in diameter. The same nests are used year after year, and each year added to, hence their enormous dimensions.

Many other large birds I have seen in this locality in the winter, with which I am not familiar. Winter seems to change the status of many wild creatures, and birds that would not venture near civilization at other times are forced to come beyond their usual haunts for food. At any rate we need not limit our study of the birds to the spring, for, though the greatest number are with us then, not one bit less interesting are our little winter visitors.

Correspondence.

The Disqualified Hawfinch at Bristol.

How Judges Differ.

SIR,—I am sorry to see that Mr. House has not replied to my letter re my Hawfinch at Bristol Show. This same bird has won 1st and special and special for the best British bird in the show at Northampton on Boxing Day under Mr. Robson, and after the cards were up I asked Mr. Robson to have a good look at it, and see if he could find any trace of trimming about his bib; he did so, and said decidedly no. I then told him it was the bird Mr. House threw out of competition a few weeks ago because he thought I had trimmed his bib. Mr. Robson said it was absolutely ridiculous. It is kind of Mr. House to give me the credit of performing such a delicate operation, so I thought I would try on a Siskin's bib. I did so, with the result that he was cardless at Llanelly, so I don't think I shall try again.

R. ANDREWS.

THE TINIEST BRITISH BIRD.

This charming specimen of the Golden-crested Wren, the smallest of all British birds, is the winner of 2nd Prize at Sheffield Show and many other prizes for its owner, Mr. P. Walsh, Sheffield.

"Mistakes in Judging."

A Different Complexion on the Matter.

SIR,—In reply to H. S. Walter in your issue of Jan. 6, I think that before he solicited your valuable opinion a better thing to have done if he had no clear conception of what really did happen, or doubted the version of his informant, would have been either to write to Mr. J. H. Roe, the judge, or lay the facts as explained to him by me before the general meeting of members of Bristol C.B.S., where he was present last Wednesday.

Instead of so doing, he has nursed his supposed grievance for two months, and then asked your opinion on a case distorted and perverted out of all recognition. To do that is hardly fair to himself, his fellow club members, or our journal, CAGE BIRDS, and only clouds the issue.

Further, the possibility of judging classes "ad lib" is, to say the least, absurd, and very far fetched, and nothing at all to do with his case, the bone of contention being that very old cause for dissension, "A members' cup." May the "Deil" take 'em, they do more harm to Societies and individuals than they ever do good.

Now, sir, I would like to state the whole circumstances of friend Walter's case, and how it happened.

At the annual show of Bristol C.B.S., held Nov. 4 last, Mr. J. H. Roe judged, and Mr. H. S. Walter won first prize in Yorkshire unflighted novice class, and was also awarded members' cup for the best unflighted bred by a member.

In the champion unflighted Yorks class, the first prize bird was number 5 in the class numbers, and as it was not shown by a member, it was not brought out for the cup.

I, and others, noticed that this latter bird did not deserve his position, and I trust his owner will pardon my saying that he was an inferior bird to the others in the lower cards, and others out of them, in my own opinion. I could only conclude that a very palpable mistake had been made, and the Secretary and myself inspected the judges' slip, which did not throw any light on the matter, as the slip was quite in conformity with the gum labels on the cages.

When the judge had finished his work, and was at liberty, and all the cards up, I asked Mr. Roe where this No. 5 bird surpassed the others, and why was it first prize. I do not think any exhibiting fancier will question my right as an exhibitor to put the judge those querics, even if the matter was in order, and the awards looking satisfactory.

After some discussion, Mr. Roe came to the same conclusion as I had, that the No. 5 bird did not deserve first prize, and thought there had been a mistake. He thereupon took his judging book from his pocket, and showed me and the Secretary, Mr. J. S. Withers, that No. 6 was first prize in his judging book, and was his proper and only award, but unfortunately he went up a line when extending the awards to the tearing out slip, and inadvertently placed first against No. 5 instead of against No. 6, as in his book, where No. 5 was cardless. Justice, if belated, was given the No. 6, and first prize was removed from the No. 5 bird, where it was first placed.

As the number six bird was shown by a member, and nominated for the cup, I pointed out to the Secretary and the Judge what a great injustice had been done the owner in excluding his bird being judged for the cup, through the judge's clerical error.

Now, Sir, there were two courses open to the Judge to take. He could have said regarding the class award and the cup, it is through my mistake, but I won't alter the position although wrong, or he could take the course he did, which, to my mind, was the only honourable one to pursue (and I have no two opinions about it), namely, to take the No. 6 bird, the rightful champion class winner, and the first prize novice class winner of Mr. H. S. Walters, and adjudicate between them for the cup. I do not even admit this as rejudging, as the No. 6 bird was not brought out when the cup was first awarded to Mr. Walter's bird. The result was, that he declared the No. 6 bird in champion unflighted cock class, his original first prize bird as per his book, to be the cup winner, the owner being Mr. G. Hiscox.

Now, if this is "opening a very wide gate," and that gate leads to a fair field and fair play for everybody competing, well, may it ever be kept open, and if the day comes when it is held to be wrong to adjust such an error as here occurred, especially as it was not too late to do so, as the judge had only just finished, and no visitors had come, and if the gate leading to the field of fair play has to be shut tight because of the possible mistrust and suspicion of fellow members, I shall be sending you, Mr. Editor, a nicely worded advertisement like this: "Declining the fancy; good stock for sale; cages, appliances, etc; stamp reply to

J. A. GREENSLADE.

The opinion given in our issue of Jan. 6 was based on the statements made in the letter as published. As stated in the letter above, the case assumes a different complexion, for it appears that all that was done was to correct a clerical error on the part of the judge, and not to re-judge the class. The correction of the error brought the winning bird into competition for a cup, and this cup it won, so that the alteration involved more than the simple shifting of a card from the cage of a bird which was not entitled to it and placing it on the card of the actual winner. Strictly speaking, we think it an irregular proceeding to alter the judge's slip when once it has passed out of his possession. The slip which is handed to the secretary, should be the actual record of the judging, not a copy from the judge's book, and the counterfoil which remains in the possession of the judge should be a copy of the slip. Then such a clerical error as has here occurred would not matter.

In the ordinary course of proceedings the judge's slips only remain in the possession of the secretary long enough to allow of the prize and award cards to be written; they are passed on as quickly as possible to the printer to be printed in the catalogue, and then no alteration is possible. We think, therefore, that such an alteration cannot properly be made in a case when the slips happen to remain in the hands of the secretary.

It may seem a hard and fast ruling, but it is good law that the end does not justify the means when the means are irregular. The judge should be responsible for his mistakes as for his decisions. However, in this case the judge chose to make the alteration, and his decision is final, right or wrong. The first prize and the cup must go to the bird to which they were finally awarded. After all, we take it that it is admitted that the best bird won in the end, so no harm has been done to anyone except that the two exhibitors who would have profited by the mistake if it had not been corrected do not get the prizes which would have accidentally fallen to their lot.—ED., CAGE BIRDS.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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New Society for Skewen, Glam.

SIR. It might interest your readers in this district that a Cage Bird Society has been formed at Skewen, and that we would gladly welcome new members. Two very successful meetings have already been held, and the third meeting will be held on the first Monday in February. Any further information that intending members may want can be had from the Secs.,

T. PATTINSON AND L. DANIEL.
177, New Road, Skewen.

Roller Canary Club for Haslingden.

SIR.—At a meeting held, Jan. 9, at the Victoria Hotel, Haslingden, it was decided to form a Roller Club, to be known as the Haslingden and District Roller C.C. Eleven members were nominated and the following officials were elected:—President, W. F. Thacker; vice pres., A. Taylor; sec. and treas., H. Nuttall. The members of the club to form the committee. Emergency committee, the sec., pres., V. Coupe and J. Barnes. Meetings to be held at the Victoria Hotel on the first Tuesday in each month, at 7.30. Entrance fee 1s., and annual sub. 3s. It was resolved that we join the National Federation of Roller Clubs. A special meeting will be held Jan. 27, at the Victoria Hotel, Haslingden, at 2.30, when Mr. Lyons, of Blackburn, will describe the different tours of the Roller Canary. Any intending member will be welcomed.

H. NUTTALL.
37, Sultan-st., Accrington.

In Aid of a Stricken Roller Fancier.

Grateful Thanks from the Recipient.

SIR.—Please allow me to thank all those fanciers who have given their valuable support, including the secretaries of Roller Canary Societies and those outside the Roller fancy. I am sure it is very kind of all to respond so well to Mr. Roebuck's appeal on my behalf.

I thank you all most sincerely for your kind support in helping to raise the amount required to enable me to purchase the hand-propelling chair, and thus enable me to get out by myself without anyone having to push me. I used to have to wait weeks before I could get out, but now I shall be able to get out every day when it is fine, so you will all see what a great difference it will be to me. I can assure you I am gladly looking forward to spring coming round again, so that I can get out and enjoy the fresh air, and when I get into the country lanes I shall think of all those kind friends who have been the means of my getting out and enjoying myself. I thank you also, Mr. Editor, for your valuable help through the columns of your paper.

THOMAS SIMPSON.

The Judging at Whitehaven Show.

Why Are Cage-tabs Marked?

SIR.—Please permit us space to reply to Mr. Nicholson's letter. Cleator Moor Show was only brought into the discussion in an attempt to holster up a mistake, and has nothing to do with the grievance we first wrote about. We did not intend to say that all judges marked the tabs or tickets, but that where they were so marked our prizes have always corresponded. At fully two-thirds of the shows where we have exhibited this season the tabs have been marked. A well-known judge stated in conversation with us that he had always followed the system of marking the tabs or tickets, although it was not really necessary. Some of the leading judges follow the same system, the steward checking the numbers and marks. We don't know whether Mr Nicholson doubts our word when he says that in 40 years he has never had a tab or ticket so marked, but to confirm our statement we enclose the Whitehaven tabs, also the Glasgow tickets.

COOK & ADAMS.

Where the Steward Comes In.

SIR,—I myself have acted as steward on many occasions for some of the leading judges, and I have seen the system of marking the tabs, etc., carried out by a good few of them. Their method has been, as a rule, the following.—They first counted the birds to see if all of them were present, then put their book in their pocket and proceeded to select their birds, put them in the proper rotation, mark them, and then take the numbers down in their book. The steward then checks the numbers and marks. Any mistakes happening to be made the steward draws the judge's attention, and matters are righted there and then. I have had over 12 years' experience in breeding and exhibiting, so I think I am not altogether a greenhorn at the job.

T. COOK,
of Cook and Adams.

[It is certainly something fresh for us to learn that the steward helps to see that the judge does not make mistakes. There may, of course, be nothing wrong in such a proceeding, but we have always understood that the duties of a steward consisted only in removing the birds from the bench to the judging table, standing by while the judge is making his awards, carrying the judge's slip to the secretary's office, and replacing the birds on the bench.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

New Roller Club for Pendlebury

A Meeting Called.

SIR, — Having been requested to form a Roller Club in this district, kindly allow me through the medium of CAGE BIRDS to say that a meeting will be held for the above object at the Bridgewater Arms, Worsley Street, Pendlebury, on Tuesday next, Jan. 30th, at 7 o'clock. Intending members are invited, and birds will be on exhibition. Walkden and Farnworth Roller fanciers please note.

R. BUMBY.

What is a Ticked Bird?

Marked is Marked; That's All.

SIR,—I am one of the many who take a great interest in what we read and see in good old CAGE BIRDS. I have had it every week for well into the teens of years, and it moults better every year. As times go on it will require a greater cage for its useful knowledge for us young birds (I call myself young, although I have been pecking a long while, over fifty years). Now, what is all this talk about ticked, flaked, or variegated Canaries? I have kept birds, in fact, I have been a breeder for over forty years, ever since I knew what birds were, and my father kept scores as long as I can remember.

Now I will give you my opinion of a marked Canary of any kind. If a bird has a mark, large or small, I call it a marked bird; a clear must be a clear; a green must not have a light feather anywhere. When I am speaking of my birds, if a bird has more light feathers than dark, I call it a yellow or buff marked, whichever it might be; if it has more dark feathers than light then I call it a green-marked. "Ticked, variegated, or splashed" is off the map with me.

SQUIRE CLIXBY.

Getting No Farther.

SIR, Messrs. Stubbs ask me two questions: these I answer and then leave them. First they ask is it not proof that their bird is a marked one since Messrs. Robson, Roe, Houghton, and Allsopp allowed it to compete in a marked class. No certainly not. All the above judges would, I venture to say, allow the bird to compete in the ticked class if it was not barred by schedule. Some judges are generous and I do not quarrel with them.

Their second question is why shouldn't their bird be judged under the Southern Border Club rules, and not the Yorkshire Union. For this reason: The latter club not only covers Yorkshire, but the whole of the United Kingdom, including, of course, the South, with the affiliated Southern Yorkshire. There are also other clubs in the North that adopt the Union definition, so that the fanciers that come under its influence must number many thousands. The membership of the Southern Border Club would be about forty. It is not difficult, therefore, to determine which rule ought to operate.

That a bird is under some schedules a ticked and in others a marked is no fault of mine, so why blame me? I have not said what a tick ought to be, and I am not concerned on that point, but I do know what is at the moment the generally accepted definition. Mr. House honourably performed his obligation as judge at the show in question, and it is worthy of note that not one writer has supported Messrs. Stubbs in their contention that Mr. House had no right to wrong class their exhibit.

F. J. MARTIN.

The What-is-it Bird.

In the drawing here reproduced our artist, Mr. Norman, shows the character of the markings of the Norwich Canary disqualified by the judge at Port Talbot show, Mr. C. A. House, as being ineligible for competition in a class for marked birds.

The Standards of the Yorkshire Union.

SIR,—Since sending you my last letter I have had my attention drawn to a slight mistake in the wording. It should have read "wings," not "flights." The following is an exact copy of the Yorkshire Union standard:

No. 5.—That an evenly-marked bird must be four pointed (both eyes, both wings), or six pointed (both eyes, both wings, both sides of tail); these are called "technical" marks.

Markings—wings, for exactness, decreasing in value as the marking extends beyond the secondary flights.

No. 7.—That an unevenly-marked bird may have two, three, or five "technical" marks on eyes, wings, or tail, separately or in addition to any other variegation on its body. A bird with four or six marks, if variegated on head or body, is also considered an unevenly-marked bird.

At a sub-committee meeting of the Yorkshire Union, Jan. 18, it was decided to recommend the Union to consider the standard for marked birds, and that the National Green Marked Yorkshire Canary Club and the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire Canary Club be invited to each send three representatives.

S. MIDGLEY.

The Loose Using of Technical Terms.

SIR,—May I just point out a confusing element that is creeping into this correspondence, when read by new recruits and a great number of novices, by some of the writers, who certainly know better, describing patches of colour on the body, apart from the technical marking points, as "marks." This loose writing is doubtless done thoughtlessly, but it is none the less likely to give rise to confusion, especially when it comes from those to whose opinions beginners are apt to attach weight. Both J. Bastock and J. Kershaw fall into this error. As is generally known, the technical points where only "marks" can exist are the eyes, inner flights, or secondaries, and the outer sides of the tail. To avoid any confusion coloured feathers on any other part of the body should be referred to as ticks or variegation. In the Yorkshire and Border fancies the term variegation is, of course, obsolete, but even in these breeds I doubt if a bird can properly be termed an uneven marked unless it has a mark on at least one technical point.

In the old days when Blakston's work was written the trouble was not to differentiate ticked from marked specimens, as there could be no dispute then whether a bird was marked, even or uneven, but the novice was more likely to be puzzled to distinguish ticked from lightly variegated. A ticked bird might show much more dark plumage than a lightly variegated one. But by Blakston's ruling no one need ever make a mistake in classifying them correctly. A bird having an unbroken run of light colour from the beak to the tip of tail, above and below, was a ticked specimen, but when this line was interrupted by any dark colour the bird was classed as a lightly or heavily variegated, according to the amount of dark plumage the bird had as a whole. That, at least, was a definite rule, which the tyro might easily understand.

A bird with only one technical "mark," however good and perfect it may be, competes at such a disadvantage with other "marked" specimens that it is rightly allowed to compete as a ticked, but apart from this a clear and definite rule as to what constitutes a ticked bird seems to be badly needed.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

The Judge Replies to His Critics.

SIR,—I cannot understand Mr. Kershaw's argument. Here we have a bird which all who know it are agreed has no solid mark, but a number of small faint ticks or fleckings. Yet because it has no mark but these tiny specks, he says it is "a marked one." Such fine spun arguments as this of Mr. Kershaw's do not convince me that a number of pinheads are anything but a number of pinheads. Mr. Kershaw would argue that they were a mass of metal.

Mr. Jowett suggests the word "splashed," but as I understand that word it means something more solid than these very small faint ticks.

It has taken Messrs. Stubbs two months to discover that my judging at Port Talbot was inconsistent. They now trot out another bird, and try to show that both my judging and my arguments are illogical. This is no personal matter with me. It is no pleasure to me to wrong class a bird, or to take part in such a discussion as this. I have enough writing to do without engaging in personal discussions.

Messrs. Stubbs quote Mr. Midgley's words, and not mine, when they speak of this other bird. By so doing they are trying to raise a fresh and a false issue, because the two birds are not alike in the colour which they carry. Such argument is unfair, and Messrs. Stubbs must know it. If the birds were alike there would be some reason in their bringing in this other bird, even though it is so late in the argument, but the birds are not alike.

Had the bird which I "wrong classed" satisfied me as to its rightfulness to be in the class at Port Talbot it would have been placed first. I did not throw out the best bird in the class without considering what I was doing. Four other judges have given the bird first prizes since I threw it out. This does not prove I acted wrongfully. Much depends upon the wording of the schedules at the shows mentioned. Judging by the reports in CAGE BIRDS the wording was not the same, and this is important to notice.

Messrs. Stubbs seem far more concerned with proving their bird is what I say it is not than in getting a settlement of a vexed question. The judges they name are entitled to their opinion, even as I am to mine, but none of them has ventured to give the readers of CAGE BIRDS his opinion on this bird, judged according to the Port Talbot schedule.

I can say nothing about the shows they judged, because I have not seen the schedules, but if they were all worded in the same manner I say unhesitatingly that had I been in their position I should have wrong classed this bird at all five shows instead of one.

You mention a reproduction of the bird, Mr. Editor. I have, as a newspaper manager, considerable knowledge of reproduction processes, and knowing this bird I say it is impossible to give a correct reproduction of so faintly ticked a bird. The artist's sketch would show the ticks, but in the processes of engraving, and printing on fast rotary machines, such as CAGE BIRDS is printed upon, the faint ticks would be lost.

C. A. HOUSE.

[The drawing referred to is published this week, and must take its chance, subject to the limitations mentioned by Mr. House. It does not profess to show each individual marking or tick, but only gives an idea of their general disposition.—Editor CAGE BIRDS.]

(Some interesting letters unavoidably held over.)

Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

ALFRETON C.B.S.

Members' show, Jan. 6, 66 birds staged. Some splendid birds were on view. British were a nice level lot. Mr. J. Sinnis, Sutton, judged and gave satisfaction. Nor. Yell. Ck. (3): 1, Smedley; 2, 3, Admitt. Buff Cock (5): 1, 2, Smedley; 3, Butler and Barlow; vhc, hc, Admitt. Hen (2): 1, Admitt; 2, Smedley. Unflig. (2): 1, 2, Smedley. Nor. Yell. Ck. (2): 1, Goddard; 2, Spencer. Buff Ck. (4): 1, 2, Goddard. Hen (4): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Spencer; vhc, Mosserdew. Unflig. (4): 1, Goddard; 2, vhc, Spencer; 3, Taylor. Nat. Col.: 1, Spencer. Yorks. Yell. Ck. (3): 1, Sawer Bros.; 2, 3, Abbott. Buff: 1, Goddard. Hen (4): 1, 3, Abbott; 2, Sawer Bros.; vhc, Cope. Unflig. (6): 1, vhc, Sawer Bros.; 2, Goddard; 3, hc, c, Cope. Nat. Col.: 1, Andrews; 2, Abbott. Goldf. or Bullf. (6): 1, Lilley Bros.; 2, Admitt; 3, hc, Butler and Barlow; vhc, A. Evans; c, Mosserdew. Green f., Bramble, or Chaffinch (5): 1, Sawer Bros., 2, Lilley Bros.; 3, Butler and Barlow; vhc, hc, Mosserdew. Redpoll, etc. (6): 1, Sawer Bros.; 2, c, Butler and Barlow; 3, Evans; vhc, Lilley Bros.; hc, Mosserdew. A.O. Hardbill (3): 1, Mosserdew; 2, 3, Lilley Bros. Light Mule: 1, Evans. Dark: 1, Evans; 2, Andrews. —G. Sawer, Hon. Sec.

WOMBWELL B.F.A.

Second annual show, Ship Inn, Jan. 1. 111 birds staged. Mr. W. Brotherton judged. Class 1 (Yorks): 1, Sargeantson; 2, hc, Humphreys; 3, c, Waldron; vhc, Manley. Class 2: 1, 2, Sargeantson; 3, vhc, hc, Humphreys; c, Moore. Class 3: 1, 2, vhc, Sargeantson; 3, Manley; hc, Waldron; c, Humphreys. Class 4: 1, vhc, Sargeantson; 2, Waldron; 3, c, Manley; hc, Humphreys. Class 5: 1, spl, Waldron; 2, Evans; 3, hc, Pantry; vhc, Sargeantson; c, Manley. Class 6: 1, Manley; 2, Humphreys; 3, Waldron. Class 7: 1, Moore; 2, Sargeantson; 3, c, Manley; vhc, Evans; hc, Waldron. Class 8: 1, spl, Waldron; 2, 3, Manley. Class 9 (Norwich): 1, Hinchliffe; 2, 3, Waters; vhc, Moore. Class 10: 1, hc, Waters; 2, Lister; 3, Hinchliffe; vhc, Moore. Class 11: 1, 3, Moore; 2, Waters; vhc, Moss. Class 12: 1, 2, Waters; 3, Lister; vhc, c, Moore; hc, Hinchliffe. Class 13: 1, spl, 2, Waters; 3, Moore; vhc, Lister; hc, Moss; c, Powell. Class 14: 1, 2, vhc, Waters; 3, Hinchliffe; hc, Lister; c, Moore. Class 15: 1, vhc, Waters; 2, hc, Moore; 3, Lister; c, Powell. Class 16: 1, Waters; 2, 3, Moore; vhc, hc, Lister; c, Powell. Class 17: 1, spl, spl., Humphreys; 2, 3, Moore. Class 18: 1, 2, Lister; 3, vhc, Humphreys; hc, c, Pantry.—F. Moore, Sec.

GREENOCK, PORT GLASGOW, AND GOUROCK.

Annual Club Show, Jan. 6, Boilermakers' Hall, the event proving a great success. The officials were as follows:—President, Mr. D. Milloy; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Smith, T. Watson, and W. L. Stewart; treasurer, Mr. D. Rolls; committee, Messrs. D. Brown, W. McDiarmid, M. E. Campbell, J. Allison, J. Rodden, D. Best, G. Wyke, and G. McKee, with Mr. J. M. Dooley as secretary. The judges were: Canaries, Mr. J. Craig, Brechin; British, Mr. W. Bishop, Stirling, and their awards gave full satisfaction. About 300 birds were forward and some of the best have already won in Paisley and Glasgow this season. Special winners were: Championship cup and gold medal best young Canary, bred by a member, Watson; rose bowl for best young Canary, Mule or Hybrid, and gold medal, D. Rolls; rose bowl, best old bird, M. E. Campbell, with a light Mule; Cameron cup and gold medal, for best British, W. M. Dairmid; Club cup, best young Mule or Hybrid, A. Laird, with a Goldfinch; Border medal, presented by the B.F.C.C., A. Craig.

Scotch Fancy, Ck.: 1, Rolls; 2, 3, Rodden; 4, Archibald. Hen: 1, McAleese; 2, 5, Rolls; 3, Rodden; 4, Archibald. Cock, 1916: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Rolls. Hen: 1, Rolls; 2, 3, Rodden. Yorks., Cock: 1, Wylie; 2, Mount; 3, Moody; 4, McDongall; 4, Graham; 6, Mount. Hen: 1, 5, Mount; 2, 4, Moody; 3, Wylie; 6, Graham. Cock, 1916: 1, 5, Moody; 2, 3, 4, 6, Graham. Hen: 1, McDougall; 2, Graham. Bord.: 1, Wylie; 2, Hutchison; 3, Craig; 4, Galbraith; 5, Fleming; 6, Dooley. Cock: 1, 4, Dooley; 2, 5, Wylie; 3, 6, Fleming. Hen: 1, 2, 6, Wylie; 3, Dooley; 4, Fleming; 5, Galbraith. Cinn. or Green: 1, Craig; 2, 4, Galbraith; 3, Barbour; 5, Wylie. Ck., Cl. or Tkd. Yell., 1916: 1, 3, 4, Dooley; 2, Craig; 5, 6, Fleming. Hen: 1, 2, Dooley; 3, Craig; 4, Wylie; 5, Fleming. Ck., Cl. or Tkd. Buff, 1916: 1, 3, 4, Craig; 2, Dooley; 5, 6, Fleming. Hen: 1, 2, 4, Dooley; 3, 6, Craig; 5, Hutchison. Cock, Cinn. Variog., 1916: 1, 3, Craig; 2, Galbraith; 4, Campbell. Hen: 1, Craig; 2, Dooley; 3, 5, 6, Wylie; 4, Fleming. Crest: 1, 2, 3, Moody. C.B.: 1, Moody. Nor., Ck.: 1, 2, 4, Allison; 3, 6, Park; 5, Watt. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Allison; 4, Watt; 5, Wylie; 6, Park. Cock, Cl. or Variog. Yell., 1916: 1, 2, Wylie. Hen: 1, Watt; 2, Wylie; 3, Allison. Ck., Cl. or Variog. Buff, 1916: 1, 2, Allison; 3, Watt; 4, 5, Wylie; 6, Park. Hen: 1, Allison; 2, 3, 4, Wylie. Sell., 20s.: 1, Rodden; 2, Rolls; 3, Martin; 4, Craig; 5, McCartney. 10s.: 1, Dooley; 2, Molloy; 3, Martin. Gift: 1, Rolls; 2, Wylie; 3, Craig; 4, Martin; 5, McCartney; 6, Molloy. Light Mule: 1, 2, Campbell. Dark: 1, 2, 4, 5, Campbell; 3, 6, Martin. Goldf., H.M.: 1, 2, Laird; 3, Molloy; 4, McDairmid; 5, McAleese; 6, Wylie. F.M.: 1, 3, Lee; 2, Mount; 4, Molloy. Goldf., or Bullf. (For.): 1, Fleming; 2, Campbell; 3, Molloy. Bullf., H.M.: 1, Cartney; 2, Dairmid; 3, Martin; 4, Cameron. F.M.: 1, 4, Martin; 2, Kerr; 3, Dairmid; 5, Molloy. Linnet, H.M.: 1, 3, Dairmid; 2, Campbell; 4, Laird; 5, Molloy; 6, Mount. F.M.: 1, Fleming; 2, Cartney; 3, Dairmid; 4, Martin; 5, Kerr; 6, Molloy. Greenf., Ck., H.M.: 1, Cartney; 2, Campbell; 3, Dairmid; 4, Hargreaves; 5, Molloy. Greenf., Ck., F.M.: 1, Kerr; 2, Dairmid; 3, Molloy. Siskin: 1, Dairmid; 2, Fleming; 3, Martin. Lesser Redpoll, H.M.: 1, Campbell; 2, 4, Cartney; 3, Martin; 5, Wylie; 6, Wylie. F.M.: 1, Cartney; 2 Mount; 3, Dairmid; 4, Kerr; 5, Molloy; 6, Martin. Twite or Mealy Redpoll: 1, Molloy; 2, Fleming; 3, Dairmid; 4, Martin. Chaffinch or Bramble.: 1, Campbell; 2, 3, Martin; 4, Cameron; 5, Dairmid; 6, Kerr. A.O. Brit., Ck.: 1, Dairmid; 2, Urquhart. Hen: 1, Martin; 2, Campbell; 3, Dairmid; 4, Cartney; 6, Molloy. For.: 1, 2, 3, Cameron.

Nests of Birds, Poultry ... should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Club Reports.

BOLTON C.B.S.

Annual tea, Dec. 23, Church Inn, Folds Road, when a good number of members sat down to an excellent spread, provided by Mrs. R. Spilby, Farnworth. After tea we had our annual meeting for fixing shows and dates for 1917, and it was decided to have two young bird shows and one old bird show, the four highest birds to count in each for specials for 1917; this ended one of the best meetings for a long time. —J. Brooks, Sec.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Meeting, Jan. 11, Mr. Ridal, chair. Syllabus settled. Sec. read a paper on bird ailments and their cure, which was appreciated. Winners of specials for table shows:—Yorks., Messrs. Williams and Hagshawe; Nov., Gill and Sisson. Next meeting, Feb. 15, pairing competition. The new quarters, Oxford Street Schoolroom, Bond Street, are a great improvement, and old and new fanciers will be heartily welcomed.—E. Sisson, Assist Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Annual meeting, Jan. 13, Station St. Cafe, Mr. J. Farrar presiding. Balance sheet for 1916 was presented, and showed a balance in hand of £9 1s. 6d. The officers for 1917 were re-elected, excepting the treasurer. Owing to Mr. G. Davidson having tendered his resignation as treasurer this was adjourned until next meeting. Decided that the club be made open to the United Kingdom, and that the subscription be reduced to 2s. 6d., entrance fee on nomination 1s. A vote of thanks was passed to the judges of our show, and to Miss Farrar for her services in connection with bird and cage competition. Decided to hold a pair show Feb. 10, when it is hoped to have a good turn-out.—F. Riseborough.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting, club-room, Jan. 16, Mr. E. J. Banks chair, and a fair attendance. Sec. stated he was unable to present balance, as we had two accounts not settled, also a couple of members had not returned tickets. Resolved that we hold our pair show on Feb. 21. Entry fee 3d. and no prize money. Mr. A. Maggs (Port Talbot) to judge Canaries, and Mr. E. J. Davies British and Mules. The following members promised specials: Messrs. Bankes, Pugh, Pearce, Maggs, H. C. Smith, Wilson, Norwood, Ball and Thomas. We are still a few short, so members send on and let me know what you wish to give. At next meeting, Feb. 20, the nomination of officers will take place. I make an earnest appeal to members who have the welfare of the society at heart to attend, as owing to so many of the boys being called up it is our duty to see that the society is kept going until they return. All contributions must be paid by next meeting, as the books have to be in the auditors' hands after that date. E. Thomas, Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, London Tavern, Jan. 10. Election of officers: President, Messrs. G. W. Palmer; vice-pres., Messrs. L. G. Sutton, A. Palmer, A. W. Sutton, W. H. Palmer, C. E. Keyser, T. Murton, Lieut. Col. Wilson, D.S.O., M.P.; auditors, W. H. Pyke, A. J. Foster; treas., pro tem., A. J. Foster; sec., O. C. Smith; managing committee: chairman, Mr. G. Munday; vice-chair, Mr. J. Brooker, Messrs. T. Yates, F. Wilson, R. Meadowcroft, G. Larkcom, W. Frewin, W. H. Pyke, A. J. Foster, G. Towndraw, C. Upton. Pair show was arranged for Feb. 14, Mr. Robson judge. Honorarium was granted sec. Four new members were elected, a good start for new year, and everything points towards a favourable season. Subs. are now due, and should be sent to sec. without delay.—O. C. Smith, Sec.

PLYMOUTH W. COUNTIES O.S.

Annual meeting, Oddfellows Hall, Morley Street, Plymouth, Jan. 26, with a good muster. Hon. Sec. presented the annual report, and stated that it was gratifying to note that although the country was in such an unsettled state, the society had made good progress during the year. In February last an extra Canary show attracted 45 exhibits, while in March a British show brought a grand entry of 70. There were also Nest Feather shows in June and July, with good results, the entries nearly 300. The annual show, Nov. 1-2, was all that could be desired in numbers and quality. The year concluded with a pair show of 50 entries in December. Members congratulated the secretary upon a splendid balance sheet, which showed an increase of £9 on the year's working. Officers elected:—Chair, Mr. W. G. French; vice-chair, Mr. W. Smale; hon. sec., Mr. W. A. Dyer; assist. sec., Mr. O. Moffitt; auditors, Messrs. E. S. Lugg and J. Hayne Pillar; committee, Messrs. Spillman, Gill, Savage, Hutchings, Garland, Geach, Mitch, Large, Deakin, Rapson, Pridham, F. A. D. Hills, and Woodley. The following judges were appointed for the table show, Oddfellows' Hall, Feb. 20:—Yorks., Mr. W. A. Dyer; Nor., Mr. S. Gill; Crest, Mr. W. G. French; any Cinn., and A.O.V., Mr. W. Spillman. Members please note, this is also the date of next monthly meeting. Non-members are specially invited, as there will be a big discussion on the business of the society. This, together with the show, ought to prove interesting. —O. Moffitt, Press Corres.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

Annual general meeting, St. Thomas's School, Ardwick; Rev. J. W. Wragg presided over a fair number. After the election of three new members, letters were read from the nominated judges for next open show. Decided to engage Mr. Battye and Mr. Beswick, along with Mr. Robson, who had been previously engaged. Sec. announced that the last open show showed a profit of nearly £5, and it was decided that the sec. send a cheque for the amount to the Blinded Soldiers' Fund, as arranged. Agreed that there be a slight alteration on the rules 9, 10, and 12, which the members will shortly be notified about. Office-bearers for 1917:—Pres., Rev. C. E. Paul; vice-pres., Messrs. A. E. Long, Oldham, Walshaw, Warburton, Robinson, Parish, Lane Moss, Boothman, Downing, Peters; committee, Messrs. Fairhurst, Stratford, Fletcher, Blinston, Schofield, Warcing, Whitney; auditors, Messrs. Lane, Parish, Walshaw; chairman and treas., Mr. J. Spencer; sec., Mr. A. E. Thorpe; assist. sec., Mr. Redditt. We learned that the Rev. J. W. Wragg would not be at liberty to be re-elected as chairman, owing to being appointed as vicar at St. Neots. Members will be sorry to hear that Ardwick will be deprived of the services of such an enthusiastic exhibitor, worker, and official, one that has rendered valuable assistance in bringing the society so prominent. Not only the members, but every one who has come in contact with him at our shows will wish him every success. Table show fixed for Jan. 27, in St. Thomas's schoolroom. Birds staged 3. A good list of special prizes is offered, admission free.—J. Spencer.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

NOTE.—Only the details asked for on our cards can be published. Such phrases as "a large attendance desired," etc., must not be included. Classification for forthcoming shows, appeals for new members, and any other matter in the nature of an advertisement will only be inserted if paid for at advertisement rates.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Victoria Hotel, 6.30. Distribution of prizes, etc. A hearty invitation to all.—H. Fretwell.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Annual meeting; election of officers. Local fanciers welcome.—G. Hasser.

Clay Cross C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Angel Hotel, 6.45. Paying prize money to members and allotment of specials and balance-sheet of show.—F. Harrison.

Croydon F.A.—Jan. 31, Ruskin House, West Croydon, 8. Annual general meeting; pass accounts; elect officers; alteration of rules; fix pair and young stock show dates, etc.—F. B. Roberts.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Black Bull, 7.30. Show business; arranging for distribution of cups and general business.—H. Lumby.

Edinburgh and Mule Breeders' Society.—Feb. 1, 142, High Street, S. Pair show: Norwich, Border, Muling, or Hybrid. General business.—A. Bell.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Feb. 1, Riego Street Hall, 8. Enrolment of new members. Lecture on Mule breeding by Mr. A. Watson.—R. Lile.

East Ham F.S.—Feb. 1, headquarters, 8. Election of officers, fixing show dates, etc. W. A. Harwood.

Fife C.B.L.—Feb. 3, Gothenburg Hall, Coaltown of Wemyss, 6.—J. Sneddon.

Guisboro' "Priory" C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Wears Room, 2. Pair show. Usual classification, with Linnet, Goldfinch or Bullfinch, A.O. Brit. added. Judge, Mr. T. Hill. Friends welcome. Monthly meeting after show.—J. S. Campbell.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Jan. 27, Station Hotel, 7.30. Special meeting, business very important.—B. Hainsworth.

Huddersfield O.S.—Jan. 29, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Table show; 12 classes. Judge, Mr. F. Sykes (Huddersfield).—A. Lawford.

Halifax C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Trafalgar Inn, 8. Annual meeting and election of officers. Report and balance sheet.—A. Sutcliffe.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., 2. Pair and British show. Judge, Mr. H. Norman. Visitors hook to Tufnell Park (Underground). Date not stated.—Editor.—F. C. Knight.

Hull C.B.S.—Feb. 3. Show of hens. ... Messrs. Harland and Sutton. Shows in future to be on Saturday afternoons instead of Monday nights.—W. E. Sowdon.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Market Hall Tavern, 7.30. Election of officers; balance-sheet, etc.—H. Hoyle.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Feb. 3, Griffin Hotel, 2. Any members' contest.—H. Best.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Swan Hotel, 7 to 9. Members' entries for cl show received. Every bird from members not wanted.—Day and Roberts.

Long Eaton.—Feb. 3, Blue Bell Inn, 7.—J. T.

Manchester Joint Club.—Jan. 27, Lord N Hotel, Chapel Street, Salford, 10 a.m. Open 1 p close 7.—A. W. Newton.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Shields Cafe, Market, 7.30. Annual meeting; election of cl for 1917; fixing of show date; other very impor business; question of cup winner.—F. W. Laidlo

Plymouth W.C.O.S.—Feb. 20, Oddfellows' Ha Morley Street, S. General business.—O. Moffitt

Provincial Roller C.C.—Jan. 27, Old Boar's H Manchester, 6.30. Annual meeting; electio officers; and other important business.—J. T

Partick C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Forester's Hall, 8. Monthly pairs show and auditor's report.—W. Fleming.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Granby Hotel. Distribution of prizes at 6.30. Friends and fanciers welcome.—W. Jagger.

Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.—Jan. 31, Y.M.C.A Rooms, 7.45. Annual general meeting; election of office-bearers; prize money from annual show to be paid.—A. K. Hunter.

Sheffield O.S.—Jan. 30, headquarters, 8. Committee meeting re important alteration of rules.—E. C. Job.

Stockton C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Regent Hotel, 7.15. Points for cups. Also pair show. Judge, Mr. F. Stothard. Birds staged 7.15.—T. Carlisle.

Southend C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Blue Boar, Pritt'ewell. Members' show; judge, Mr. A. W. Warr; birds staged 2, for Lupton cup.—Deer and Cundy.

Seaton Delaval C.B.S.—Jan. 27, New Victoria Inn, 6.30. Election of officers, etc.—J. Archbold.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Pair show and pairing competition. Members please bring all ticket moneys for 1916 shows so that balance-sheet may be presented.—A. Hobson.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Jan. 27, Station Street Cafe, 7.30.—F. Riseborough.

South Shields C.B.S.—Feb. 3. Pair show. Judge, Mr. J. Riseborough.—W. L. Smith.

Wakefield O.S.—Jan. 31, Crown and Anchor, 7. Election of new members and other important business.—T. H. Alexander.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Feb 1, headquarters, 8. British birds and pair show. Judge, G. Benson, Liverpool.—W. Mallinson.

West Stanley Patriotic F.F. and C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Empire Club, 6.30. Tickets, etc.—R. Hutchinson.

HULL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, club's headquarters, Argyle House, Anlaby Road, Mr. F. Seaman chair, before a good muster. Items of interest were discussed. It was decided to hold our members' show, Feb. 21; a well-known Roller judge was selected. More new members were made, and we are still asking for more full particulars from the Sec.—A. Baggaley, 18, Somerset Street, Hull.

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEYS

Annual general meeting for the election of officers and other important business. Mr. Thomas James presided over a full attendance. A letter from Mr. Challenger, the late hon. sec., asking to be relieved of his office, was agreed to. Officers for 1917 elected: Chair, Mr. T. Jones; Vice-Chair, Mr. Hollingshead; Hon. Sec., Mr. Legg; Treas., Mr. T. Emanuel; Auditors, Messrs. Hollingshead and J. Hall. New members elected: Mr. J. Hall, Mr. W. Baker. Several others have promised to join at next meeting, Feb. 1, when there will be a table show of British—Goldf. ck., Bullf. ck., Linnet ck., Goldf. hen, Bullf. hen, Linnet hen. Mr. Legg judge. Decided that all entry fees go to the funds. The annual pair show will take place some time in Feb., when a bumping entry is promised. Schedules will be considered next meeting, Feb. 1. Audit, Jan. 30. —A. H. C. Legg, Hon. Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, headquarters, Jan. 17. Considering the number of members who are in the army or otherwise engaged in war work, the attendance was very good. The Hon. Sec. and Treas. (Mr. A. S. Treasure), in presenting the report and balance-sheet for the year, said that in spite of all the difficulties which had had to be faced, the society had had one of the most successful years since its formation. During the year the meetings had been well attended, and both the pair show and the F.F. show were above the average; in fact, the latter was a record. The open show was also very successful, though not quite so large as had been hoped for; it was, nevertheless, an excellent show in every respect. The show had also been a financial success, resulting in a balance of over £5, which had been divided between the two local hospitals. The balance for the year was also good, being on the right side by over £12. The balance-sheet having been passed, the election of officers took place, and the officers of last year were re-elected, viz., President, Capt. W. Theobald; Chair, Mr. J. Madagan; Vice-Chair, Mr. A. Hayling; Hon. Treas., Mr. A. S. Treasure; Joint Hon. Secs., Messrs. Treasure and Pounsett.—A. S. Treasure.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

Annual general meeting, St. Cuthbert's Halls, Edinburgh, Jan. 1, Vice-Pres., J. Patterson, chair. Chairman referred to illness of the President, and all hoped that he would soon be restored to health. A question arose out of the minutes regarding the word champion. Decided that a champion was one who had won a medal in open competition, and any member showing from the same house must be held as a champion, and that a member showing from the same house as a member who had won a medal at a confined show, be allowed to compete for novice medal. Annual balance-sheet read and approved. The marked cage question at East Lothian show was discussed, and after a fully satisfactory explanation had been given it was agreed that the members in question be exonerated from all blame. The retiring office-bearers were all re-elected, and Mr. J. B. Richardson, late Pres., was elected an Hon. Pres. On the motion that the club adopt a standard show cage, three cages were before the meeting—one a collapsible cage made by a fancier—and after a great discussion it was agreed that our show cage was already well standardised, and it was decided not to adopt any special make of cage. A further motion that standard spars be adopted was put forward, and it was agreed to leave the matter over till next general meeting, when samples of same could be submitted for members' approval. A discussion arose about distinguishing marks on show cages, and it was agreed to alter rule re same, to take in all such marks in addition to those already stated in rule. On the motion that plain canary seed only be used in show cages, Mr. J. Johnston said this, in his opinion, was one of the worst things that anyone could use in his show cage, as if birds were away at a show for a few days they were filthy when they arrived home. Agreed that the club recommend the use of corn husks for show cages, and any member having difficulty in obtaining same should write Sec., who would be pleased to supply same. Decided that any bird broken either in eye or wing marks be considered a variegated. Sec. was instructed to write Editor of CAGE BIRDS pointing out the irregularity of show reports and advertisements appearing throughout the season, a suggestion re appointment of judges was remitted to committee when granting patronage. A recommendation from Edinburgh Show Committee that a Border Fancy Derby show be held annually for young birds, was considered. Agreed to let matter lie over to end of war. Mr. Patterson presented a handsome cup to the club for annual competition at the Edinburgh show, or if the exhibition was held in conjunction with Scottish National, to be won twice in succession, or three times in all, for most points. Mr. J. J. Johnston was then presented with the cup, being winner this year. Mr. Lumsden, as show president, gave an estimated statement of income and expenditure of show, and thought it would work out better than last year, members agreeing that any deficiency be met out of club funds. Show auditors, Messrs. Sibbald and Stevenson. Vote of thanks to chair concluded the meeting.—W. B. Smart.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES.

Annual general meeting, Jan. 8, Deansgate Hotel, a good number present. Officers elected: Mr. W. E. Kearns, pres.; vice-pres., Messrs. A. G. Smith, Sam Cook, W. Smith, W. N. Turner, W. Broughton, B. R. Appleton, and E. Dooley; chair, Mr. Raynes; treas., Mr. J. F. Mitchell; sec., J. Green; assist. sec., Mr. F. Wilkinson; auditors, Messrs. A. G. Smith, J. Coldbeck, and W. Fairhurst; committee, Messrs. Moorby, McTurk, Bruce, Hubbard, Coldbeck, Wilson, Hayward, Warburton, Jones, Fairhurst, and Riley. The rules were gone through, and a few alterations made. The subscription was put to 5/- for the year, and meeting nights altered to the second and last Monday in the month. Two new members were made, and three nominated, and this brought a pleasant night to a close.—J. Grun, Hon. Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Annual meeting, Oldham Hall, Jan. 11, Mr. Ewan, chair, and a fair attendance. Annual balance sheet was presented and passed, showing a very satisfactory balance on the right side. Thanks are due to our asst. sec. for the energy he displayed during the past year to bring our association to its present position. Officers elected:—Pres., Mr. W. R. Knowles; vice-pres., Mr. F. C. Minoprio; chair, Mr. E. Bunner; vice-chair, Mr. T. Evans; sec., T. B. Jones; asst. sec. and treas., Mr. R. Bratherton; committee, Messrs. W. Jones, F. Handley, A. Scott, J. Abbott, F. Leatherbarrow, R. Costello, and J. F. Hart; auditors, Messrs. J. McDermott & J. Walker. New novice rule proposed and passed: "One who has not won a 1st in open shows, or three 1sts in open novice classes, or six 1sts at annual shows in full classes (six birds)." The most pleasing feature of the meeting was when Mr. Walker, chairman pro tem., presented to Mr. Bunner, on behalf of Mrs. Bunner, a small token of respect for the kindness and energy displayed on behalf of the officers and members of the association during the past year.—Thos. B. Jones, Hon. Sec.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

CITY OF GLASGOW O.A.

A Magnificent Array of 1,200 Birds.

61st annual show, in the Central Halls, Bath St., Glasgow, Jan. 3-4. The halls are most comfortable and well lighted, spacious, and free from draughts, and are without doubt the finest suite of halls in the city for an exhibition of the kind, and although the show was well patronised by fanciers and the general public, there was nothing approaching the general crush and squeeze often experienced in shows which are less fortunate for space and comfort. For quality and numbers the present collection was close up on anything held here in previous years, and mustered 1,200 strong, every section being a feast for the eye, and a real joy to behold. The Scots Fancies had one of the small halls on the first floor to themselves, while the other housed the Cresss, Borders, and Yorkshires. The large hall upstairs was practically the same space as the two lower halls, but without division, and made a most commodious place and entirely to one's liking both for personal comfort and for the welfare of their feathered friends. The management here is O.K., and with expert hands attending to the various section there was no need for feeling worried over the most delicate of the exhibits. A few well-known exhibitors were unfortunate enough to have their boxes delayed on the railway till their specimens were late for judging, a matter which undoubtedly had its effect on the placing of the cards. President, Mr. Thomas Thomson, still heads the list of officials, and they are few who do not know "Sammie," as he is familiarly called. He is one of the association's oldest members, and has seen it through some trying ordeals. Mr. J. McLay, vice-president, is well known, and an old associate of the society. Messrs. Young and Heggie, secretaries and treasurers, are men in the right place, well known as leading fanciers, and highly respected in all branches of the Fancy. The above quartette, with the following committee, make up a set of workers hard to equal anywhere. Everything was well in hand, and nothing left undone that could be bettered: Messrs. McClure, McLaughton, Vernall, Harvie, Gray, Muir, Campbell, Stewart, junr., Phillips, Robertson, White, Taylor, Hutchison, Erskine, Craig, Sloan, Taylor, Honston, Smart, Barron, Fulton, Boyd, Steel, Crawford, Sinclair; auditors, Messrs. Fleming and Thom.

Judging was started punctually, and was carried out to the letter. Most of the gentlemen who were responsible for the placing of the awards grappled matters in a systematic fashion, and got through their duties in good time and to the general satisfaction. Some ado was caused in the Border section by the different types of cages, and the more varied types of perches, many of which spelt the owner's name in unmistakable fashion. Something is likely to be done to remedy the matter through the efforts of the B.F.C.C. The judges were:—Scots Fancies and Belgians, Messrs. Dalgleish, Edinburgh; Carlaw, Falkirk; Higgins, Meikle-Earnock; Watson, Glasgow; Caldwell, Baillieston; Black, Govan. Norwich, Messrs. Martin, Kirkintilloch, and Cameron, Kelso. Crests and C.B., Mr. J. Noble, Kilmarnock. Yorks. and A.V. classes, Mr. J. Pinnock, Glasgow. Borders, Messrs. Arnott, Kirkcaldy, and Hyslop, Stirling. Mules, British, and Foreign, Messrs. Watson and Arrighi, Edinburgh.

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Provost, Thomas Dunlop, Esq., accompanied by Bailie Graham, formally opened the exhibition, and made reference to the hobby of bird-keeping and the pleasures derived from following such a pleasant hobby, after which he thoroughly enjoyed a look round the various sections, scrutinising the various breeds and having their good and bad qualities told him, to his apparent delight.

THE SCOTCH FANCIES AND BELGIANS.

Scots Fancies opened the ball, and although not quite so numerous as we have seen here in past days, yet quality in many cases was quite on a par with former times and left little to be desired.

YELL. CK. (9): 1, Fray, good size and subs., thick through, fine shoulders and reach, neat snaky head, fine style and pose, well staged; 2, Morrison, well up for size, nice build, neat and typical through, good top end, not quite the side of leader; 3, Muir, stylish, good type and build, not the condition; 4, no name, fair type, stylish; 5, no name; 6, Baird; 7, McRobert. YELL. PIED CK. (8): 1, David, good size, nice length side, fine shoulder and reach, snaky head, thick through, A1 colour; 2, Stewart, not quite the size, only fault though, A1 type, style and action, grand cond.; 3, Muir, nice size, stylish, free worker, fine droop, well staged; 4, Blue; 5, Grey; 6, Robertson; 7, Menzies. YELL. FOUL CK. (6): 1, Morrison, grand exhibit, rare side and shoulder, capital reach and droop, fine head, hugs perch well, perfectly staged; 2, no name, fine size and length of side, not quite the style and action, not such hard condition; 3, no name, 4, Orr; 5, Miller; 6, Anderson. YELL GRN. CK. (5): 1, Main, fair size, good side, reach and drive, nice snaky head, could do with more substance; 2, no name, grand style and action, free worker, good stamp, presses close, only requires a shade more subs.; 3, Orr; 4, Phillips; 5, Knox. BUFF CK. (9): 1, cup, Gray, good size and qual., fine side, good shoulder, grand reach and droop, neat head, well under the perch, just rather feathery at front for our taste; 2, Morrison, good size, nice length of side, good drive and shoulder, barely the reach and droop of leader; 3, David, grand top end, fine drive, lovely feather; 4, no name, nice quality, fine size, very nervy, well staged; 5, Robertson; 6, Stewart, junr.; 7, Thomson. BUFF PIED CK. (10): 1, David, stylish, sweet top end, good side, prominent drive, free to work, in capital order; 2, Gray, former fine exhibit, quite up in size, good reach and drive, not quite the shoulder of 1 later; 4, typical, nice cond.; 5, Jackson, well up in size, good length of side, nice depth through, fails reach, but good behind, very nervy; 6, no name; 7, Muir. BUFF FOUL CK. (8): 1, Main, good size and shoulder, fine length of side and drive, could do with shade more reach and thicker through; 2, Orr, not quite the size, but excel in reach and droop, well under the perch, run leader hard; 3, Campbell, stylish, lovely feather, nice side, lacks subs. and depth through, well placed; 4, Baird; 5, Blue; 6, McLaughlin; 7, Smillie. BUFF GRN. CK. (6): 1, Main, stylish, good type and build, laid down in capital style; 2, Morrison, fine qual., good side and drive, not just so massive or so shapely at top end; 3, Menzies; 4, Muirhead; 5, Sharp; 6, no name. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Stewart, clinking exhibit, in fine pink, grand model, one to be proud of; 2, Stewart, junr., fine specimen, failing in drive only, runs tight up; 3, Gray, fails a trifle in reach and not so well staged; 4, David, good exhibit, well staged, must have pressed for another point; 5, Thomson; 6, Morrison, 7, Muir. YELL. PIED (8): 1, Robertson, not a large one, but all there for style, neat, proportionately built, fine free worker, top order; 2, Stewart, trifle smaller, typical, well staged; 3, Strathearn, small, but typical through; 4, Jackson, fine style and action, fails steadiness; 5, no name; 6, Harvey; 7, Muirhead. YELL. FOUL (2): 1, Morrison, fine top end, nice side and drive, lovely feather; 2, McMillan. YELL. GRN. (6): 1, Muirhead, typical, stylish, in fine form, just a shade more subs. required; 2, Wilson, similar in size and build, falls only in shoulder; 3, Smith; 4, Hamilton; 5, 6, no names. CLR. BUFF (9): 1, Stewart, plenty of size and subs., something to work on, faultless cond.; 2, Stewart, junr., good size and subs., well laid down; 3, Morrison, well up for size, nice reach and droop, good snaky head, runs well under perch, not quite so thick through; 4, Robertson, fine style and build; 5, Muirhead; 6, Jackson; 7, Thomson. BUFF PIED (9): 1, Thomson, good size, fine side and top end, hugs the perch well, staged in fine style; 2, Gray, nice size and style, free to work, fails in depth through; 3, Wilson, good size and qual., well staged; 4, Jackson; 5, Stirling; 6, 7, no name. BUFF FOUL (7): 1, Muir, in capital order, well up in size, fine shoulder, good reach and droop, neat snaky head, carried away well below perch; 2, Stewart, junr., fine side and shoulder, not quite the reach; 3, Blue, good for style and action, not quite the subs. of those in front; 4, Philips; 5, no name; 6, Hendry; 7, Hamilton. BUFF GRN. (7): 1, Jackson, capital feather, fine top end and drive, could do with a pinch more subs.; 2, Menzies, stylish and well staged, loses in length of side and reach; 3, Muir, just lacks style of those in front; 4, Hamilton; 5, no name; 6, McLaughlin; 7, Stewart, junr. PAIRS (6): 1, Muir, grand matched pair, should leave some of the right material behind them; 2, Morrison, fine pair, close up on leaders, well matched, liked them much; 3, Stewart, trifle smaller, but carefully chosen and should do well; 4, Stewart, junr.; 5, 6, no names. BELG. CK. (4): 1, McLaughlin, good buff, closely followed by 2, 3, White, nice exhibits, in perfect feather; 4, Stirling. HEN (2): 1, 2, White, small, but stylish, grand col. and qual., well shown. SELF., CKS. (10): 1, Hendry; 2, no name; 3, McRobert; 4, Philips; 5, Miller; 6, Knox; 7, Sharp. HENS (5): 1, Sharp; 2, Miller; 3, Hamilton; 4, Sharp; 5, Rigby.

THE NORWICH CANARIES.

The Norwich Plainheads contained some of the cream of the Fancy, the classes being strongly filled with exhibits from far and near, some notable exhibitors putting forward strong teams, full of quality. Good material in this section was in great demand, and many specimens went to new homes at their full catalogue price. In the selling classes keen interest was displayed in the auctioneering of the birds, the winner in the 15s. cock class running up as high as £2 10s. One unfortunate feature was the number of entries with no name attached, but this was due to the fact that the catalogues had to be printed before the printers left off for the holiday, and entries received after the scheduled closing time were not included.

CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, 3, Colley, fine subs., nice type and qual., typical, well braced and staged; 3rd, nice level col., A1 qual., neat shapely front, fine style; 2, Stewart, hotter col., lovely feather, good subs. and build, neat body, good carr., not just so full head, excels otherwise, close run, we fancy; 4, Cairns, fine subs., good type and qual., even shade silky feather, not quite so hard up in cond.; 5, Carkson; 6, Crawshaw; 7, Hutchison. BUFF (9): 1, Robertson, good size, subs. and qual., steady and stylish, could be shade fuller in head; 2, Colley, lovely col., rare qual. feather, good front and top end, well braced, in the pink; 3, McAllister, good size, typical, nice full front, short full neck, neat carr., inclined to be nervous; 4, Gray; 5, Edwards; 6, Dawson; 7, Crawshaw. VAR. or GREEN YELL. (9): 1, Crawshaw, lightly mkd., topper for subs. grand type and qual., shapely and neat through, well staged; 2, Naismith, heavy mkd., pleasing type and qual., neat, cobby, behind in feather cond.; 3, Gray, nice size, good subs, neat carr. and style; 4, Hunter, stylish and neat; 5, no name; 6, Wood; 7, Findlay. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 3, Crawshaw, "Scotland's Pride" and two of his sons, a grand trio, in the pink, the old bird had to play third part, col., type and qual. in full evidence, little between them, staging faultless; 4, Wood, well up for size, subs., not quite the col.; 5, Stewart; 6, Jeffrey; 7, Johnstone. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (19): 1, 2, Devoy, leader full subs., fine type and qual., neat, cobby, well braced; 2nd, smaller, lovely qual., hotter col., neat, well staged; 3, Hirst, fine size and subs., just a bit unsteady; 4, Harper, grand size and subs., nice type, fine style, shade high on leg; 5, Holliday; 6, Gardiner; 7, Crawshaw. BUFF (13): 1, McLean, beauty, well-known face, looking better than when we saw her last, grand stamp; 2, Simpson, larger, but longer behind, not the cobby, neat build of leader, good col. and qual., well staged; 3, Kean, nice size, shapely, more compactly built, we preferred for 2nd; 4, Clarkson, good size and subs., fine qual., neat carr., well filled head, neck, deserves position; 5, Young; 6, Stewart; 7, Crawshaw. VAR. or GRN. YELL. (8): 1, Jeffrey, wing mark dark cap, lovely type, A1 feather, fine front, well rounded, deep, stylish, neat staged to win; 2, Marshall, light mkd., grand type and qual., lovely deep even col., shapely, neat, well tagged; 3, McLean, neat, full head, neck, shapely body, neat wings, not quite the depth of col.; 4, Devoy, oddly marked, lovely col. and qual., cobby, well built, nothing out of place if a peg had been gained here; 5, no name; 6, Cairns; 7, Edwards. BUFF (7): 1, Stewart, grand stamp, neat, full, and well put together; 2, Marshall, typical, finely staged, nice col. and qual., well braced, good order; 3, Mitchell, typical broken green, fine carr., well staged; 4, Sinclair, lightly mkd., fine subs., neat build; 5, Kean; 6, no name. NON FED CK. (10): 1, Simpson, fine size yell., all there for col., type and qual., fine cobby build, neat, well staged; 2, no name, lovely type at yell., fine col., neat full head and neck, fails only depth of front; 3, Stewart, grand buff, fine size and subs., neat and well built, shapely; 4, Pearson, almost even mkd., dark cap yell., fine size, nice col. and qual., well staged; 5, Crawshaw; 6, Devoy; 7, Smith. HEN (11): 1, Gardiner, grizzled wing buff, plenty subs., neat, full build, typical, shapely, A1 order; 2, Thomson, buff, stylish and typical, nice qual., not quite the front of leader, but close up otherwise; 3, Park, buff, good size and col., nice head and neck; 4, Russell; 5, Naismith 6, Kerr; 7, Devoy. CL. or TKD. YELL. CK., 1916 (22): 1, Houston, good size, grand col., lovely qual. feather, neat full head and neck, could be trifle better across back; 2, Harper, close up on leader, lacks only in perfection of wing carr.; 3, Braid, good stamp, real neat, cobby build, fine full head, neck, well braced, we liked; 4, Kerr, fine size, type and qual., neat, thick set, cobby, claimed at £7 7s.; 5, J. Braid; 6, Hughes; 7, Lawson. BUFF (15): 1, Gray, short, thick set, neat and cobby, good top end, shapely and clean cut, nice cond.; 2, Cairns, grizzle cap, even col., nice qual., neat carr., rather longer behind; 3, Braid, good stamp, fine weight, short, neat, cobby, clean cut, nicely folded wings and tail, fails only in depth of col.; 4, Gibson, good size, col. and feather, longer behind; 5, 7, Young; 6, Hirst. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (13): 1, J. Braid, short, cobby, full type, shapely, neat, still adding to her list of honours; 2, no name, hotter in col., A1 qual., fine head, thick set neck, not quite so perfect in wing carr.; 3, Hutchison, good size and col., nice type, inclined to be crouchy and unsteady; 4, Crawshaw, good size, nice tone col., neat wing carr.; 5, Colley; 6, Hirst; 7, Devoy. BUFF (13): 1, Cairns, nice model, neat, chubby build, broad, deep, neatly built, in the pink; 2, Lawson, fine for size and shape, grand carr. and qual., could be trifle fuller in head; 3, Hughes, shade finer in build, short, neat, cobby, well braced; 4, Crawshaw, nice size, sweet col.; 5, McLellan; 6, Allison; 7, Gardiner. VAR. or GRN. CK. (22): 1, Colley, neat and cobby built, very shapely, well coupled, good carr. and style, in the pink; 2, Kerr, fine size, col. and feather, not quite the front, beautifully staged; 3, Blair, quite up in size, bolder in front, fine top end, neatly braced and clean cut away, pressed hard for a step up; 4, Wood, not quite so large, but short, neat and cobby, nicely staged, steady; 5, Cairns; 6, Young; 7, Mitchell. HEN (17): 1, no name, nice size, good col., fine qual., feather, neat style, in capital order; 2, Stewart, grand type and qual., neat, shapely, short thick neck; fine full head, short compact wings and tail, good stamp, well staged; 3, Lawson, good broken green, fine size, type and feather, clean cut away, very useful; 4, Braid, nice qual., fine shape, neat through, well braced, just fails in col.; 5, Connelly; 6, Young; 7, Cairns. NOV. CK. (12): 1, Fyfe, all there for size, col. and qual., could hold its own in many open classes; 2, Hardie, fine buff, quite up in size, nice level col., fine texture feather, plenty body subs., could do with pinch more head; 3, Hawkins, cap mkd. buff, good size and body subs., not just so well staged; 4, Proctor, heavily mkd., fine body subs., nice col.; 5, 7, Burt; 6, McLellan. HEN (30): 1, Hardie, cap, wing and tail mkd., fine col. and feather, nice size and subs., neatly braced, nicely bonched; 2, 5, Fyfe, leader not quite so massive, but shorter, neater and more cobby, behind in col. and style; 3, Hawkins, plenty size and subs., fails in condition and staging; 4, Proctor, good size, hot, level col., fine feather; 6, Russell; 7, McLellan. SELF. CK. (9): Some cheap birds here: 1, J. Proctor; 2, no name; 3, Lawson and Sons; 4, Fyfe; 5, Mason; 6, Leach; 7, Houston. HEN (8): 1, Proctor; 2, Kean; 3, Brackenridge; 4, Mason; 5, Lawson and Son; 6, 7, no names.

THE CRESTS AND CREST-BREDS.

Crests were a grand lot, and well up to anything seen here in previous years. The winning Crest of Mr. Dobson was claimed at the catalogue price of £12 10s., while we heard of tempting offers being made for some of the Crestbreds. Unfortunately, through delay on the rail, many specimens did not arrive till after the tickets had been placed. Mr. Radley was one of the victims, after having sent a fine team which would undoubtedly have altered matters in this section. The judge, Mr. Noble, must be complimented on the masterly way in which he placed his awards. CREST CK. (9): 1, Dobson, grand exhibit, quickly claimed, var. D.C., fine body and wing carr., A1 feather, lovely headpiece, grand radiation and droop, well filled in centre, fine frontal, thickly clothed with good veiny feather, well staged; 2, 5, Hamilton, leader similarly mkd., well up in size, good qual. and carr., nice top piece, good length feather, not quite so well radiated, and loses slightly in cond.; 3, Page, var., neat top, not quite the spread, not just so hard in cond.; 4, 7, Govan, wing mark D.C., in fine feather, good spread of top piece, lost soiled by gutter at one side; 6, Whitton. HEN (5): 1, Sharp, good var. D.C., fine size, well clothed in good quality, close feather, neatly laid top, finely radiated, nicely drooped, capital cond.; 2, McLay, good qual. var. D.C., nice size and cond., good headgear for quantity and quality, barely so well groomed; 3, Page; 4, Hamilton; 5, Paul. C.B. CK. (13): 1, Hamilton, fine broken green, topping body subs., good dome-shaped skull, good lash and back skull, fine entrance, in rare order; 2, Forsyth, variegated, great body subs., and clean cut, nice cond.; 2, Cairns, grizzle cap, fine skull, well clothed with grand feather, neatly staged; 3, Brown, var., grand subs., capital qual., close up on 2nd; 4, Dobson, plenty subs., grand qual. and quantity feather, in hard cond., runs close up on leaders; 5, McLay; 6, Govan; 7, Boyd. HEN (13): 1, Hamilton, fine heavily var., top qual., nicely padded, dome shaped skull, grand lash, broad entrance, dense back skull, A1 cond.; 2, McLay, fine var., fit condition, close up; 3, Sharp, light var., good qual., fine lofty skull, well clothed, little behind the best; 4, Brown, good useful bird, fine type, feather, rather plainer in appearance; 5, Edwards; 6, Dobson; 7, Govan. CREST CK., 1914 (8): 1, no name, even mkd. B.C., fine headpiece, nice radiation and droop, good spread, well centred, neatly filled; 2, Edwards, cl. body D.C., lovely qual. feather, good headgear, scarcely so well groomed, but press on leader; 3, Sharp, fine green, capital feather and body subs., nice length crest, loses in radiation; 4, Whitton; 5, Tweedie; 6, McClement; 7, no name. HEN (19): 1, Hume, good broken green, good subs., top qual. feather, grand top piece, capital radiation and spread, well laid; 2, Page, even wing D.C., staged in good condition, neat shapely Crest, slightly open in centre; 3, Dobson, good var., nice size and feather, not quite so profuse in headgear; 4, Whitton, good qual. green, close up on 3rd; 5, Boyd; 6, Prentice; 7, Low. C.B. CK. (15): 1, Prentice, grand green, in lovely order, great skull, fine dome shape, well lashed, neat entrance and back, will make a stunner with luck, wins well; 2, Whitton, heavily var., good qual., nice body subs., behind in head; 3, Sharp, broken green in lovely order, feather of fine qual., nice skull and head feather, close up on 2nd; 4, Brown, heavily var., good subs. and qual.; 5, Hamilton; 6, Paul; 7, McLay. HEN (8): 1, Tweedie, broken green, fine size, lovely feather, had been washing when we came across it; 2, Edwards, nice col., well staged, fine skull and lash, might be shade better at entrance; 3, Sharp, var., dark cap, nice feather and subs., good skull and lash, well put down; 4, Paul, broken green, lovely quality feather; 5, McLay; 6, Hamilton; 7, McClement. SELF., CREST or C.B., £2 10s. (7): 1, Edwards, 2, we could not find. C.I (8): 1, Forsyth; 2, Brown; 3, 4, Lawson and Sons; 5, Jeffrey; 6, no name.

THE BORDER FANCIES.

Border Fancies were not so strong as we have seen here, but many that had done battle throughout the season were once more assembled. We were surprised to find a few licked and lightly marked birds in the money, while the classification distinctly mentioned "clear," and there was a class for "fouls, one or two marks."

CL. YELL. CK. (11): 1, no name, little beauty, fine type, style, neat carr., A1 cond., well staged; 2, novice medal, Hume, fine type, neat style, good head, neck, shapely, clean cut, barely so well filled over back, good order; 3, Cook and Adams, good for col. and qual., neat build, nice wing carr.; 4, Edwards, good qual., neat and well braced, fine head and neck, neat front; 5, Bryce; 6, Westwood; 7, Seller. BUFF (16): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Clark, little beauty, capital feather, neat shapely build, well rounded, clean and neatly braced, in full bloom; 2, no name, grand qual., sweet type, nice build, not just perfect in wing carr.; 3, Bennet, typical build, clean cut, shapely, well staged; 4, Wilson, little beauty, grand type and qual., neat through, very similar to winner, and might have gone up a bit; 5, Hughes; 6, Lunn; 7, Seller. CL. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Bennet, little beauty, staged in the pink, neat type, level col., jaunty cond., neat wings, tail; 2, Cook and Adams, nice qual., good col., neat wings, not so tight in cond.; 3, Hume, surely in the wrong class, grizzle cap, lovely col. and qual.; 4, Clark, deep even col., top qual., fine head and neck, typical, neat through, as good as any in class, should have been 2nd; 5, Cumming; 6, no name; 7, Hutchison. BUFF (12): 1, Wilson, lovely eye tkd. exhibit in the wrong class, capital type, A1 qual., neat, shapely, well staged; 2, Seller, fine type and qual., neat, stylish, barely so perfect in feather, close up; 3, Bennet, sweetly built, taking little exhibit, neat over, in full bloom; 4, Hughes, nice type and qual., neat carr., well staged; 5, no name; 6, Cook and Adams; 7, Bennet. EVEN MARK (4): 1, 3, 4, Wilson, leader nice little specimen, sweet head and neck, nice front and back, shapely, stylish, well braced; 2, McMinn, well known, in nice feather, neat, shapely, clean cut, close up on leader. UNEVEN or VAR. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Wilson, typical, lovely col., grand qual., neat, stylish, well braced, in the pink; 2, Mackay, nicely built, fine type, good feather, not so deep in col., well staged; 3, McDougall. BUFF (6): 1, Bennet, good uneven, fine type, neat shape, top qual. feather, perfect carr., nice taper, stylish, in top form; 2, no name, shapely var., good feather, neatly braced, crouchy and unsteady; 3, Wilson, uneven, fine type and qual., neatly built; 4, no name; 5, McDougall. Hen (11): 1, Clark, uneven buff, in full bloom, full of qual., neat round head, sweet neck, shapely over front and back, well braced, clean cut; 2nd, cinn. mark, fine qual. feather, nice col. and cond., good top end, but not so shapely; 3, Young, good 5-pt., good wing marks, bit too heavy mkd. at eyes, good feather, type and col.; 4, no name, var., cinn. mark, nice type, sweet qual., neat carr., clean build, might have been further up; 5, Hume; 6, Wilson 7, Bennet. FOUL, 1 or 2 MARKS (5): 1, Bennet, grand qual. buff, mkd. both sides of neck, A1 type, neat, proper stamp, clean cut, perfect carr., good through, in lovely order; 2, no name, wing mkd. buff, very shapely, neat carr., stylish, rather flat on top of head; 3, McNicol. CINN. CK. (5): 1, Wilson, well-known Jonque, fine col. and qual., now looking as if a bit over-shown and perhaps a bit lucky to win here; 2, 3, Johnstone, 2nd good buff, nice order, fine feather, well pencilled, nearly built, well braced, staged well, 3rd Jonque, fine col., A1 qual., neat, tight cond., we liked; 4, Bryce, nice ground col. and pencilling; 5, Dick; 6, no name; 7, Whitelaw. HEN (10): 1, Lunn, fine type, sound col., neat pencilling, well staged; 2, Clark, real good buff, in fine trim, frequent winner, first time beaten this season, often described; 3, Bryce, nice buff, fine qual., neatly built, typical, well staged; 4, Dick, good yell., in nice fettle, sound col. and type, neatly pencilled, could have gone up a step with credit. GREEN CK. (9): 1, no name, nicely pencilled, typical Jonque, very dark in ground col., finely moulded, neat carr. and style, well braced, in the pink; 2, Dick, buff, fine tone of col., well pencilled, steady and neat; 3, Wilson, grand col. Jonque, well pencilled, ground col. fine grassy green, nice top end, neat shapely front and body, good wing carr. and style; 4, no name, good qual. buff, nice type, fails wing carr.; 5, 6, Johnstone; 7, Whitelaw. BEN (6): 1, 2, Johnstone, good Jonque, dark in ground col., beautiful distinct pencilling, neat type fine qual., shapely, well braced, top cond., 2nd good buff, neat and good all over, we liked; 3, no name; 4, Robertson; 5, no name; 6, Wilson. SELF., CK. (7): 1, 5, Cumming; 2 no name; 3, Lawson and Sons; 4, Bennet; 6, 7, no names. HEN (6): 1, Bennet; 2, Seller; 3, Robertson; 4, no name; 5, 6, Cumming.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARIES.

The Yorkshire section is still forging ahead, and while the classes are as a rule not very heavy, yet there is an undeniable improvement in the quality. Mr. Heggie put forward a rare team and succeeded in capturing every 1st prize in the section, which means that pluck and energy are required to alter matters. The S.Y.C.C. are doing much to foster and encourage the cult of the variety, and it is to be hoped that their efforts may be the means of stimulating its members to greater efforts, so that the honours may have a wider circulation.

CLR. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, Heggie, grand pair, in the pink, lovely qual., capital shape, very stylish, neat, well staged, little to decide between them; 3, Park, good length, nice shape, col. and qual., neat carr., well drawn, little behind either; 4, Smeson, nice type and qual., shapely, stylish, fails at front; 6, Aitkenhead; 7, Cochrane. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 4, Heggie, full of quality, great length, nice type and col., sweet and clean cut, in full bloom, 2nd nice qual., fine type, shapely, well braced, not quite so clean cut; 3, Hirst, in the pink fine col. and type, neat and shapely, steady, fine poser, must have pressed hard; 5, Cochrane; 6, 7, no names. CLR. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, 5, Heggie, leader fine exhibit, lovely order, well drawn and neat, clinking qual. feather, shapely neat, scarcely so hot col., but runs well up on leader; 3, Park, fine quality, very shapely, neat, fine style, good poser, clean cut, well staged, fails length only; 4, Macready, rare length, col. and quality, neat and well braced, clean cut and typical; 6, Junor; 7, Eccleston. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Heggie, real beauty, capital type and qual., grand length, beautiful shape and pose, wins well, 3rd good length, hot col., nice qual.; 2, Cochrane, fine type, good qual. feather,

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stylish, well braced, in good order; 4, Macready; 5, Junor; 6, McLellan. VAR. CK. (10): 1, 3, Heggie, leader grand buff, fine length, capital shape, neat, smooth as wax, well staged, steady, 3rd good buff, nice col. and qual., shapely, well braced, just inclined to lift at front; 2, no name, yell., full of Yorks. qualities, rare pos., carr. and style, close run for top honours; 4, Cochrane, fine col., style, and qual., good feather; 5, Whitelaw; 6, Eccleston; 7, Boulett. HEN (5): 1, 3, Heggie, leader capital yell., grand length, very shapely and typical, neat and perfect in carr. and style, faultless order, 3rd fine lengthy buff; 2, no name, smaller built yell., fine level col., neat, clean cut, well braced, we liked; 4, Hirst; 5, Whitelaw. YELL. CK., 1916 (10): 1, 3, Heggie, leader a topper, one of the first water; 3rd neck mkd., grand length, sound col., nice qual. and type, not quite so close in feather; 2, Simeson, grizz. cap.; lovely quality, sweet type, nicely drawn, well braced, not just so hot, in capital order; 4, Cochrane, lengthy, typical and sound in col., fails steadiness; 5, Hirst; 6, Eccleston; 7, Park. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Heggie, leader grand length, sweet type and qual., neat, shapely, well braced, in winning order, 3rd lengthy, nice qual. feather, loses in pose; 2, Macready, real good, close up on leader, except col.; 4, Cochrane, fine col., sweet type and quality, fails in length only, might have gone up a peg; 5, McLellan; 6, Hirst; 7, Junor. HEN (9): 1, 3, 5, Heggie, real good yell. leads, in fine style, good col. and qual., neat, clean cut, well braced, 3rd grizz. wing yell., good length, type and quality, neat and swanky, fails in col. only; 2, no name, capital buff, nice qual., fine length, very shapely, neat, well staged; 4, 7, Park, 4 the grizz cap yell., cleanly built, neat stylish pose, fine carr., well staged; 6, Peters. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Adam, all Lizards, we could not follow the judge in the placing, 1st cl. cap Silver, nice type, fails in col. and spanguing, 2nd clear cap Silver, we made an easy winner, nice type and qual., neat, distinct spangling, beautifully rowed, staged in A1 bloom, 3rd broken cap Gold, fine depth of col., neatly spangled, in fine order, our choice for 2nd.

THE MULE AND HYBRID SECTION.

The Mule and Hybrid section is usually a very interesting part of an exhibition, and we venture to say that the collection on view here has not been eclipsed at any of the association's previous events, and it reflected great credit on the fanciers who interest themselves in the cultivation and production of such varied and interesting specimens.

LIGHT MULE (6): 1, Ramsden's spl, Heggie, almost cl. Greenf., in lovely order, well-known face, needs no further comment, often described; 2, McQuiston, clinking jonque even-mark Goldf., great col. and cond., perfect order, well-known; 3, no name, grizz. wing Goldf., lovely feather and cond.; 4, Crone. DARK GOLDF.-CAN. (10): 1, McQuiston, grand jonque, plenty size and subs., great quality and cond., fine blend of col., perfectly staged, steady; 2, Heggie, another good one, fine subs. and col., well up on leader; 3, Crone, not quite so massive, but great col., perfect cond., steady; 4, Gentleman; 5, Nicol; 6, Jeffrey; 7, Arnott. DARK LINNET-CAN. (7): 1, McQuiston, well-known Jonque, great size, capital col., perfect feather, faultless cond., steady; 2, Steel, well up for size and cond., but behind in depth of col.; 3, Heggie, similar to 2nd, follows hard up; 4, Crone; 5, Clare; 6, Nicol; 7, Milne. GREENF.-CAN. (12): 1, McQuiston, well-known jonque, clinker for size, col. and condition, takes a bit of stopping; 2, no name, good jonque, fine col., perfect feather, not so massive; 3, Nicolson, similar for size, perfect feather and steady, not quite the depth col.; 4, Heggie, smaller jonque, fine col., perfect feather, just trifle unsteady; 5, McGilvray; 6, Fyfe; 7, Crone. A.O. CAN. MULE (except Can.-Bulff.) (5): 1, McQuiston, still to the fore with a capital Twite cross, fine size, col. and pencilling, perfectly staged, steady; 2, 3, Crone, jonque Redpoll and jonque Siskin, very interesting exhibits, nice size and col., A1 cond., a credit; 4, Heggie, jonque Siskin, in fine feather, not quite so massive. DARK BULLF. HYB. (including Can.-Bullf.) (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, Crone, magnificent team, headed by his old warrior, Can.-Bullf., in nice col. and cond., but bit lucky to beat 3rd, grand Canary-Bullf., great size, col. and condition, we fancied for easy 1st, will prove a dangerous competitor; 2, topping Redpoll-Bullf., fine size, grand cond., lovely blend of col., perfect feather, very steady; 5, Webster; 6, Macready; 7, Heggie. BETWEEN TWO BRITISH (6): 1, Crone, clinking Chaffinch-Bramble, fine size, grand col., neat, distinct markings, steady, in perfect bloom; 2, Heggie, interesting little cross Redpoll-Goldf., nice size, fine col. and cond., steady, in capital feather; 3, Webster, good Greenf.-Goldf., nice; 4, McQuiston, fine Siskin-Goldf., in lovely order; 5, no name. HEN (6): 1, McQuiston, handsome jonque Greenf., great col. and cond., fine subs., could be shade steadier; 2, Webster, lightly mkd. Goldf., fine size, nice feather and cond., steady, creditably staged; 3, Strachan, dark jonque Goldf., fine size, col. and markings; 4, Dawson; 5, Heggie. SELL. (6): 1, McGillvray; 2, Heggie; 3, Strachan; 4, Fyfe; 5, Smith.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIRDS.

As usual the competition amongst the Britishers was strong, both in numbers and quality, and it took something really good to capture the plums here even in the most common varieties. GOLDF. (18): 1, McLellan, grand little exhibit, nice col., pure markings, grand blaze, nice moons, pure yellow wing bars, neat buttons, steady, A1 cond; 2, Campbell, good size, fine col., well mkd., in perfect feather, not quite the blaze of leader; 3, Irvine, hard up in subs. and cond., not quite so distinct in markings., steady; 4, Cumming, nice size, col. and cond., fails blaze; 5, Connelly; 6, Stubbs Bros.; 7, Heggie. BULLF. (18): 1, Thomson, not a monster, but for col. and markings a picture, grand feather, A1 condition, very steady; 2, no name, capital cond., grand col., qual., runs close, hard to part; 3, no name, well up for size and cond., not quite the depth of col., still a good one, well staged; 4, Smith, well laid down, behind, not quite so steady; 5, Edwards; 6, Irvine; 7, Brown. LINNET, H.M. (11): 1, 3, McQuiston, leader grand exhibit, in perfect order, fine size, nice nutty col., well pencilled, steady, 3rd nice size and col., neat markings, fails a wee bit in breast col., well staged; 4, Mason, fine Finch for col., good type, well pencilled, inclined to be wee bit shifty when handled; 5 no name; 6, Gentleman; 7, Campbell. F.M. (17): 1, no name, in lovely order, clinking col., sweetly pencilled, neat, steady, perfect feather, one of the best; 2, Campbell, slightly smaller, well staged, nice ground col. and markings, steady; 3, no name, trifle smaller, but fer col. and pencilling not easily beaten, perfect feather; 4, Kerr good ground col. and pencilling, rather unsteady; 5, Crone; 6, Hill; 7, Swan. SISKIN (11): 1, Nicolson, fine jonque, perfect feather, nice level col., good cap, distinct markings, well laid down; 2, Strachan, fine feather, nicely mkd., steady, not quite the depth of col.; 3, Fyfe, good size, col. and cond., rather unsteady; 4, Erskine, in nice order, steady, creditably staged; 5, Connelly; 6, Cummings; 7, Bell. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (10): 1 Fairhurst, good ground col., well pencilled, well staged, in good feather, steady, we have seen larger; 2, Gentleman, Mealy, great size, nice feather and cond., well pencilled; 3, no name, Twite, very similar to leader, little between them, in good order; 4, Craig, nice Twite; 5, Connacher; 6, Webster; 7, Campbell. LESSER REDPOLL (19): 1, McQuiston, regular little beauty, fine col. and tanning, steady, perfect cond., well staged; 2, Campbell, well-known figure, all there for size, col., and markings, close up on leader; 3, 4, Webster, former slightly smaller, but good, neat, 4th good size and qual., neat marks, presses close; 5, Taylor; 6, Mitchell; 7, Brown. GREENF. (25): 1, no name, capital jonque, topper for size and col., steady, well staged, in the pink; 2, no name, good jonque, close up for size and cond., not quite the depth of col.; 3, McLinton, good nat. col., capital order, nice size, fine qual., steady; 4, Gentleman, smaller, but all there for col. and cond., well staged, steady; 5, Webster; 6, 7, no names. CHAFFINCH (10): 1, no name, clinker for size and col., pure and distinct markings, very steady, faultless condition; 2, no name, all there, tight race, in the pink; 3, Eckersley, good, fails cond. and staging only; 4, no name; 5, Brown; 7, Cameron. BRAMBLE (7): 1, no name, an old warrior, nice feather, but not up in col. and bit too fat on chest; 2, no name, capital size, great col. and spangling, faultless condition, steady, we thought an easy winner; 3, Cummings; 4, McLean; 5, Hyslop; 6, Steel. YELLOWHAMMER (7): 1, Arnott, fine size and col., nice cond., rich yellow head and distinct lines, no better seen for some time, well staged; 2, Brown, good size and cond., not quite so clear in head lines; 3, Kerr; 4, 5, 6, Strachan; 7, no name. BUNTING (4): 1, 2, Craig, fine Corn leading, sound col. and spangling, fine size and cond., nicely staged; 2, Ortolan Bunting, nice size and col., perfect feather, steady; 3, McQuiston, Corn, shade smaller than leader, but hot specimen for col. and spangle, fine cond.; 4, McNeillie and Topping. SMALL BRIT. (3): 1, Taylor, well-known Wagtail, perfect beauty, faultless in every detail; 2, 3, Webster, Bearded Tits, in fine feather, well staged. LARGE (3): 1, 3, Smith, capital Waxwing, in lovely feather, nice size, rare col., perfect waxes, 3rd grand Blackbird, sleek black coat, in faultless order, rich orange beak, perky and alert, though steady, well staged; 2, Alexander, good Hawfinch, fine, rich col., beautifully blended, distinct markings. BULLF. HEN (9): 1, McQuiston, good size, col. and markings, well defined dense black cap, neat fitting wing bars, perfect in feather and staging; 2, Mills, nice size, fine depth col., clean distinct markings, deformed toe on one foot, otherwise all there; 3, Crone, fine size, lovely tone of col., perfect feather, might have gone up a peg; 4, no name, good Finch, nice size and cond., just behind in col. SMALL SEED-EATING HEN (13): 1, Webster, fine Corn, in perfect feather, steady, well shown, we should make in w.c., being larger than a Bramblefinch; 2, Campbell, topping Bramble, in perfect feather, steady, we liked; 3, Peters, fine Chaffinch, nice size, sound col., steady, perfect feather; 4, Showler, Greenf., nice size, col. and cond., faulty at front; 5, Mason; 6, Craig; 7, McQuiston. SELL., BRIT. (13): 1, Hyslop; 2, Strachan; 3, Webster; 4, Richmond.

The foreign bird section was, as usual, only patronised by the few leading exhibitors who endeavour to keep the ball a-rolling, without much apparent encouragement, at least as far as competition is concerned. Those who follow in this branch of the Fancy would do well in their own interest if they patronised the classification extended to them and gave show organisers more heart to keep on in the good old way. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (3): 1, Arnott, Rose-wing Bullfinch, very interesting exhibit, staged in capital order; 2, no name, grand Goldfinch, fine size and col., pure markings, great face, nice moons and buttons, well tanned, fine wing bars, perfect feather, faultlessly staged; 3, Campbell, Goldf., close up on 2nd. PARRAKEETS, ETC. (1): 1, Macready. SMALL SEEDEATERS (5): 1, 2, Arnott, Fire Finches and Combasous, little beauties, staged in tip-top order; 3, 4, 5, Park, Cordon Bleus, Waxbills, and Cutthroats, all in perfect order. A.O. SEED-EATER (4): 1, 2, 3, Arnott, Giant Whydah, 2nd Queen Whydah, and Red-headed Bunting, all staged in the usual style; 4, Erskine. A.O.S. (7): All to Arnott, capital team, in the pink, some well-known faces in the lot, and keeping very fit, Yellow-wing Sugar-bird, Gold-fronted Honeysucker, Scarlet Tanager, Chinese Starling, Zosterops, Blue Tanager, and Honeysucker.

BORDER FANCY CLUB.

Second annual show, Dec. 30-Jan. 1, in St. Cuthbert's Halls. The hall is of nice size and has plenty of light from the sides, and the birds were nicely staged. Entries were 30 up over last year; quality was excellent, and contained the cream of the fancy, about the best we have seen for a long time. Patterson cup was won by Mr. H. Brown for most points, also gold medal, open novice, and other medals, having in all for one bird six specials—not bad for a novice. The cup winner is a buff with a grizzled cheek. We must congratulate the management, as everything was worked out to perfection and was a model for some shows. Everyone, from the president downwards, worked with a will. Mr. Jas. Lumsden, pres., Mr. Sam Englas, vice and show manager (a past master at this), committee, Messrs. Aitchison, Bell, Gilchrist, Dewar, Nelson, Stewart, Tod, and H. Watson. Judge, Messrs. McCreadie, Duncan, and Forrest, one and all gave general satisfaction. A bit of smart work with regard to the catalogues was done by the Perth Printing Co.; marked catalogues were for sale, after having come about three miles, within two hours of the completion of the judging.

CL. YELL. CK. (23): 1, Craig, nice size, rare quality of feather; 2, Patterson, nice length of side, rare wings and tail; 1, two spls, 4, Aitchison, rare type and qual., beautiful head and neck, 4th nice size and quality, grand tail, 5, Cook and Adam, grand size and style; 6, Chisholm; 7, G. Bennett; 8, Hughes. HEN (27): 1, 6, Craig, 1st grand size, rare type and qual. of feather, a little flat in head; 2, Sprott, nice size, bolder in head, a little back in qual.; 3, spl, Smart, grand size, rare head and neck, well filled in front; 4, spl, Patterson, well up in size and qual.; 5, Murray, nice size and style; 7, spl, Stewart; 8, spl, G. Brown; 9, spl, Aitchison. BUFF (26): 1, Bennett, grand length, nice bold head, well piped tail; 2, spl, Stewart, much of the same, fails, if anything, in closeness of feather; 3, McRae, nice size, stylish carr., close fitting wings and tail; 4, Crabb and Finlayson, grand size and stamp; 5, spl, Bell, nice size, good head and front; 6, spl, Craig; 7, spl, Bennett; 8, spl, Patterson. HEN (27): 1, 3, spl, H. Bennett, grand size, very shapely, 3rd much the same style., etc., a little loose at flanks; 2, Weir, nice size, well rounded back, short tail and flights; 4, G. Brown, nice size and well tapered body; 5, spl, Murray, well up in size and cond.; 6, spl, Gilchrist; 7, Smart; 8, G. Bennett; 9, spl, Hood. EVEN MKD. (14): 1, spl, 3, spl, Wilson, 1st grand sized buff, rather pale in col., 5th well up in size, eyes and wing mkd.; 2, spl, Patterson, we preferred, even mkd. yell., rare qual., jaunty carr.; 3, spl, Dempster, buff, even; 4, Hutchison, buff, eyes and wings mkd., rare qual., could have gone up; 6, Craig; 7, Docherty; 8, Jamieson. UNEVEN OR VAR. YELL. CK. (19): 1, Nicholson, eyes and wings mkd., a little model, faultless; 2, Patterson, same markings, rare qual., grand tail carr.; 3, spl, Crabb and Finlayson, grand size, rare head and neck, rather open in tail; 4, spl, Rintoul, nice size, yell., eyes and one wing mkd., rare qual. of feather; 5, Sprott, well up in size, rare wings and front; 6, Anderson; 7, spl, Brown; 8, spl, Bell; 7, spl, Smart. HEN (18): 1, Adrian, eye and wing mkd., nice type, rare subs.; 2, spl, Crabb and Finlayson, both eyes and one wing mkd., rare thickness, well rounded back; 3, spl, Rintoul, nice sized var., rather down in cond. and wild; 4, spl, Patterson, wings and shoulder mkd., rare qual., could have gone up one; 5, G. Brown, nice size, might also have gone up; 6, Wilson; 7, Patterson; 8, Sprott. BUFF (21): 1, Rintoul, large sized buff var., we thought of the big side; 2, Patterson, var., grand size, better type, rare subs.; 3, Wilson, eyes and wing mkd., nice size, grand wing and tail carr.; 4, Nelson, both eyes and tick wing, grand size, well piped tail; 5, spl, Nicholson, both eyes and tick wing, grand size, well piped tail; 5, spl, Nicholson, both eyes and one wing mkd., rare style and action; 6, Voy; 7, Alexander; 8, Craig. HEN (17): 1, 2 spls, Crabb and Finlayson, var., grand size, rare qual. of feather, grand tail; 2, Raeside, crown and both eyes mkd., nice size, well filled in neck and front, rare head; 3, Holmes, var., rather long and slim, rare silky feather; 4, Weir, better stamp, nice qual.; 5, spl, Craig, var., nice size, rare qual., grand wings and tail; 6, Aitchison; 7, Espie; 8, Patterson. HEAVILY VAR. (14): 1, spl, Rintoul, grand sized yell. var., teeming with qual.; 2, Hook, grand sized buff foul green, nicely mkd., presses; 3, sp, Patterson, bull var., rare size, well piped tail; 4, Showler, nice size, type and qual.; 5, spl, Darragh, well up in size and condition; 6, Murray; 7, Craig; 8, spl, Patterson. TICKED (17): 1, 6 spls, Brown, buff, slightly grizzled cheek, a perfect model; 2, Stewart, grand sized yell., grizz. cheek, in rare order; 3, spl, G. Bennet, grand size, slightly grizz. in head, carries wings and tail well; 4, Stewart, slightly tkd. on eye, rare qual., close in feather; 5, spl, 6, Patterson, buff, griz. cheek; 7, H. Bennett; 8, Hood. GREEN YELL., SELF OR FOUL (16): 1, Johnstone, grand size, very rich col. and markings; 2, spl, Whitelaw, slightly larger, rare qual., nicely mkd.; 3, Hannah, nice size, rather pale in col. and broken markings; 4, spl., 9, spl, Middleton, nice size, rather wild and crouchy; 5, Lawson and Son; 6, spl, Lmasden, could have gone up easily; 8. BUFF (19): 1, 2 spls, Middleton, grand size, nicely mkd., rather light under; 2, Johnstone, grand size and type, rather pale in col.; 3, spl, Whitelaw, nice size and qual., could have gone up one; 4, Lambie, nice size, well mkd.; 5, spl, Hamilton, grand size and style; 6, Linton; 7, Patterson; 8, Espie. HEN (16): 1, 3 spls, B.F.C. medal, Johnstone, a perfect model in size, col., and markings; 2, Lawson and Son, grand size, rare rich col., grand markings; 3, Montgomery, grand size, not so rich in col., but nicely marked; 4, spl, Greenwell, well up in size, col., and markings; 5, spl, Middleton, nice size and markings; 6, Heslop Bros.; 7, Linton; 8, G. Brown. BUFF (14): 1, Johnstone, grand size, rare col., jaunty action; 2, Lumsden, grand size, rich col., grand markings; 3, spl, Lambie, grand size and markings, fails if anything in tone; 4, Greenwell, rather soft when reporting; 5, D. Hamilton, nice size and col.; 6, McColl; 7, spl, Montgomery; 8, spl, Whitelaw. CINN. (13): 1, Erskine, grand size, nice col., well mkd.; 2, spl, Hamilton, larger, rare markings, could have gone up; 3, spl, Hamilton, grand size and col., rather coarse in feather; 4, Johnstone, grand size and col., good head; 5, Buglass, well up in size, col., and markings; 6, Lambie and Middleton; 8, Whitelaw. BUFF (19): 1, spl, Johnstone, nice model, rare col. and markings; 2, Harper, nice size, rich and silky in feather, well mkd.; 3, Linden, nice size, close in feather, nice tail; 4, Gillies, nice size, colour; 5, spl, Patterson; 6, Lucas; 7, spl, Linden; 8, Clark; 9, spl, Nicholson. HEN (13): 1, Linden, grand size, stamp, and qual., rare markings; 2, spl, Lambie, same stamp and qual., little to choose; 3, Nicholson, nice size, rare bold head and front, rich col.; 4, spl, Buglass, grand size and col., and rich markings; 5, Gillies; 6, spl, Whitelaw; 7, Lunn; 8, Patterson. BUFF (16): 1, 2 spls., McColl, grand size, rich col. and markings, rare head and neck; 2, Hamilton, well up in size, etc., little to choose; 3, spl, W. Hamilton, nice size, rich tone of col., nicely mkd.; 4, spl, Middleton, grand size, col. and markings; 5, Darragh, nice size, col. and cond.; 6, Clark; 7, spl, Nicholson; 8, Linden; 9, spl, Weir. NOV. CK. (26): 1, spl, H. Watson, grand sized buff cl., rare type and qual., nice short wings and tail; 2, spl, Lucas, very sweet buff Cinn., rare col. and markings; 3, McKenven, yell. green, grand size and markings, rather deep in tone; 4, spl, Clemens, very taking yell. variegated, rare tone throughout; 5, spl, 7, spl, Hood; 5th very sweet cl. yell., rich in col.; 6, spl, Munro; 8, spl, McGinty. HEN (21): 1, Lucas, very taking yell. Cinn., grand size, rich col., good head and neck; 2, Wilson, cl., yell., grand size, rich and close in feather; 3, spl, Forman, cl. buff, nice size, close fitting wings and tail; 4, Hood, yell., both eyes mkd., nice style and shape, could have gone up; 5, Anderson, nice sized buff, with foul back; 6, Watson; 7, spl, Munro; 8, Cant; 9, spl, Heslop Bros. SELL., GREEN. OR CINN. (7): 1, Lawson and Son; 2, Linton; 3, Buglass; 4, Linton; 5, Lunn; 6, Nelson; 7, Thomson. CK. (19): 1, H. Bennett; 2, 5, G. Bennett; 3, Patterson; 4, Jamieson; 6, Allison; 7, Williams; 8, Donaldson. HEN (8): 1, H. Bennett; 2, Gilchrist; 3, Patterson; 4, Dimpster; 5, Lawson and Son; 6, Cunningham; 7, Hughes; 8, G. Brown.

CLAYCROSS.

First open show of the Claycross C.B.S., Jan. 13. The large Assembly Room, Angel Hotel, High-st., a room of good size, free from draughts, and fair light. The entry, considering the times and the restricted railway facilities, was a capital one, and upwards of 200 exhibits were staged perfectly. The sec., Mr. F. Harrison, is a worthy official, always on the go, and courteous to the extreme. He was well supported by Messrs. A. Wilson, W. Birchmshaw, W. Evans, and J. Lanckham; all worked with tact and energy.

Colonel Jackson, Claycross Hall, who should have officiated at the opening ceremony, was unable, through unforeseen circumstances, to oblige, but later in the day, he and some of his family patronised the venture with their presence.

Special for best in show went to Mr. H. J. Chick, with his wonderful cl. yell. Greenie-Can., admired by all. Judging was completed by 4 p.m., and the show was well patronised; the management throughout was excellent. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his awards were well received.

YELL. NOR. (6): 1, he, Vardy, tkd. eye, lovely shape, feather, and col., well up in substance, A1 carr.; 2, Turner, cl., grand shape and qual., good col., very close up; 3, Thomas, tkd. eye, superb feather and col., true type, clean cut away; vhc, Evans; c, Swedley. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Vardy, gems, cl. and mkd., former thickest through rather, in the pink, put down in fine style; 3, Smedley, shapely cl.; vhc, Thomas; hc, Sharman. GREEN, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Vardy, var. yell., and buff green, both magnificent feather and shape, A1 col. and cond.; 3, Evans. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Thomas, noted cl., magnificent right through, takes some "whacking"; 2, Vardy, very cobby cl., not quite the size, but very charming; 3, Turner. BUFF (2): 1, Vardy, cl., smooth as wax, cobby and stylish, nice subs.; 2, Turner. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, Vardy, cl. and tkd. head, both superb feather and col., fine subst. and shape, clean cut away, very promising; 3, Turner. BUFF (3): 1, Smedley, shapely cl., well fed and well clothed, good size and carr.; 2, Vardy, check mkd, A1 col. and qual.; 3, Thomas. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Vardy, sweet shape, lovely col. and qual., jaunty carr., nice size; 2, 3, Thomas, both good shape, superb feather, should make up well; hc, Evans. PAIRS (2): 1, Vardy, very massive, short and thick-set cl. buff ck., and a superior yell. green hen, very likely pair, well matched; 2, Bircumshaw, large var. yell ck., capital col. and qual., with a cl. buff hen of true character, again rattling pair. YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, Dykes, mkd. wings and eyes, not a feather wrong, red bot, straight and lengthy, clever legs, full of style; 2, he, Lanckham, wing tkd., very shooty, nicely feathered, well on leg, not far away, in the pink; 3, Green, cl., lovely col. and feather; vhc, Dr. Craig, good one, feeling the cold. BUFF (8): 1, Dykes, mkd. wings and eyes, slashing feather and col., very lengthy, straight as a rush, grand legs; 2, Dr. Craig, lovely cl., wedge shaped, smooth as wax, perfect back, flights and tail, close up; 3, vhc, Lanckham, cl., good pos., nice feather, nice back and wing carr.; vhc, Thomas; c, Elkins. GREEN, ETC. (3): 1, Green, buff var., very straight and showy, tight as box, stands well; 2, Elkins, yell. green, A1 col. and qual., slim and lengthy, close up; 3, Barton. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Dykes, cl., wonderful length, straight, tight as box, superb col., a study; 2, Dr. Craig, cinn. mkd. wings, rich col. and qual., grand outline, good length and well on leg; 3, Beardall and Walker, smart cl., A1 col and qual.; vhc, Lanckham; hc, Barton. BUFF (2): 1, Green, mkd. wings and eyes, nice feather, good length, sweet head, expression; 2, Dykes, mkd. wings, good pos. and length. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Thomas, thigh tick, tight as a Java, A1 col. and feather, true type, gem; 2, Green, smart cl., capital feather and col., nice pos. and length, close up; 3, he, Lanckham, cl., superb feather; vhc, Elkins. BUFF (6): 1, c, Lanckham, cl., wonderful length, straight as a pencil, tight as wax, promising; 2, Thomas, cl., straight, well on leg, A1 col. and qual., beaten a little in length; 3, Dykes, tkd. wing, smooth as wax, well up; vhc, Green; hc, Beadell and Walker. HEN (6): 1, Dykes, lovely cl. yell., slim and erect, very lengthy, full of style, charmer; 2, Beardale and Walker, mkd. buff, well feathered, stands delightfully, nice length, should make up all right; 3, Thomas, mkd. yell., good col. and feather, nice stand; vhc, Green; he, c, Lanckham. A.O.V. (1): 1, Lanckham, very neat 4 pointed yell., rare qual. and col. PAIRS (5): 1, 2, Lanckham, yell. cock and buff hen, and buff cock and yellow hen, well matched and typical pairs, should produce capital progeny; 3, Green, buff cock and yell. hen, really nice pair, bit wild; vhc, Barton; hc, Elkins. NOR. NOV. YELL. (4): 1, Hawkins, cl., good size, shape and feather, nice col. and carr.; 2, Lycett, cl., shapely, A1 col. and qual., hardly the subs.; 3, Carrington; vhc, Dean. BUFF (5): 1, Hawkins, mkd. head, massive, good shape, full of col., A1 qual.; 2, Lycett, mkd. wing, superior feather and col., shapely, neat carr.; 3, Wilson; vhc, he, Carrington. HEN (6): 1, 2, Hawkins, cl. yell. and cl. buff, both nice shape, col. and feather, well up in size, A1 carr.; 3, Wilson, eye tkd. buff, good feather and col., shapely; vhc, Bircumshaw; he, Carrington; c, Dean. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Turner, buff mkd., capital shape, rare qual. and col., nice size and carr.; 2, 3, Copeland, yell. mkd. and buff mkd., very promising, well shown, in the pink; vhc, Dean; hc, Copeland. HEN (4): 1, 3, Hawkins, yell. mkd. and buff mkd., full of col. and qual., nice shape and size, good carr.; 2, Dean, yell. mkd., shapely, A1 feather and col.; vhc, Lycett. NOV. YORKS. YELL. (1): 1, Sawer Bros., lengthy and straight, capital feather and col., well on leg. BUFF (1): 1, Webster, smooth, good type and length, nervy, shows well. HEN (3): 1, Wilson, cl. yell., stands well, nice length, good feather and col.; 2, Cope, cl. yell., smooth, nice type and qual., beaten in length; 3, Webster. UNFLIG. CK. (6): 1, 3, he, Wilson, cl. yell. and tkd. buff, both capital feather and col., stands well, lengthy, very promising; 2, Sawer Bros., cl. buff, smooth as wax, capital pos., grand wings and tail; vhc, c, Cope. HEN (3): 1, 3, Cope, both cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., capital pos., winner has it in length; 2, Sawer Bros., smart tkd. buff, A1 qual. and col., pressed. GOLDF., ETC. (12): Good class: 1, Leadbeater, grand Goldf., rich col., fine shape, lovely buttons, magnificent blaze, a gem; 2, Chick, Bullie, rare size, excellent col., grand cap; 3, Lilley Bros., Goldie, very shapely, larger than winner, not the richness of col., on body or blaze, yet good one; vhc, Gomersall; hc, c, Alexander. GREENF., ETC. (7): 1, 2, Parlett, Linnet and Greenf., former good size, nice col., shapely and well pencilled, latter good col. and shape, fine subs.; 3, he, Leadbeater, Linnet, lovely col. and feather, neatly mkd., beaten in size; vhc, Lilley Bros.; c, Davies. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, he, Parlett, magnificent Twite, rich col., rare shape and size, beautifully mkd., in tip-top form; 2, Evans, Mealy Redpoll, well up in size, shapely, good col. and marks; 3, Lilley Bros., Siskin, capital col., lovely trim, nice cap, good size; vhc, Davies; c, Lindley. A.O.V. (10): 1, 2, 3, Chick, a unique team, Hawfinch, Yellow Bunting, and Corn Bunting, a trio well known and hard to beat, credit to owner; vhc, Parlett, hc, Smith; c, Lilley Bros. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, Chick again with "right 'uns," Hawfinch, Corn Bunting, and Yellow Bunting, all in the pink, put down in style; vhc, Evans. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Chick, gem of a Wheatear, not a feather wrong. FOR. (1): 1, Gomersal, Cardinal, in nice order. MULE (7): 1, 2, he, spl, best in show, Chick, the noted cl. yell. Greenf.-Can. leading, followed by a grand tkd. but (same persuasion), a brace of "knocks-out"; 3, vhc, Parlett, dark yell. Greenfinch, the old warrior, wears well; c, Smith. SELL. (1): 1, Parlett. MEMBER. YELL. (3): 1, Goddard; 2, Smithan; 3, Evans. BUFF (6): 1, Evans; 2, 3, Goddard; vhc, Lunn; hc, Turner; c, Smitham. HEN (7): 1, Smitham; 2, c, Lunn; 3, Turner; vhc, Evans; hc, Goddard. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 3, Goddard; 2, Smitham; vhc, Storer. HEN (1): 1, Turner. PAIRS (2): 1, Smitham, 2, Turner. YELL. YORKS. (2): 1, Goddard; 2, Wilson. BUFF (1): 1, Goddard. HEN (1): 1, Goddard. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Goddard; 3, Wilson. BRIT. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Evans; 2, Storer; hc, Storer. MULE (2): 1, 2, Evans.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN

EFFECTS OF STEEL.

Novice, Sicaford.—The effect of tincture of steel on birds is that of a rather strong iron tonic. It tones up the system, especially the digestive organs, increases the appetite, assists materially to tighten the plumage, and to stop the dropping of feathers when birds are perpetually moulting. On account of its tendency to stop moulting it is not to be recommended during the early stages of a normal moult, but after the birds have ceased dropping feathers and are getting fine in feather again, four or five drops, not more, added to the water two or three times a week helps considerably to tighten the plumage, especially when the birds show a tendency to remain slack. It is best to use it only in the small quantities named, as it gives a very hard taste to the water, which causes many birds to utterly reject it in any but these minute quantities, and to add a little too much is to defeat one's object, as the birds drink so much the less.

THE NORWICH TOUCH.

W. Coulson.—No. I would not advise you to mate the young cock, which is a second cross from the Norwich, with an exceptionally small Border hen just because it happens to be a little on the large side. Seeing you have taken an outcross and there is no question of any inbreeding among the parents, you could not do better than mate this cock back to its own mother, particularly if she has good typical Border qualities, and is of fair average or moderate size. This inbreeding would have quite sufficient effect in tending to reduce the size of the young. Otherwise, supposing this hen is unsuitable in other respects, a medium-sized hen of good type will give you better all-round results than you would get from introducing an exceptionally small hen.

PLUCKING ITS FEATHERS.

T. A. A.—In the first place, you should well examine the cage to see if it is infested with red mites, and the bird, under the wings, round base of neck and root of tail, to see if any grey lice are present. In either case you must exterminate these pests as a first step. You will find full details for doing this in many rather recent replies. Next see that the bird is not exposed to direct cold draughts, nor to sudden extremes of temperature, and do not hang it near or over a burning light in the evening. Give a staple diet of three parts canary and one part summer rape. In addition, give separately every third day a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, slightly dusted with flour of sulphur, and then sprinkled with soft sugar. On intervening days give first a piece of banana, or boiled or raw carrot, and a pinch of maw seed, and next a half teaspoonful of a mixture if equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed and broken groats. Every second day for a week add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, then miss a week and give it again for another week. After this you may give 20 drops of Chemical Food daily for a week to complete the treatment.

SUBSTITUTE FOR EGG FOOD.

E. J. A.—There are several quite good substitutes on the market, but I cannot, of course, name them here for obvious reasons. You should keep an eye on our advert. columns under the heading Foods, and also read up a little of the correspondence and articles which have appeared and note when and in what proportion of cases these advertised foods have been used successfully, and then judge for yourself how to choose. A very good and easily made substitute, but which does not eliminate the egg entirely, consists of a mixture of 1½ lb. of maizena wafer biscuits crushed, or ground in a seed mill, and ½ lb. of desiccated egg yolk added and thoroughly blended with it. Keep in air-tight tins, and when required for use take the quantity needed for immediate use and slightly damp it to bring it to a crumbly state with a few drops of water. Apart from this I would advise you to get a copy of the 1916 "Cage Birds Annual," in which you will find the question of substitutes dealt with fully, and also a copy of the forthcoming 1917 "Annual," where the subject will be again dealt with from a present-day point of view.

PROTRACTED MOULTING.

John Ashbrook. A regular diet of canary and hemp is by no means a suitable one for a Canary. Give a staple of a simple mixture composed only of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition to this give for the next month every third day a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod-liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the intervening days give first a morsel of banana, or boiled carrot, and a pinch of maw seed, and next half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, haseed and broken groats. Stop giving saffron in the water, and give instead six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight. If the feathers have not ceased dropping by that time stop the drugs in the water for a week and then give again in every alternate week until the moulting is quite stopped. See that the bird is kept in a fairly equable temperature, not necessarily overheated, and see that it is not exposed to direct cold draughts or sudden extremes of temperature.

YELLOW OR BUFF, ETC.

E. Warner. (1) The bird that is a pale lemon colour is not necessarily either yellow or buff. To distinguish a yellow from a buff you must examine the smell body feathers, especially those of the saddle, breast and neck. In a yellow you will find that the colour, whatever the tone may be, is solid and runs right to the tip of the web of the feather, whereas in a buff the extreme tips of the webs are white, the colour of the body of the feather stopping a little short of the tip of the feather. These whitish tips give the bird the appearance of having its plumage frosted or powdered over with a white meal. Thus a yellow is a solid yellow tone, deep, warm, or pale, as the case may be, whilst a buff, which may have the same depth of colour, shows rather a ground colour of yellow with a whitish bloom on the surface. (2) As regards suitable mates for your birds, seeing you are quite a beginner, you would be well advised not to get too many irons in the fire the first season, and I would therefore recommend you to leave the Muling alone this season at least. If you are anxious to try for pure Yorkshires, then get a pure Yorkshire hen for the cock, and of the opposite colour. Thus, if you find that the cock is a yellow, get a clear buff to mate with him, and vice versa, and the hen should come from a green marked strain, not from cinnamon-marked birds. If it is also bred from two rears, it will be so much the better, as the cock possesses some marking that will be rather hard to get rid of in the young. The hen should also compensate as far as possible any typical faults of the cock. You should also get a clear pure Roller cock to mate with the Roller hen, a yellow or buff, as may be required, to give the opposite colour to the hen, and you might mate the cross-bred hen with a second pure Roller cock to breed good quality songsters. If you are not particularly keen on keeping the Yorkshires pure you might with advantage mate the Yorkshire with the cross-bred hen, to increase the size and improve appearance of the cross-bred songsters, training the young cocks under the pure Roller cock. The two strains, pure Rollers and either pure Yorkshires, or the cross-breds for songsters, would be quite sufficient for you to devote attention to in the coming season. (3) Yes, the original Roller hen will be quite suitable for mating in the coming season to a pure Roller cock to breed pure Rollers. (4) It would be better for you to use the young cross-breds as indicated above, and leave Muling alone for the present.

SOME IMPROVEMENT.

E. R. N.—You ought to have repeated full particulars, or at least given a clear reference to my last reply, as I cannot decide which reply was for you, nor remember the details of the previous query. Still, as the bird has made some progress, go on with the treatment previously recommended, and see that the exciting causes of the condition, which were probably indicated in the former reply, are eliminated as far as possible. Keep the bird in a fairly warm and equable temperature. Meantime write again in the course of a week or so, and give the necessary particulars, when I will advise you further.

VARIOUS TOPICS.

G. H. M.—(1) When running one cock with two hens the proper time to remove him from the first hen is when you are returning the eggs on the evening of the third day for the hen to commence sitting. If not then removed he should certainly be taken away as soon as the clutch is complete and the hen has settled down to sit. But the time first-named is better. You should also take him away from the second hen at the same stage, and as it will probably be too early for him to be returned to the first hen, you should then cage him alone until hen No. 1 is ready for him for the second brood. Then you repeat the same tactics when the hens are going to nest with the second clutches. (2) The open ring is simply a kind of private identification marking of the breeder to trace the parentage of the bird by entering the number on the ring in a stud book for reference at any future time. It has no other value than to enable the breeder to identify the bird and trace its pedigree in his books. The closed ring is one that can be put on only when the bird is a few days old, and can never be removed without injury to the bird or spoiling the ring. It is therefore a permanent mark of identity which is recognised by specialist clubs to enable the birds to compete for certain club prizes, limited to members, etc. It is a safeguard from some forms of fraudulent competition, and has the same use as a mark of identification as the open ring, plus its permanency and the advantages of club recognition. (3) The cages you describe appear to be the modern type of double breeding cage. If you use well-slaked lime for the preparation, and allow the cages to stand a few days after drying before placing the birds in them, there can be no objection to you doing them over again with limewash. There would be practically no risk of the birds' eyes being injured on this account. But why not do them with whiting with a pinch of size added to make it adhere better? This is free from even the suspicion of injuring the eyes of which you have heard, retains its whiteness longer than limewash, and it costs not more than three or four coppers to do several cages.

WILL NOT BATHE.

Miss Yates.—You might try offering a bath in a shallow earthen saucer of a dark colour, such as a flower-pot saucer, standing it on the floor of the cage for an hour three times a week, and drop a morsel of some green salad in it or a few grains of hemp, to help to entice him to go into it, when he may gradually take to it and enjoy using it whenever offered. This would help to keep him clean when he was once made clean again, but would not remove the unsightly grime of the smoky atmosphere. The only thing that could do this now is to hand-wash the bird, which is a perfectly safe operation, but needs a little skilful handling. If you have never seen it done I would advise you to get a fancier friend to wash it for you as an object lesson, which you might repeat if necessary in future. This would be quite your best way out. Beyond this only a complete moult will restore its former spotless condition.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN

BREEDING HYBRIDS IN A ROOM.

T.B.M., Leeds. When one goes in for Hybrid breeding it is not desirable to have true pairs of birds in the same aviary, because the hen birds will be sure to want their proper mates as partners, and the young would simply be true bred Britishers. When reading the detail of the collection you have, it seemed to me that you hardly realised the above. Now, to breed Hybrids you will have to keep out one bird of most of the pairs you have, so I would advise you to put in the following: Two of the tamest of the hen Linnets, one hen Bullfinch, and three hen Canaries. With these put in the cock Goldfinch and the cock Greenfinch, and procure another Goldfinch to add to the number. You could also let the cock Redpoll go in as well. I would advise you not to trouble about any more, for if you overcrowd you are less likely to be successful. Get a couple of good faggots of birch branches and put these in the most secluded corners of the room. Hang up plenty of nesting boxes, pans and small cages, or even flower-pots, partly filled with moss, and supply an abundance of nesting material during the summer months.

BREEDING IN CAGES OR AVIARY.

New Starter. You ask if you shall try your breeding operations in the aviary or have the birds in cages. Comparing the two ways, cage breeders, as a rule, are more successful. In cage breeding one has more command over the birds, which is a big item in many ways, but of course it means more work, but on the other hand individual attention frequently ensures success. Why not turn four hens into the aviary and have a couple of pairs of Canaries, or two hens and a cock bird in cages? If you do not care about breeding Canaries you could run a Goldfinch with the two hens, and these might assist you in rearing anything choice you get in the aviary. I would advise the following for the aviary: two hen Greenfinches, one hen Bullfinch, and one hen Linnet, and with these two healthy cock Goldfinches. Get the hens as tame as you can; for this purpose you had better keep them in cages for a few weeks, and hang them near you. Then about March put them in the flight and let them have it to themselves for several days before introducing the Goldies. You should fit the interior up with natural branches, furze and heather. Put these in clumps in the corners, or suspend them near the roof, and get some old Finch nests and place in among it, with plenty of moss and cow-hair. I would advise you to get our book on the "Secrets of Hybrid-breeding." It will interest you and give you many useful tips.

BIRD FOR SONG.

J. L. Preston.—You will find Canary Mules make excellent songsters, and some of them are quite hand-some birds. If you have one or two good hen Canaries you should procure for them a cock Goldfinch or Linnet. You had better have a cock bird for each hen, and introduce them to each other during the next two months, and then at the end of March or beginning of April put them together in the same way as you did your Canaries. The cock bird should be shut off from the hen in the evening when you are expecting her to lay, as some of them are not to be trusted with the eggs. He should also be shut off when she is sitting. Rear and treat in much the same manner as you did your Canaries, but be gentle with them, as the young Mules are likely to leave the nest rather early if they are frightened, and the longer they can be kept in it the better they thrive.

VARIOUS QUESTIONS.

B. Malkinson. You have omitted to send your address with queries; will you please send it to us on a post card? You had better put in your aviary both the cock Goldfinch and the Linnet, with the Greenfinch hens; if the Linnet refuses to pair, probably the Goldie will do so with the two of them, which would be even better, as the Linnet-Greenfinch Hybrids are not thought much of. The Greenfinch cock will be all right to pair with the hen Canaries; run them together for an hour or so occasionally, as Greenies are sometimes a bit spiteful. I expect your cock Canary has developed soft moult; if he is still resting feathers you had better cage him up and keep him indoors, giving him a little soft food occasionally, some mixed seed and a small spoonful of chemical food in the drinking water; boil the water first or it will not mix. Hen Canaries are generally ready to nest in March or April, but so much depends upon climatic conditions; those kept in a warm room are ready before others kept outside.

PAIRING LINNET WITH CANARIES.

O. C. T.—Let your Linnet fly with the Canaries, as they appear to agree together, and when the hens show signs of nesting—which will probably be at the end of March, shut them off in the end compartments of your cage. You will probably notice that the cock Linnet will show a preference for one of the hens; this is the one you must run him with when she is ready. After she has laid, and is sitting, you can try him with the other one, but as a rule a Linnet will not pair with more than one hen. As cock Linnets are not expensive birds, I would advise you to get another, you would then stand a much better chance of being successful with both hens.

HEN GOLDFINCH MULES.

Brythorn.—You cannot decide the sex of your Mules by the yellow or buff theory. A cock can be either, and so can a hen. If your bulls are cock-birds they should be breaking into song by now, if they are healthy and well fed. (2) You could try the hens as foster-mothers by pairing them with a cock Canary, removing the eggs, and replacing them with others, but you should not do it unless you are certain that your Canaries are bad feeders. All hen Mules cannot be relied upon to act as one would wish.

TRYING FOR RARE CROSSES.

Goldfinch-Chaffinch.—It is impossible to say if a certain bird will go to nest. Captive birds are constantly behaving in an unexpected manner, and all you can do is to give her every attention and feed well, especially upon natural food, including insects, ants' eggs (live on s, if possible), and such food. Get the booklet on the Chaffinch, price 2½d. post free; this will assist you in feeding. (2) You would stand a better chance of success with a hen Greenfinch for your cock Chaffinch, but there is no reason why you should not try the Bullie if you have one. As to the fertility of the eggs, it is impossible to say, because the large majority of eggs from pairs put up for hybrid breeding are infertile; if this were not the case, Hybrid breeding would be simple. If you breed Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids last year I would certainly advise you to keep the parents together another year, such birds are valuable, especially if large and of good colour.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PULLING OUT ITS TAIL FEATHERS.

M. Dunstable. The bird's dietary is satisfactory, but the seed mixture would be better a little more varied. Try it with the following: One pint each canary, sunflower, oats, and monkey nuts; half-pint each hemp, safflower and dari, the whole to be well mixed. If it will eat this mixture the cure will be more hopeful. Of course, if it refuses to eat any of the above seeds, then these must be left out when making up a fresh lot. Give it a cooling laxative in the drinking water -one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia is about the best—every fourth day, and continue this so long as the veidings are not watery loose. Unfortunately, many of the most intelligent talkers develop the annoying vice—for it is a vice in many cases—of feather pulling, and too often they cannot be cured of the habit. It is mostly when they are unoccupied or left alone for a time that they indulge in the vice. Keeping them interested and occupied, and in a room that is used the whole day, so that there is plenty to attract and entertain them, often does much to mitigate the evil. Do not omit to keep "Parrot grit," and cuttlebone continually in the cage, also chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. To guard against parasites, spray him once a week with a tepid dilute solution of quassia, oftener as the weather gets warmer. Report progress about six weeks hence.

TO GO WITH BUDGERIGARS.

F. Woolf. I am assuming that your cage or aviary is kept in a room, also that you want variety rather than breeding, as I am afraid your small aviary would only accommodate two pairs with any chance of breeding luck. If you merely want a pleasing selection of birds to pet, admire and get entertainment from, then you could put in 12 birds of Budgerigar size, or 1s to 1s of the size of a small Canary, providing the cage is cleaned daily. Scarcely any birds are inexpensive nowadays. If you want to try for breeding, then put in a pair of Madagascar Lovebirds to run with your Budgerigars. My chief difficulty in giving you a series is that in such a small aviary Budgerigars are rather dangerous to Finch-like birds. Here are two selections merely for ornament and interest: (1) Green and Yellow Budgerigars, Madagascar Lovebirds. Cocks: Red-crested and Green Cardinals, Grenadier and Rufous-necked Weavers. (2) Yellow Budgerigars, White and Grey Java Sparrows, Red-crested Cardinal, Grenadier, Crimson-crowned, Half-masked, Orange, Red-billed, and Napoleon Weavers, Magpie Mannikins, and Red-headed Finches. Of course, where birds are kept merely as pets and in small quarters, it is not necessary to have pairs. All cocks often make a more amicable party. As regards price and procuring them, you will gain both by a study of our advert. columns, and you must seize the opportunity for acquirement as they are offered.

ZEBRA FINCHES AND BUDGERIGARS.

Esperance.—In my previous replies I had made it quite clear that there was a risk in keeping Zebra Finches and Budgerigars together, but that I did not think it was a heavy one in your case if the quantities named were not exceeded. While replies are of general interest, it must be borne in mind that these replies are governed by each individual query. The Zebra Finches ought to breed in a Crystal Palace type cage (about 30 inches), and you can easily guard against draught by having a sheet of glass in a light wood frame made to hang over front of cage that faces window. Then your birds should be quite safe there. If you decide to keep them with the Budgies, then you must not put them out till April or May, and they would probably then go to nest at once. Neither you, I, nor anyone can warrant any pair, even old birds, of Budgies to go to nest at once. Speaking generally, they ought soon to do so, but your own experience has taught you the exceptions to this rule. Personally, I should keep the young hen and be content to wait till she went to nest, and my desire would be for her not to go to nest before the middle of the season, as this would be of benefit to her and also the future progeny. If you keep her, put her in the aviary, as already dealt with in former replies. No birds that have been housed in your kitchen must go out before April. A small travelling cage, with the wire pulled out, makes a good nest receptacle for Zebra Finches, as also does a coconut husk. It will be sufficient to clean them out after brood has flown, and also each spring and fall. Avadavats and Zebra Finches will agree together.

COCKATOO WITH SLIMY MOUTH.

Daisy Carter.—Your Roscate Cockatoo should not have "slops," and if it is still eating seed freely I should stop the slops at once; but it must have enough to eat and, if need be, the "slops" can be left for gradual lessening, but the bird is better without them, though it is not safe to make sudden dietary changes. In addition to seed, your bird can have ripe fruit (e.g., sweet apple and banana), biscuit, stale crusts, nuts, and a little plain cake daily. A piece of raw carrot occasionally. Cuttlebone and "Parrot grit" should be continually in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. Give the bird a little honey and borax daily, either direct to the mouth from the end of a small stick or brush, or thinly spread on bread, biscuit, cake, or anything similar the bird will eat. Put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into its drinking water every fourth day, and on the intervening days well colour the drinking water with chemical food. It would certainly tend to the bird's general well-being if it could be allowed to take a little exercise outside its cage daily. It will need treating as above for some little time. Report progress about a month hence.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., [illegible] age Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. The Post Office regulation is that bodies of birds must be sent at the letter rate of postage, and must be packed in hermetically-sealed receptacles which must themselves be enclosed in strong wooden, leather, or metal cases. If this regulation be infringed the packets may be destroyed by the authorities. **Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and** if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Jungle.—Canary died of acute enteritis or inflammation of the bowels, probably caused by the recent spell of cold weather. It was in excellent condition and otherwise quite healthy.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR

THE TICKED BIRD QUESTION.

F. Jones, and some others.—While our columns are open to any letter which will further the discussion, we have no room for letters which contain only personalities, and which therefore cannot help in the desired direction.

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WILD BIRDS AND BIRD PROTECTION.

A. Worthington.—Fully to answer your questions would necessitate occupying more space than we can possibly spare. Further, a short reply to similar questions was given under General Queries in our issue of Dec. 30, which kindly see. Shortly, we would say that in our opinion the catching of a few hundreds, or maybe a few thousands, of birds of the kind mentioned by you makes no difference at all to the bird population of our country. They are already so numerous that they must perish by hundreds of thousands every year, or they would soon exist in myriads. Nature is responsible for this, and the puny efforts of man in catching a few for keeping in cages makes no appreciable difference. The only possible exception is in the case of the Goldfinch, for this bird would never increase to the extent of becoming a nuisance in our country. It is already protected all the year round in nearly every county in England, and yet does not increase in numbers.

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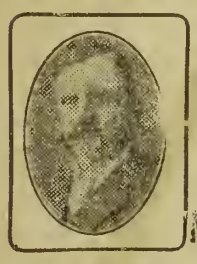

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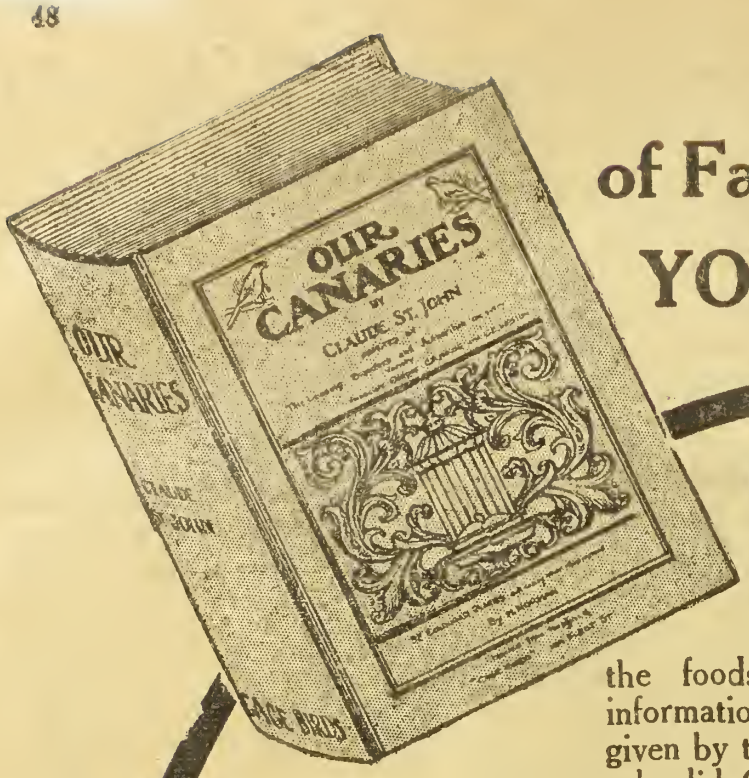

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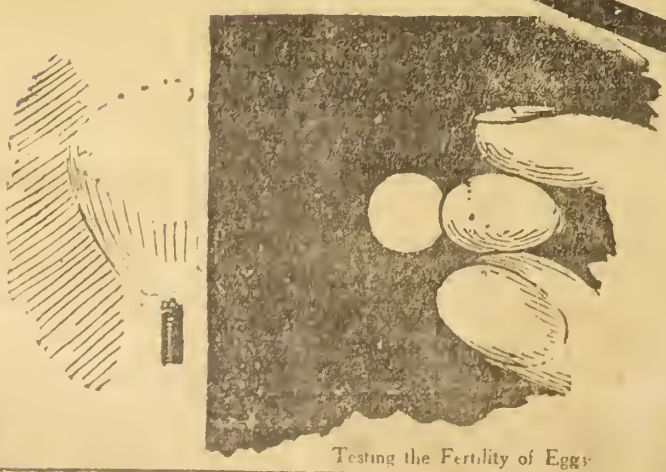

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WANTED Norwich, any number, highest price paid: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (791)

NORWICH cocks, the right sort, 20/- to 25/-, seen any time: 59, Black Lion-lane, Hammersmith. (786)

SPLENDID novice stock, reasonable prices: Halstead, 8t. Heller, Foxley Hill-rd., Purley, Surrey.

COCK in full song, make champion show bird, 15/-; hens 7/6: Harnett, 17, Spencer-st., Clerkenwell. (791)

TWEDDLE, Wimberley-st., Blackburn, has a few good Norwich for sale; approval, stamp reply. (764)

TYPICAL Norwich, flighted and unflighted, cheap; approval; state wants: Sutherland, Raubodde, Forres. (793)

G. CLYNE, Moray-st., Wick, has a few yellow cocks and hens, prize birds, beautiful feather, 10/- each, approval. (785)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (787)

WELL matched pairs, 50/- and upwards; odd cocks reasonable; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (790)

YOUNG Norwich hens, fine condition, 4/6, 5/6; few choice 7/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Smith, 10, Waterloo-st., Hove. (787)

FEW good stock cocks at 15/-, 17/6, and 20/-; on approval; home all day, called up: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool. (793)

YELLOW and Buff cocks from 10/-; hens 5/-; own breeding, winning strain; healthy: Bluck, 3, Westbourne-terrace, Hove. (778)

TWO pairs Norwich, 1916, cold room breed, 17/6 a pair; cocks, full song, approval: Hargreaves, 24, Sutherland-st., Colne. (792)

HIGH CLASS Norwich, large birds, good heads, type and feather, breeder 35 years; approval: T. Billington, 30, Union-rd., Nottingham. (790)

I HAVE two champion clear buff cocks, cobby, thick-set birds, 12/6, 15/6; exchange Roller cocks: Withers, 12, Exmouth-st., London, W.C. (790)

GRAND unflighted buff marked cock, he Birmingham, 1st members, 25/-; approval, deposit; particulars: Parvin, Tobacconist, Selby. (789)

NORWICH cocks, yellow or buff, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; pairs, properly matched, 20/-, 25/- upwards; approval, stamp: Williams, Granley-rd., Cheltenham. (752)

TYPICAL Norwich, two large clear buff cocks, £1 each; two buff hens, 10/- each; grand stock birds: Geo. Isherwood, 14, Charles-st., Bromfield, Mold.

NORWICH yellow cock, 10/-; yellow marked hen, 10/-; buff cock, 12/6; all unflighted; see Hamilton for wins: Bell, 35, Clementina-terr., Carlisle. (791)

LARGE quantity Norwich cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; pairs 14/6 to £1; hens 4/-, 5/-, buffs, yellows, 7/6: Broadbent, Decorator, 355, London-rd., Sheffield.

WILLIAM PHIPPS for fine Norwich, winner of over 200 prizes; yellow cocks from 15/-, hens from 7/6; approval; inspection: 16, Millplatt, Holeworth. (790)

CHANGE blood wanted, grand unflighted clear yellow Norwich cock, 25/-; for same or sell, approval: Martin, 25, Higherargends, Kilsyth, Glasgow. (791)

A FEW good quality birds, pairs from 15/-, cocks 10/-, hens from 5/-; seen mornings: Gregory, 2, Caledonia-place, Pimlico, S.W. (near B.M.C. Garage.) (787)

SIX unflighted colour fed Norwich yellow and buff hens; well bred, pick, 10/- each; call after six: Mason, 207, St. Andrews-rd., Pollokshields, Glasgow. (793)

NICE pair, over, buff cock, yellow hen, grizzled tail, 1916, close range, fed, grand condition; from highest-class strains, 45/-: Talbot, 7, Sandrock-rd., Lewisham. (794)

TWO good buff hens, one unflighted, one 1915, bred from my winners, 15/- each; exchange good unflighted yellow cock; approval: Cole, 10, Levington-rd., Ipswich (787)

TWO unflighted buffs, one yellow Norwich, cocks, related to my winners Cardiff, Llanelly, etc., 30/- each; approval, cash or deposit: Davies, 24, College Hill, Llanelly. (789)

I have a few grand yellow and buff Norwich for disposal, cocks 10/-, hens 5/-, pairs 14/-; house moulted cock Goldfinches, 6/6, cash, approval: Williams, Firs-avenue, Ripon. (772)

ONLY two left, 1916 buff var. cock, 15/6; buff hen 10/6; large, typical, good heads, great bargains; approval: Macqueen, Wood Carver, Dumfries. Winner 200 prizes. (793)

MISS GWYN has excellent stock birds for breeding winners; cocks from 12/6; hens from 7/6; few correctly matched pairs, noted strain: Elms House, Carlton-av., Ramsgate. (792)

NORWICH. Few good useful hens from 5/-; one good big stock buff green cock, good colour, two years old, 25/-; one ditto, yellow green, 25/-: Levatine, 12, Foster-rd., Chiswick, London. (789)

McKAY, 73, Grace-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne, well-known breeder and exhibitor of Norwich, has a few good buff and yellow cocks for disposal from 10/-; all unflighted; approval; stamp. (733)

TWO massive clear buff cocks, grand heads, necks, type and quality, excellent stock birds, 35/- each; another, very typical, clear buffs, 20/-; all unflighted; approval: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet.

GOOD buff Norwich cocks, unflighted, good type and feather, bred from first-class stock, cold room, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; pairs, 20/-; upwards; approval: Keynes, Kingston St. Michael, Chippenham. (764)

YELLOW cock, buff variegated hen, 1915, 25/-; 2 buff variegated hens, off them, 8/6 each; buff cock and yellow hen, 1915, 30/-: John Cartney, Pikgah, Comlongstown, Fintrion, Aberdeenshire.

MR ECKERSLEY offers following bargains: Unflighted marked buff cock, 25/-; large ticked yellow cock, 30/-; thick-set buff hen, 25/-; big shapely buff cock, 25/-: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich for sale; 3 yellow, 3 buff cocks, 4 buff and 1 yellow hens; few cinnamon cocks and hens; cold-room bred; approval to known fanciers; stamp reply: 34, Wenlock-rd., Simonside, Tyne Dock, Durham. (793)

NORWICH hens, bred from winners, large unflighted ticked buff; ditto wing marked yellow, ditto (year bred clear yellow, 25/- each; approval; cash or deposit: Apply John Hislop, West End, Biggar, Scotland. (786)

MASSIVE marked buff hen, large head, good neck, plenty of substance, grand stock bird, 35/-; yellow green hen, from variegateds, 20/-; variegated yellow hen, 15/-; all unflighted; approval: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet.

D. DEVOY has a few well bred buff hens, 8/- and 10/- each; also a few buff cocks, 10/- and 15/- each; typical yellow cock 20/-; two yellow cocks 12/- each; two yellow hens 6/- each; all unflighted; see show reports: 23, George-st., Stranraer. (792)

GOOD unflighted buff Norwich cinnamons, cocks from 10/-, hens from 6/-; on approval; deposit with editor; can be seen any time by appointment: John Ellis, 9, Alma-st., Mytholmes, Haworth, near Keighley, Yorkshire. (786)

HANFORD'S February bargain list now ready; contains special bargains of Norwich and Yorkshire, cocks, hens, or breeding pairs; write for copy before deciding to purchase elsewhere and mention requirements; R. Hanford, Derby. (792)

VERY large unflighted buff cock, good head, rare substance, 25/-; two medium size buff cocks, 15/- each; large unflighted grand headed variegated yellow cock, 30/-; large clear yellow, good head, 21/-; approval; holder of Ramsgate, Margate, Deal cups: Burgess, 24, York-st., Ramsgate. (785)

REAL good Norwich from exhibition stock, 1 buff cock (unflighted), grand head, 25/-; yellow cock, 25/-; 2 yellow hens, 15/- each; 1 yellow hen, 1 buff hen (rather small, but typical), 6/6 each; call Sunday (entrance Bawdale Road): H. Clemence, 151, Lordship-rd., East Dulwich. (789)

NORWICH cocks, marked buff, 1916 bred, 15/-; ticked yellow, 1915 (two toes short), 12/6, good stock bird; var. yellow, 1916, rich colour, 12/6; ticked yellow, 1916, 12/-; clear yellow, 1914, 17/6; yellow clear, 6/6; all worth double for quick sale; cold-room: Percival, 20, Cambridge-rd., Ellesmere Port.

I HAVE for disposal the following good Norwich yell. and buff cocks, bred from prize winners, approval, cash or deposit; clear yellow cock, 30/-; var. ditto, 25/-; clear buff cock, 30/-; ticked ditto, 30/-; clear yellow cock, unflighted, 20/-; clear buff ditto, 25/-; also good matched pairs from 30/-: G. Chapman, 65, Cresswell-st., King's Lynn. (700)

PEDIGREE bred Norwich, from winners; two matched pairs only for disposal; yellow cock and unflighted ticked buff hen, 25/-; buff cock, brimful of colour, and unflighted cobby yellow hen, 35/-; unflighted marked yellow cock, make winner next year, cobby, good head and colour, 25/-; unflighted ticked buff cock, cobby, typical, 17/6; healthy, cold-room bred; approval, deposit: Smithers, Builders, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent. (793)

OWING to removing am reluctantly compelled to dispose of the following: Yellow cock, buff hen, 45/-; buff cock, yellow hen, 45/-; yellow cock, buff hen, 35/-; buff cock, yellow hen, 35/-; yellow cock, buff hen, 40/-. These are all high-class birds which I intended to breed with this coming season; a good chance for novice; a few single and double breeding cages will be for sale: White, 18, Hobart-terr., Moorville, Carlisle. (791)

TWO grand stock pair Norwich, Buff cock and yellow hen, yellow cock and buff hen, £3 10s. per pair; these birds have size, with beautiful heads and necks; tip-top unflighted yellow, a model for shape and quality, well up in size, wonderful head and neck, £3 3s.; also unflighted buff cock, equally as good in every way, £3; several fine hens, yellow and buff, all bred from the best and thoroughly reliable; approval: Judge Silk, 27, St. Michael's-rd., Aldershot. (794)

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W. MILLS, Aviaries, Chichester, through pressure of business must sell nearly the whole of his stock. No. 1, ticked yellow cock, 1st Eastleigh and cup winner, 70/-, with grand hen £5; No. 2, rump-marked yellow cock, very stout, a winner, 50/-; No. 3, monster clear yellow cock, one of the best stock birds living, wonderful head, but secondaries a bit down, £3, worth £10; No. 4, unflighted, wing marked yellow cock, son of No. 1, 22/6; No. 5, one of the best clear buff cocks living, perfect in every respect, £4; No. 6, unflighted clear buff cock, a model, 3rd Eastleigh, 30/-; No. 7, nest brother, buff, not quite so stout, 20/-; No. 8, good clear buff cock, winner, 25/-; No. 9, eye and wing marked buff cock, very cobby, flights down a bit, 20/-; approval, stamp.

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Buff and yellow cocks, big heads, good type, lovely quality; young birds bred from my winners at Manchester, Liverpool, Bradford, and other leading shows; approval; from 10/6 upwards: Rev. B. Neeme, 96, Victoria-rd., Dundee. (774)

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ROLLER hens, Randall's strain, 5/- and 6/-: Boll, 22, John-st., Forfar. (790)

ROLLER cocks, warranted, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (739)

1916 Randall Roller hens 4/- and 4/6 each: Bowmar, 9, Nuncargate, Notts. (790)

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HIGH class Rollers, hens, Powell Willows' strain, rung B6, 4/6 each: R. Dickinson, Wood lane, Heskin, nr. Chorley. (785)

BRITISH Rollers, I can spare three Roller cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-: Wm. Elliott, 13, Byker-terrace, Walker-on-Tyne. (788)

GLUCKE hens, 3/6 each, bred from cup winner, Dimmock's strain: F. Hatton, Gladstone-rd., Wollaston, Stourbridge. (789)

PURE Randall hens 7/6 each; related to my cup winner, all cocks sold out: Wantling, 5, Parramatta-st., Rawtenstall. (789)

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FEW high-class Roller hens, B.R.C.C. rung, in perfect condition, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (793)

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CHAMPION songster, cock, warranted to sing, in full song, within an hour of arrival, 15/-: Barnett, 17, Spencer-st., Clerkenwell. (794)

NOTICE, grand lot Rollers, day and gaslight singers, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (787)

FEW high-class Roller Canaries (Randall's) cocks, full rolling song, 12/6 and 15/- each, hens 5/- each: Seedsman, 21, Brook-st., Manchester. (789)

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HIGH-CLASS Roller cocks, P.R.C.C. rung, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; satisfaction guaranteed: J. Britton, 4, Wellington-st., Radcliffe, Manchester. (725)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, 1916, cocks, 10/6; hens, 3/-, or 12/6 per pair; cold-room bred; inspection invited: Parkinson, 72, Water-st., Earby, Yorks. (794)

HENS, a few bred from my London winner, etc., all 1916 B.R.C.C. rung, 6/- each; approval: Parkes, 8, Green Lane, Blackheath, Birmingham. (794)

HENS, Randall's pure Glucke strain, 1916 rung, better blood impossible to get, 4/6, 5/-, and 7/6 each; approval: Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham, Cheshire. (790)

SALE or exchange 3 pair of Roller Canaries, Randall's strain, cold room bred, 1916; 15/- pair; approval: C. James, 69, Commercial-st., Abergargoed, Mon. (794)

ONE cock, 2 hens, water Glucke Roller Canaries, pure Randall strain, sell £1; or exchange pullets or anything useful: Ramsey, Rogerson's-terrace, Croxdale, Durham. (789)

CHAMPION Glucke and water Glucke Rollers, 8 cocks left, 12/6 and 15/-, each; also 20 hens from 5/-, 7/6, and 10/6; some rung: H. Allman, 5, Brackenbury-rd., Preston. (792)

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YORKSHIRE cocks, warranted, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (763)

YORKSHIRES, eight cocks, 7/6 each, 55/- lot: Seeney, 24, Padiham-rd., Burnley. (790)

WANTED, Yorkshires, any number, highest price paid: Mr. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury.

GRAND upstanding birds, clear or marked: cocks from 10/-: Richards, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. (794)

TWO unflighted prize-bred Yorkshire hens, colour-fed, 21/-: Woods, 26, Silton-st., Moston, Manchester.

CRISP'S noted winning strain, cocks from 12/6; hens, 7/6: Lloyd, 84, Chichele-rd., Cricklewood, N.W. (778)

CLEARING out, one buff, four yellow cocks, four buff hens; all good birds: Haigh, 21, Range Bank, Halifax. (791)

GRAND 1916 cock Goldfinch Mules, price, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens, 2/- each: Keynes, Kingston St. Michael, Chippenham. (764)

A GRAND upstanding cock, colour-fed, now in full song, warranted, 15/-, hens 7/6: Barnett, 17, Spencer-st., Clerkenwell. (791)

G. CLYNE, Moray-st., Wick, has a few long, reachy buff cocks, bred out of a champion stram, 10/- each; approval. (785)

G. SIMESON has some typical Yorkshires for sale; marked pairs from 25/-; cocks from 15/-: 63, Beaconsfield-st., Acomb, York. (794)

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires, prices reasonable, easy payments taken, approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (787)

YORKSHIRES, 1916 bird, long, slim, singing, deep yellow, cocks 10/-, German 8/-, singing: Duckworth, 18, Marlborough-st., Burnley. (777)

HIGH class Yorkshire hens, from 12/6; also one cock, £1: seen week-ends, before dark: J. Shrimpton, 47, Links-rd., Tooting Junction. (748)

YORKSHIRES, Walkley Novice Cup runner-up, Sheffield C.B.S., clear buff stock cock, 18/6; winning buff 20/-; clear yellow and buff hen, pair matched, 25/6; stamp reply; no dealers: Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (775)

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D. EADIE has a few pairs left at 30/-, all one strain, seen any time, or Sunday mornings: 103, Portobello-rd., Archer-st., Bayswater, W. (765)

A few pairs Yorkshires, 1916, cold room bred, 17/6 per pair; cocks, full song, 15/- each; approval: Hargreaves, 24, Sutherland-st., Colne. (792)

EXHIBITION Yorkshires, few good 1916 cocks for sale from my winners; see reports Glasgow, Ayr, and Irvine shows: Macready, Jeweller, Stranraer. (793)

R. TINDALE, 6, Gill-st., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has a few real good Yorkshires to dispose of, from my own strain; reasonable; approval.

SEVERAL really grand pairs and few extra fine odd cocks, cheap to clear; approval: Wells, Midland Champion, Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham. (753)

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Club Reports.

CLAPHAM C.B,A.

Annual general meeting, Jan. 23. Sec. reported that after the year's working we should begin the New Year with a deficit of about £8 as a result of our enterprising policy of holding the only open show in London this season. Officers were appointed and remain the same as last year. Sec. was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his work during the past year, and he suitably responded. Pair show fixed for Feb. 23.—A.R. Coe.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND Y.C.C.

Annual meeting, Maryport Coffee Tavern Jan. 17. Mr. R. W. Pearson (in the unavoidable absence of the chairman, Mr. Nixon) was voted to the chair. Sec. and Treas. gave their annual reports, which showed a balance in hand of £3 8s. 9d. All officers were re-elected. Decided to give the usual medals for most points at each show. The club offers an invitation to all exhibitors in the two counties. Subscriptions for this year will be gladly received, and all information given by the hon. sec., J. S. Head, 12, Mill Street, Maryport.

AUDLEY ROLLER C.C.

Annual meeting, Jan. 6, Mr. J. Tomlinson (Newcastle) in the chair. The absence of Mr. George Cross, hon. sec., was regretted, he being confined at home through injuries. He wrote expressing his desire to resign the secretaryship which he had held since the formation of the club. The resignation was accepted with regret. A vote of thanks was passed and an honorarium granted for his splendid services. Mr. A. Dean, 19, Alsager Road, was elected hon. sec. All other officers were re-elected. Four new members were made, bringing the total membership to 40. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £6 18s. 3d. Decided to purchase a challenge cup for the annual contest. Birds were at the meeting and song tours explained by Mr. Tomlinson. Great interest was evinced in the various renderings of the B.C. tour. One bird sang this tour in three differently pitched keys, one being described as good, another faulty as the bell portion was forced and pointed, whilst the third was loud, sharp, and objectionable. Another bird sang a flat rendering of the B.C. tour. Next meeting, Feb. 3, at 6. Hollow glucke or glucke roll birds will be present, and Mr. Tomlinson has promised to be present to point out that these birds have in addition to the sharp bell tour a highly pitched objectionable bell roll. The article written by Mr. Tomlinson on the Roller Canary, and published in CAGE BIRDS during 1913 and 1914 will be read at this and subsequent meetings, and questions arising therefrom will be answered by Mr. Tomlinson.—A. Dean, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Result of competitions for 1916-17:—"Ogden's Trophy," value 10 guineas: 1, L. Dykes, 192 points; 2, Dr. W. Craig, 189; 3, H. H. Towers, 127; 4, A. W. Hartley, 110; runner-up, P. Hirst, 69. "Dyke's Cup Competition," value 6 guineas: 1, L. Dykes, 179; 2, Dr. W. Craig, 139; 3, C. Morrison, 103; 4, A. W. Hartley, 96; runner-up, P. Hirst, 83. "Amateur Competition," 1, value 21s. (presented by Mr. H. H. Towers), S. Midgley, 96; 2, value 15s. (presented by W. A. Cowgill), A. Gledhill, 73; 3, value 10s. (presented by Mr. C. Morrison), J. Lunn, 58; 4, value 6s. (presented by Mr. H. J. Chittenden), A. Sutcliffe, 49; runner-up, J. T. Sharpe, 46. "Junior Norico Competition": 1, value 21s. (presented by Messrs. W. B. Atkinson and L. C. Casey), Hodgson, 156; 2, 3, value 16s. and 10s., "tie," A. Taylor and W. H. Hamlyn, 134 each; runner-up, P. Taylor, 96. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th birds cash prizes at patronage shows:—Bradford City: 3rd birds, C. Morrison; 4th, J. Helliwell, Ogden Bros., P. Mason, A. Sutcliffe, S. Midgley, A. Taylor, Baker Bros., and H. Ramsbottom; 5th, Ogden Bros., Sutcliffe and Son, J. W. Bedforth, J. Lunn, W. H. Dibb, and S. Ratcliffe; 6th, Arthur Radley, J. Helliwell, J. Lunn, W. H. Dibb, J. W. Bedforth, C. Morrison, and J. Firth. Bradford West: 3rd birds, W. H. Hamlyn 2; 4th, J. Firth 2; 5th, C. Morrison 2; 6th, Sutcliffe and Son 4. Sheffield O.S.: 3rd birds, J. Helliwell 2; A. W. Hartley 2; 4th, S. Midgley 2; 5th, P. Hirst 3; 6th, T. Bennett 2. Ardwick and Manchester: 3rd birds, H. H. Towers and S. Midgley; 4th, not won; 5th, C. Morrison; 6th, not won. Huddersfield: 3rd birds, E. Stobart, Arthur Radley, W. Helliwell, C. Morrison and H. J. Chittenden; 4th, C. Morrison 2; 5th, A. W. Hartley 3, 6th, F. Taylor 3. Windhill: 3rd birds, L. Dyson 2; 4th, Ogden Bros., W. Helliwell, and P. Hirst, 2 each; 5th, L. Hodgson 2, and E. Stobart 2; 6th, A. Brown 2. Bradford East: 3rd birds, C. Morrison and J. Lunn, 2 each; 4th, A. Gledhill 2; 5th, C. E. Hall 2; 6th, P. Taylor, S. Ratcliffe and A. Brown 2 each. Halifax: 3rd birds, W. H. Hamlyn 3; 4th, Arthur Radley, J. Lunn, J. T. Sharpe, J. H. Gelder, and W. H. Hamlyn 2 each; 5th, A. Sutcliffe and J. H. Gelder 2 each; 6th, A. Sutcliffe 2. Shipley O.S.: 3rd birds, H. H. Towers 3; 4th, S. Midgley and A. Brown 2 each; 5th, J. Lunn, L. Hodgson, and W. H. Hamlyn 3 each; 6th, J. Lunn 3. Skelmanthorpe: 3rd birds, P. Taylor and W. Wadsworth 2 each; 4th, A. Gledhill 3; 5th, J. Lunn 2; 6th, J. Lunn, M. Peel, J. T. Sharpe, A. Radley, S. Midgley, P. Taylor, H. Lodge, and J. Radley, 1 each.—J. Greaves, Sec.

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LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Annual general meeting, Jan. 20, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C. Mr. W. Dyer presided over a good attendance. Balance-sheet for 1916 was handed round and passed as correct, showing cash in hand £5 14s. 6d., and assets £2 18s. 0d. Officers for 1917: President, H. Bell; Vice-Pres., T. Pinn; Committee, Messrs. W. Shakespeare, J. Herring, A. J. Durham, J. Greenland, E. Ayris, and W. Dyer; Auditors, G. Etherington and W. Hurst; Trustee, W. Colliers; Treas. and Sec., W. Gilbert. Shows for 1917: Pair show, Feb. 17, judge, J. Robson; British, March 17, judge, W. Shakespeare; Young Birds, July 21, judge, H. Norman; Autumn show, Nov. 3, judges, Mr. Sanders (Yorks.) and Mr. J. Hodder (remainder). There will be a good selection of lectures, debates, and competitions for members. Those wishing to join this most progressive and central society kindly communicate with the sec., W. Gilbert, 42, Cowcross Street, E.C.

NAT. GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C.

Results of competitions 1916-17:—Champ. section: 1, L. Dykes, 171; 2, H. H. Towers, 111; 3, A. W. Hartley, 91; 4, L. Hodgson, sen., 87; 5, C. E. Hall, 45. Amat.: 1, J. Taylor, 112; 2, A. Gledhill, 70; 3, S. Midgley, 64. Results of novice competition later. Cash specials:—Bradford City: 4th birds, Hodgson, Towers, Mason; vhc, Lunn, Dibb, A. Brown. Bradford West: 4th, Casey, Chittenden, Midgley; vhc, A. Brown. Sheffield: 4th, S. Midgley, E. Clegg; vhc, G. Snead, S. Midgley. Huddersfield: 4th, J. Taylor; vhc, A. Brown, Morrison, Hartley. Laisterdyke: 4th, Hodgson, Hall, Padgett, A. Brown; vhc, J. Taylor. Windhill: 4th, Taylor, Hale, Padgett, Brown; vhc, Middleton, Hodgson, Hall. Gt. Horton O.S.: 4th, J. T. Sharpe; vhc, Morrison. Bradford East: 4th, J. Taylor; vhc, C. E. Hall. Halifax: 4th, Taylor, Sharpe, Hartley; vhc, Hartley, Hodgson, Sutcliffe, Padgett. Shipley: 4th, Towers; Midgley, Hall, A. Brown; vhc, L. Hodgson. The above are taken from catalogues and subject to correction if wrong.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Annual meeting, Jan. 25, Seven Stars, Wolverhampton, Mr. J. H. Willows chair, before a good attendance. Auditors' report being accepted, the officers and committee were re-elected for 1917, with the exception of Mr. J. Lawson. The following were elected as members: Messrs. Orrillard, Aspinall, Shepley, Gutierrez, Wilkinson, Parkes, Spruce, Hammerton, Hewitt, Buffin, Dincent, Smith, Seaman, Baggsley, Culshaw, Attewell, Smith, Wakefield, Robins, and Poulter—a splendid record for the coming year. Members serving with his Majesty's forces will retain their membership without subscription during the war. Decided to purchase a cup for the novice section; cup to be on view next meeting. Several members promised to bring birds for February meeting, and the different glucke tours will be explained by Mr. Rhodes. To any Roller fanciers wishing to join, as the society has no radius, I shall be pleased to send particulars. Entrance fee 1s.; annual subscription 2s. 6d.—Hon. Sec., J. W. Thomson, 9, Gorsebrook Road, Wolverhampton.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Annual general meeting, Jan. 24, with a good muster, Mr. Crawhall presiding. Balance sheet for 1916 was presented, and showed a balance of £7 18s. 3d., 7s. above the previous year, which was thought to be very satisfactory considering the unsettled state of the country. Officers elected: Pres., Mr. T. C. Crawhall; vice-pres., Messrs. G. S. Ellwood, Dr. Duncan O'Neal, J. Shepherd, T. B. Tomlinson, J. Curry, R. Tindale, G. W. Cuthbertson, Towers; chair, Mr. Wigglesworth; vice, Mr. Studholme; committee, Messrs. Collins, Buck, Frost, Coomber, Leach, Tindale, Willis, Hands, Robson, R. Studholme, Crossling, Johnson, Hutler, Stewart, Tweedie, Deighton; auditor, Mr. N. R. Coomber. Owing to our late sec. being called up, Mr. W. Mather was appointed sec. until his return. It was the unanimous feeling of the members present to make a small present to our worthy president and our late sec. for their good work to the club, and it is intended to have a supper at the presentation. Date will be announced later. Specials for the year were won by the following: N.Y.C.C. cup, Stewart; Ramsden's cup, Reed; Crawhall cup, Coombe, 2nd Tindale, 3rd Collins; winners of silver spoons, Crawhall, Stewart, Havis, Tindale, Hands, Studholme and Son, Shields, Collins, Frost, Reed. We would like to see all Yorkshire fanciers in district join us; a hearty welcome will be given to anyone wishing to join.—W. Mather, Sec., 122, Woodbine Street, Gateshead.

PONTYPOOL C.B.S.

Meeting, Jan. 27, headquarters, Mr. D. R. Smith chair. Mr. A. E. Moule kindly travelled from Abertillery to give an exhibition of washing, using his "Climax Drying Cage." There was a good muster of members, 24 being present. He used the customary three basins and a badger hair shaving brush for washing, and some old linen for wrappers. He first filled his tank to heat his dryer, and then tempered his water in the basins to blood heat. He then thoroughly dried his hands, explaining that the hand must be dry in catching the bird, otherwise feathers might stick to the hand and get pulled out, which may seriously affect the chances of the bird at show. Taking cage in hand and turning from the light, he deftly caught the bird, which he transferred to his left hand. He then immersed the bird in the first water, and, taking up the brush well soaped he gently stroked the bird in the lay of the feathers, explaining this should always be observed. The wings and tail were then well brushed. The neck and face he said required particular attention. The bird was then well rinsed in the second basin with the aid of flannel, and the last traces of soap were removed in basin No. 3. Superfluous moisture was gently removed with a piece of old linen. The bird was then wrapped in a piece of old sheeting, the head being partly exposed, and placed in chamber No. 1 of the dryer. Six more birds were washed, and during the lecture Mr. Moule showed how to remedy various faults in birds, such as browy birds, raising or drooping wings or tail. After five minutes the birds were transferred to chamber No. 2, and in a surprisingly short time they were preening their feathers and looking as well as ever and much cleaner. Many questions were asked and answered, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. C. Pearce moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Moule for his able and instructive demonstration. He admired the confident manner in which the birds were dealt with, and felt the society were deeply indebted to Mr. Moule for so generously allowing his Climax Dryer to be on exhibition at our open show, where it was much admired. Mr. D. R. Smith ably seconded. It is the intention of the society to try to arrange a series of lectures for the benefit of young fanciers. New members are heartily invited and welcomed. Next lecture: "Making of seed hoppers, etc., from waste tins." Practical demonstration.—W. R. Lewis, Sec.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them

NOTE.—Only the details asked for on our cards can be published. Such phrases as "a large attendance desired," etc., must not be included. Classification for forthcoming shows, appeals for new members, and any other matter in the nature of an advertisement will only be inserted if paid for at advertisement rates.

Abertillery C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30. Business very important.—J. Webber.

Ardwick & Manchester C.B.A.—Tuesday (date not stated.—Ed.), St. Thomas's School, Ardwick, 8 p.m. Syllabus for 1917. Special will be given out for table show held Jan. 27.—A. E. Thorpe.

Ashington & Hirst C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Miners' Hall, Ashington, 6.30. Annual meeting; balance-sheet, and election of officers.—C. F. Tapson.

Ashton-under-Lyne C.B.S.—Feb. 6, in P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 8. Ordinary monthly business.—J. Whitehead.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Bodmin Street Schools, 8. Table show for British and Muling and Hybrid pairs.—D. Havenhand.

Bacup Roller C.C.—Feb. 6, Park Hotel, Bacup, 7.30. Annual meeting. Election of officers, etc.; the question of joining the Central Board will be introduced, and other important questions.—G. Johnson.

Barrow C.B.A.—Feb. 10, Weights and Measure Office, 7. Prize money for show and general business.—T. A. Croft.

Barry F. & F.S.—Feb. 10, headquarters, 7.30.—H. P. Thomas.

Bowling B.F.A.—Feb 5, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. Annual meeting; election of officers and arrangements for prize distribution.—J. Nicholl.

Bootle C.B.S.—Feb. 6, St. Andrew's Hall, 8. Annual general meeting and election of officers.—A. E. Huyton.

Bristol C.B.S.—Feb. 7, City Arms Hotel, Narrow Wine Street, 8. Election of officers; selection of date for open show; judge, and other important business.—J. A. Withers.

Bristol East C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Glass House Hotel, 7.30. Pair show; election of officers and balance-sheet.—W. J. Norman.

Bradford East O.S.—Feb. 6, Park Chapel School-rooms, 8. Annual general meeting; election of officers, etc.—J. Spencer.

Chorley C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Shepherds Hall, 7.30.—R. Hatch.

City and County of Perth C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8. Usual business and judging competition, any variety Canaries.—W. Gunning.

Clapham C.B.A.—Feb. 6, 8. Adjourned annual general meeting; arrangements for pair and Finch show.—T. J. Hose.

Coventry O.S.—Feb. 7, Dolphin Inn, Market Sq., 8. Very important.—J. Kent.

Durham City C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Grapes Inn, 7. Balance-sheet, prize money, specials.—H. Briggs.

Eccleshill C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Fountain Inn, 6.30. Supper and prize distribution. A hearty invitation given to all.—S. Wilcock.

Edinburgh North-Eastern O.S.—Feb. 5, Regent Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Enrolment of new members and general business.—R. S. Spence.

Glasgow W. Counties.—Feb. 3, Good Templars' Hall, Ingram Street, 7. Paying specials for annual show; members to bring unsold tickets; also pair show.—J. H. Adam.

Harden House, South Stanley.—Feb. 3, Club Room, 6.30. Report of balance-sheet and prize money paid; also other business.—T. Nicholson.

Halifax O.S.—Feb. 3, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Syllabus for 1917. Advisability of holding annual open show and social. Tickets may be had for Feb. 10.—J. J. Dunn.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Ashgrove Avenue, Foggy Furze, 7.30. Annual general meeting; business very important.—Watson and Wright.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Balance-sheet and election of officers for 1917.—G. Vipond.

Laisterdyke B.F.S.—Feb. 7, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for concert at prize distribution, concert taking place on Feb. 17; and other important business.—J. Pownall.

Leeds C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Griffin Hotel. Annual tea, concert, and prize distribution, 5.30.—W. A. Wilson.

Leigh C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Selecting judge for N.F. show.—R. Charleson.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Feb. 8, Oldham Hall, 8. Syllabus for 1917.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Mason's Arms, 7. Enrolment of members for 1917. Club open to radius of 10 miles.—W. B. Smart.

London C.B.A.—Feb. 8, Red Lion Hotel, 2, York Street, St. James, 8. Annual general meeting.—A. Wallington.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Feb. 3, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 7.30. Questions and answers on pairing for breeding, and schedule for pair show.—W. Gilbert.

Middlesbrough and Teeside C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Crown Hotel, 6. Annual meeting; balance-sheet; election of officers.—T. C. Deans.

Nelson Roller Club.—Feb. 6, Ambulance Hall, Ann Street, 8. Business important.—J. Earnshaw.

Northern Border F.C.—Feb. 7, Pillar's Cafe, 7.30. Elect new sec. and other important business.—W. Smith.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 6, St. Stephen's School, Conran Street, 8. Important business.—A. Colley.

Openshaw Gorton C.B.S.—Feb. 14, room back of stage, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. General business; subs. due; trophy and medals in question; important.—A. W. Newton.

Pontypool C.B.S.—Feb. 11, headquarters, 6.30. Election of officers and running of pair show.—W. D. Lewis.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Business general.—J. W. Jackson.

Sheffield O.S.—Feb. 6, headquarters, 8. Extraordinary general meeting.—E. C. Job.

Southampton C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Waterloo Hotel, 8.30. Schedule for pair show; elect judge for annual show.—G. J. Slade.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Feb. 5, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Annual general meeting, balance-sheet, election of officers, etc.—J. Glover.

S.W. London C.B.A.—Feb. 7, The Plough, St. John's Hill, S.W. Members' pair show, all classes. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Birds at room 6.30. Entries in room, 1/- first cage, 6d. after. Fanciers welcome.—A. J. Nason.

West of Scotland.—Feb. 3, Nelson Temp. Hotel, 7. Show matched pairs. Canaries, all varieties, muling and hybrid.—W. Hutchison.

West Leede F. & F.S.—Feb. 7, headquarters, Hallam's Northern Hotel, 7.30. General business.—H. Walker.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Horse and Groom, 7. General meeting and election of officers.—W. Chapman.

Wigan C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30.—J. McAndrew.

Windhill O.S.—Feb. 5, Blue Bell Hotel, 7.30. Business very important; election of officers; fixing of members' prizes, etc.—R. Garnett.

W. STANLEY (Patriotic) F.F., &c.

Meeting, Jan. 21, W. J. Platten, chair. We have adopted last year's schedule, with 70 classes, 6d. entrance. Will all attend next meeting, when tickets will be ready, and try and sell as many as possible to make it as big a success as last year. It is up to us to let the public see that we can help those who cannot help themselves, by giving a good entry and selling as many tickets as possible.—Robt. Hutchinson, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting, Jan. 27, Station Street Cafe. Mr. Farrar presided over a good attendance. Decided that entrance fee for pair show, Feb. 10, be 6d. per cage; prizes on sliding scale; birds staged 6.30. A special of 2s. 6d. will be given for best pair, also 2s. 6d. best pair by a new member or member not having won a first at members' show; also 2s. 6d. best pair other than winners of previous specials. A class will be given for each variety with four or more entries, and remainder to be divided into two classes, one for box cages and one for wire cages. Mr. Farrar judge. Decided to hold one nest feather show this year, July 14. Four new members were accepted.—F. Riseborough.

WALTON AND EVERTON C.B.S

Annual general meeting, Kilshaw Street, Mission-room, Jan. 10. Balance sheet for 1916 was passed, showing a balance of £3 17s. 3d. A special vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Robinson for services rendered as sec. for 1916. Officers elected for 1917: Pres., F. E. Smith, K.C., M.P.; vice-pres., Rev. A. S. Pink, J. W. Metcalfe, and C. Robinson; chair., T. Rowlands; vice-chairman, G. Holmes; treas., Mr. Costello; auditors, Messrs. Bunner and Jordon; committee, Messrs. T. Evans, R. Bratherton, J. Brindle, Mr. Kewn-Heyes, Pendleton and Douglas; sec., J. Lloyd. Three new members were elected, and it was decided to run a show, Feb. 3, full classification. Judge, T. Rowlands, at Headquarters; a large number of specials being offered.—J. Lloyd, Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Meeting, Jan. 16, White Swan Hotel, Leicester, Mr. Gibbins presiding. Mr. Merrick was elected a member. Final arrangements were made for the forthcoming charity show, which bids to be a great success. A very interesting presentation of a solid gold albert from the members of the society (as a token of their recognition) was made to our late sec., Mr. A. Freestone, who for many years admirably and greatly increased the strength of the club. Mr. Freeston replied in his usual manner, and expressed his appreciation of such a beautiful gift. Messrs. Pearson and Sturgess (auditors) submitted balance sheet for the year, which showed a handsome sum of £18 18s. 11d. cash in hand, an increase on last year's balance, also a membership of 53.

Table show, Mr. C. Walton judge, over 100 birds being staged. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Day and Sturgess; hc, Gilbert; c, Cayless. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, Gilbert; 2, 3, Day and Sturgess; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Cayless; c, Pearson. Nov. Yell. Ck. and Buff hen: 1, Moore; 2, Layton; 3, Lindley; vhc, Goreham; hc, Hughes; c, Knight. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Layton; vhc, Lindley; hc, Moore; c, Knight. Greenf.: 1, J. Read; 2, 3, Brooks.—Day and Roberts, Joint Secs.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, Jan. 28. 24 birds sang: 1, 3, Parlett; 2, Wainwright. Linnet show in the evening: 1, Parlett; 2, Jess; 3, Caflingan.—E. Phillipson, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair. Open sing, Jan. 28; 46 birds entered for four prizes, and some good singing was heard: 1, Watkiss; 2, Plows; 3, Foster; 4, Scott. Club sing Feb. 3.—S. Pugh, Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn, Doncaster Road, Linnet Club, Jan. 21, 20 birds faced the timer for four prizes. Shepherd timer, Bamforth chalker: 1, Norburn, 3min. 42sec.; 2, France, 3.31; 3, Hardman, 3.26; 4, Wright, 3.23. Jan. 28, same timer and chalker, 20 entered, with some very good singing: 1, Norborn, 3min. 46sec.; 2, Hardman, 3.25; 3, Jones, 3.15; 4, Brushy, 3.10; 5, France, 3.9.—J. Hardman, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Linnet Club, Commercial Hotel. Members' sing, Jan. 27. 29 birds entered and some good singing was heard. One of our new members got 3rd prize, and this will give our new members more encouragement: 1, Cooper; 2, Collinson; 3, Norton. Messrs. H. Collinson, T. Pickersgill were tappers, and R. Plows and J. Wallis timekeepers. Members' sing every Saturday at 3.—R. Plows, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, 26 birds. Linnets: 1, 2, Marshall; 3, Watson. Judges, C. Biss, T. Hurst.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Jan. 28. 19 birds sang. 1, A. Binns; 2, 3, Wigfield. Judge, S. Butterfield. Timekeeper, Dobson.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Jan. 21. 18 birds sang: 1, Hollingworth; 2, Sellers; 3, Hollingworth; 4, Stanney. Judges, Hardcastle and Grant. Jan. 28, 19 sang: 1, T. Ward; 2, Stanney; 3, Jim Chippindale; 4, Stead. Judges, Naylor, Grant, Hardcastle. Also Roller contest. 10 birds sang: 1, 2, shared Lockwood and Condliffe; 3, B. Sissons. Judges, Ward, Grant, and Hardcastle.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

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ABERTILLERY SIX BELLS

FEB. 7, 1917. Now, fanciers, hurry up! Entries very short. Entries extended Feb. 4, Saturday's postmark in time.—**W. J. Baker, Hon. Sec., 161, Alma Street, Cwmtillery, Mon.** (792)

SWANSEA AND DIS. C.B.A.
Open Show (Radius 20 miles), **FEB. 3,** at the Elysium, High Street, at 2 o'clock. Classes: 6 Nor., 6 Yorks, 7 Borders, 3 Selling Canaries, 13 British, 4 Mules, with 2 Selling B. or M. Entries taken at the showroom. Judge, S. J. Nicholas. Entry 1/- per cage. Prize money on sliding scale.—**J. H. Ford, Sec., 83, Norfolk Street,** (792)

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Twitterings.

Mr. F. J. Bees writes that he has removed from Speedwell Road to 5, Holly Lodge Road, St. George's, Bristol.

Kindly state through the columns of your valuable paper that I am secretary of the Leeds C.B.S., writes Mr. W. A. Wilson, 61a, Bayswater Place, Roundhay Road, Leeds, and that all communications regarding same should be forwarded to my address.

The many friends of Mr. John Rukin, the well-known exhibitor of Lizard Canaries, and hon. sec. of the Lancs. and Lizard F.A., will be sorry to hear that he has been confined to his bed for some weeks, and all will join us in expressing a hope for his speedy restoration to health.

Our Painting Competition.

The entries for our annual painting competition are quite as numerous as ever, and the merit of the majority of the pictures is of the usual high degree. The result of the judging will be announced in our next issue.

The Marked or Ticked Norwich Canary.

Through a faulty mounting of the block, the picture of Messrs. Stubbs' Norwich Canary as it appeared in part of our issue of last week showed a marking on the neck which is not possessed by the bird in question. As soon as the defect was noticed the machines were stopped and the fault remedied, and in the greater part of the issue the bird appears as drawn.

New Society at Birkenhead.

Fanciers wishing to join the Birkenhead Breeders Canary Fanciers' Association please forward their names to me, writes Mr. H. Wakem, 16, Clifton Road, Birkenhead. Subscription to be 4s. per annum. Champions and novices to be well catered for. Members who promised to join please send a post card with their full name and address; then I will write and let them know how things are progressing.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Greenock, Gourock, and Port Glasgow O.S.—Gamble Institute, Gourock, Feb. 2-3. Judges, H. Jamieson, J. F. Park. 31 classes: Scotch Fancy 2, Yorks 2, Bord. 5, Crests 2, Nor. 4, Com. Can. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1, Mules 2, Brit. 10, For. 1. Prizes: 5/-, 2/6, 1/6. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Jan. 31 to M. E. Campbell, 11, Kempock Street, Gourock.

I am sorry to say, writes Mr. J. Rukin, that one of our most promising and successful Lizard members, Pte. Edgar Lord, East Lancs. Regt., has been for some time wounded and a prisoner in Germany. He has, however, recovered from his wound, but would give something to be among the birds again in his own country.

Satisfied Customers.

The well-known bird specialist, Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich, sends for our inspection a large parcel of recent testimonials. They are so numerous that it is not practicable for us to read them all, but we have sampled the package, and are pleased to find that all are in the same vein of satisfaction. It is obvious that the answer to the question, "Is the City of Norwich Dead?" which has recently been asked in our columns, is in the negative. Mr. Rudd's business, at any rate, is far from being moribund. The home trade in Canaries does not seem even to be "temporarily dead," as has been suggested.

How the "Fancy" Does Its Bit: Fine Result at Mountain Ash.

A cheque for £22 4s. 10d. was handed over to the "'Express' Starving Prisoners of War Fund," being the profits of our late show, writes Mr. Thos. Holman, hon. sec., Mountain Ash F. and F.S. We are a young society, only formed up last September, but are making very good progress. It is our intention to hold a series of monthly members' shows, the first of which will be held on Feb. 3.

Swansea's Fine Contribution to the Red Cross.

Enclosed find balance sheet of the Swansea and District C.B.A. for 1916, writes Mr. J. H. Ford, sec., which shows a balance in hand of £13 6s. 2d., out of which the annual show profits of £11 2s. have been handed over to the local Red Cross Society. I should be extremely obliged if you would through the columns of CAGE BIRDS thank all who supported us and so enabled such a substantial amount to be realised.

A Lord Mayor Thanks Ardwick Fanciers.

The following letter has been received from the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Manchester, writes Mr. A. E. Thorpe, hon. sec., Ardwick and Manchester C.B.S.:—

"Dear Sir,—In enclosing the official acknowledgment of the kind donation of £5 to the Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, being the profits of the annual open show of your Association held in St. Thomas's School, Ardwick, on Nov. 11 last, I desire to express very sincere thanks for the kind thought shown to our brave blinded citizen soldiers who have done so much for us in this great war. The assistance sent is very welcome.

Yours faithfully,
THOS. SMETHURST,
Lord Mayor."

"CAGE BIRDS" ROLL OF HONOUR.

We regret to hear from Mr. W. Nelson, hon. sec. of Castleford Linnet Club, that his second son has died fighting in France.

JOHN STANSFIELD.

I am sorry to say, writes Mr. John Rukin, that Mr. N. Stansfield, the well-known Lancashire exhibitor, has received news from the War Office that his only son John, aged 23, was killed in action in the Persian Gulf on Jan. 15. All friend Noah's friends, and they are many, will join in an expression of condolence in his severe blow, and hope himself and daughter will have strength given them to bear it.

Robins Down a Coal Mine.

On Sunday, Jan. 14, after a stormy week-end, writes Mr. W. H. Christer, a pair of Robins found their way down a colliery shaft here at Chopwell. They were flying about the shaft bottom all the week end, and on the Monday, although all day long coal was being drawn. Later in the afternoon one of them found his way into the engine house, and there he was fed by the engine man. At night, he was caught, and brought to bank, where he was given his liberty. The other one disappeared. During some hard weather in 1916 a pair of Blue Tits and a Sparrow were found dead in the cabin close to the shaft bottom.

Joint Show at East Ham.

The inter-club show of East Ham, Leyton, and Poplar Societies, writes Mr. F. Onslow, 21, Selwyn Road, Plaistow, E., will take place 10th Feb., at East Ham Central Liberal and Radical Club, at 10, High Street South, East Ham (opposite Town Hall). This has been arranged to be held at East Ham owing to the inability of securing a hall at Leyton, and the Committee are very keen of seeing it a success. Any member of the three Societies who has not received a schedule can have one on application to me. I trust that all our friends who exhibited last year will accord us the support they gave us last year, seeing that we have gone to much trouble to run this show this year so as to keep the fancy alive.

Bird Movements in Winter.

From a most interesting article, entitled "Bird Omens," in the London "Times," we extract the following for the benefit of our readers.

THE rule of winter migration is that the birds arrive while hard weather prevails, with worse to follow. For they do not lightly leave their more familiar haunts in the north and east to face the perils of overseas travel and the doubtful welcome of our shores that are fringed with shot-guns for their coming.

Not every cold wind that blows gives the birds their marching orders. They wait until the growing menace at home awakens their instinct at all costs to fly, and then they fly—whither?

It used to be supposed that the flocks of migrant birds placed themselves under the guidance of some experienced leader, an old bird who "knew the way." But, apart from the fact that the existence of any "way" at all presupposed in the bird that knew it some power of recognising "invisible fly-lines" across ancient continents that are now the bed of the ocean, people should have known that it was not so, seeing that the first flocks of some birds are exclusively composed of the young of the first broods of the year, which depart before their parents with the later broods are ready.

Another fallacy which long impeded real knowledge of migration was the dictum of ornithological authorities of the last generation that migrating birds always flew against the wind, the reason given being that a wind from behind would inconveniently ruffle up their feathers.

A moment's consideration of the fact that the speed of the birds' flight must cause them to travel faster than the wind should have corrected this idea, but it was supported by the agreement of many observers that migrating birds which just manage to reach our eastern coasts, and are therefore easily noted in their exhausted state, undoubtedly do usually arrive against the wind. This, of course, is explained by the common prevalence of contrary winds near land.

Coming back to the first principles of bird migration, we find that the phenomena which puzzled our ancestors so much that they invested the whole subject with semi-religious mysticism are quite easily explained. The instinct of the birds to fly from their northern and eastern haunts is aroused by the continuance of cold winds from the Arctic Circle; so they fly, and the winds blowing from north and east inevitably carry them to the south and west.

They are always naturally reluctant, however, to commit themselves to the passage of seas so wide that even their long-range vision aloft cannot descry the further shores, so, still using the wind as far as possible, they work along the coasts until their converging companies unite into vast flocks off some projecting headland. Thence often the opposite land can be viewed, because headland naturally reaches towards its brother headland of the same submerged and broken mountain chain; or, even if no further land be visible, the unity of instinct and contagion of desire impel the bewildered host to launch their flight into the unknown.

Thus the familiar phenomena that migrating birds come from various directions to the points where the seas are narrowest for crossing, and that isolated outposts of the land, like Heligoland, become the centres of many converging lines of bird traffic, are simply explained.

Equipped with knowledge of the facts, we are thus better qualified than the soothsayers of old to interpret the omens of unusual flights of birds; and, subject, of course, to atmospheric vagaries, we can say that Woodcocks in a swarm at Broadstairs mean that prolonged cold has gripped in ice the marshy woodlands which they haunted in Scandinavia, and that, as they have travelled faster than the cold north-east wind that helped them, there is more of that wind, with its freezing effect on Britain, to follow. In fact, a not unreasonable deduction from the presence of weary Woodcocks on the Kentish coast is that the ice simultaneously appearing on the upper reaches of the Thames would spread until the river should be frozen over.

Unfortunately, the only practical conclusion which is drawn as a rule from the unexpected arrival of unusual birds in winter anywhere in England is that there is something new to kill. In the case of Woodcock and Wild Geese no one could reasonably complain of this. Game and wild-fowl are in season, and addition of any kind to the national food supply just now lends a patriotic halo to the gunner; but Waxwings and other rare birds, which are neither game nor wild-fowl, but are driven to seek safety in Britain by stress of weather, should not be welcomed with a shot-gun, as they nearly always are.

The writer has seen a happy change gradually taking place in the national attitude towards birds from the time when even the ladies of a country household would excitedly exclaim: "There's a strange bird in the garden. Where's your gun?" But public opinion is not sufficiently alert even now to the fact that the collector who kills birds or who buys killed birds simply because they are rarely seen in this country does this country a wrong for which his own selfish pride of possession is not adequate compensation.

The Chough in Ireland.

A Notable Increase in Number

AT the annual general meeting of the Irish Society for the protection of birds the hon. sec., Mr. G. C. May, stated among other things that Sir Maurice Fitzgerald, the late Knight of Kerry, by making a sanctuary of the Island of Valencia, brought about the increase which in recent years had been observed in the number of Choughs nesting in the County Kerry. They were glad to think that the work so well begun by the late Knight of Kerry would be carried on by his successor. Sir John O'Connell spent a few days last autumn in Valencia, and was favourably impressed by the number of Choughs inhabiting the island in excess of those in former years. At Portmagee a good deal of Choughs were also seen. The Choughs at Achill did not appear to be suffering any diminution in their numbers, and Ravens and Peregrines along the sea cliffs were in fair numbers.

The Chairman, the Rt. Hon. Justice Ross, said there were good, bad, and indifferent birds, as there were good, bad, and indifferent men, but they knew of a great many birds that used to be shot at which were really of enormous use to the farmer, while others were of no use whatever. The object of the Society was to distinguish between the good and the bad bird, and, apart from the utilitarian point of the subject, there was a great interest in the study of birds, and in keeping species alive. The Chough in the South of Ireland had been disappearing, and he thought it was mainly due to the efforts of Mr. May that that bird was now alive and increasing. The war, to which the secretary had referred, could not go on for ever, and he was sure the meetings of the Society would have a good effect when the war was over. The greatest thing they could admire was the operations of nature, and, although the struggles of man were very interesting, yet, after all, the most humanising effect was to watch on sea, air, and shore the birds themselves.

A Gruesome Suggestion.

In an article in "Country Life" on "Swallows at the Front," the writer says: "The idea that gun-fire would chase away the birds has been quite exploded, and the pathetic story of the Swallows and Martins wheeling around the ruins of their last year's home, tweeting miserably, and then departing from the battle area of ruined towns and villages is quite untrue. Personally, I think the Swallows and Martins prefer the ruins. The vast quantity of insects which the life on the battlefield encourages, provides them with plenty of food, and accounts for the fact that Swallows and Martins are far more plentiful than they were during pre-war days."

Black Canaries from New Zealand.

Although the outbreak of the war was responsible for the abandonment in 1914 of the intention of the lady Canary breeder of New Zealand, Mrs. Martin, to send for the interest of English Canary breeders some specimens of Black Canaries which she had succeeded in breeding, yet Mrs. Martin has always kept the idea in her mind. We are now able to say that a number of these interesting birds have safely arrived in England, only two of the consignment dying on their long journey. Besides the Blacks, Mrs. Martin has sent some beautiful examples of White Canaries, a variety which she has been perfecting for several years, and which she has always claimed she was the first to breed. We are making arrangements for a descriptive article referring to these and to the Black Canaries, which are the latest development in the art of Canary breeding.

"Please thank all who answered my advert. for Goldfinches. In all I had nearly 20 replies up to Sunday morning post."—W. LIDGETT (Newark).

"I had a shoal of letters and postal orders in response to my last week's advert. under British. I had a large stock of birds in, and I needed them, to supply the demand. Several of the leading English British bird exhibitors wrote for Goldfinches and Linnets and all have now been supplied."—SERGT. THOMAS (Dublin).

Breeding Yorkshire Canaries for Exhibition.

By J. A. GREENSLADE (Bristol).

(Continued from page 25.)

A practical article by a successful breeder, showing how to select stock in breeding in order to avoid faults, and to perpetuate and improve desirable qualities.

WE need not be afraid of keeping a bit of feather, providing it is of good quality, and by that I mean fine textured, soft and silky, and carried fairly well without any cross grain, because we cannot get good shape without feather, only on a good shaped bird it is close and tightly carried. The cause of many thin necks, thin and pointed chests, and short waists, is through insufficient quantity of feather, or else the feather lies along the bird in ridges or flags, instead of radiating round the bird's body.

We must not part with a good shaped hen for poor colour, just because she is white, because the odds are that she would be pink eyed, and of cinnamon blood, and would be a great help in supplying quality, and even if the colour of the yellows from her was not good it is possible that she would breed some hot or salmon colour buffs.

The Points of a Good Buff Cock Bird.

Coming now to buff cocks, we should look for more size in them than we did in yellows, both in length of body and substance, also a full head and cheek, with a well rounded skull; even if it is a bit big and over bold, it is much better than a small and mean one for stock purposes.

We also want a long and well filled in back, with long and well carried wings, and a good waist, but regarding legs and position we can afford to allow a bit, as the counterbalancing properties are to be obtained from yellow hens fairly often.

In the selection of the yellow hens, we should follow much the same lines as in the buff hens, excepting that we should not expect so much body substance, but much more leg and style, and nerve. In fact, we want as much in the way of breed as we can get, without sacrificing size too much, and should always be favourable towards a bit of high shoulder.

Regarding the feather of yellow hens, we want it as short and as fine as we can get it, and we should not part with pale coloured hens that look brassy and mealed all down the back, because they operate pretty much as the white buff hens referred to.

Bearing in mind all the foregoing points, we must also keep a fair amount of markings or variegation running through our pairs, or we shall come down in the body colour, but using marked birds just because they are marked does not signify much, as plenty of marked birds are no factors toward colour producing at all, and some are the reverse.

The reason that some of these marked birds do not help to transmit colour is that they are bred via cinnamon blood, generally from cinnamon hens, and have very little genuine green blood in them. The kind of marked bird we want is one in which when he is well coloured the markings will show almost black, and on a ground colour of deep red.

For transmitting colour (and we want to do it through the cocks side by the way) I would much prefer using a hot coloured clear than a marked bird that had a pale ground colour. When coming down in colour I advise mating the two best marked and best coloured birds we have together to get some good variegated hot coloured birds to infuse into the rest of the stock.

When Double-Buffing is Useful.

I advise the novice to stick to the orthodox methods, and mate yellow to buff, or buff to yellow, for all practical purposes, but in some instances some of the unusual matings are justified, and of some use.

For instance, I am rather partial to putting up a pair of buffs, as I like the buff hens from that source to mate with a hot coloured clear, and find that the good colour is transmitted much more readily via a double buffed hen than from many others, but the cocks bred this way I find are not much help, and I do not advise breeding many.

I have seen advocated the mating of two yellows to help colour, but from my own experience I am not struck with it very much and should not waste good birds to try it, as, unlike the buffing, it has not many issues behind it, whereas with the buffs it is sometimes useful to obtain a larger amount of feather and is also useful for procuring fuller heads and necks, but I advise the use of the hens only for this purpose also.

Regarding the age of the pairs, I am a great believer, where possible, in having the ages different, and I like mating old cocks to young hens, and young cocks to hens over the year; old hens I am not keen on, and rarely keep them after their second season of breeding, as by that time you have had the best from them. Of course there are exceptions, but the ages must be regulated so as to have young blood with the old. My reasons for not caring to mate unflighted birds are that I think the size suffers, you get a preponderance of hens, and the progeny is not so robust.

To In-breed or not to In-breed.

Regarding the thorny subject of inbreeding, which some swear by, many swear at, and most have seemed to have "dabbled in," I advise the novice to leave it alone until he has a complete knowledge of what he is about and what his stock is likely to throw as it is. I do not pose as an authority, but my own little experience of mating sons to mothers, and vice versa, did not do me any good, and brothers and sisters I have not had any wish to try.

The sort of inbreeding I do believe in, and believe in strongly too, is when you get an exceptional bird to transmit his blood through as much of your stock as possible by the mating of cousins, and uncles to nieces, nephews to aunts, etc., as I believe by this process that the good properties of the bird you are using are brought to the surface by its meeting its own affinity, with a sufficient amount of other good blood to strengthen it, without being contrary to it, in the remoter progeny.

If we keep these essential points of what is first required and what is well to avoid in our mind, and have the courage to carry it out (very often sentiment can be our undoing) the balancing idea becomes an easy matter, and is much more likely to serve us, now we have not such extremes to contend with, especially if we keep in our mind what the complete whole is.

Pedigree and Prepotence.

To the fancier who knows his stock, pedigree is of paramount importance. The old adage that "like breed like," does not always come off, as most likely "like" breeds something like his father, more than himself.

By pedigree I mean to imply previous generations of really good and consistently produced good points, and as much latent good qualities as possible. It is not enough to know what the parents were like, and who they were, but that they had the required surface value, and so had their parents before them.

I would sooner have a fair specimen from good stock than a good one from an indifferent source that came as if by chance, as they do sometimes. When they do come it is rare they have sufficient fixture of their good features to allow them to hand them down to their offspring.

To sum up, we must keep size, type, position and nervy carriage, colour, and quality of feather before us in all our matings, and where we have not the material to produce the lot of them, to form the complete whole, to specialise for the other points separately, or as many of them as possible to get together, until we can breed our "topper."

But it is as well to bear in mind that with the best of material our calculations are likely to be upset by "Dame Nature" who plays strange vagaries even with long and well established strains, but also balances things sometimes by giving us the "lucky hit" when we least expect it, or deserve it.

In conclusion may I state that if any novice has learnt anything by reading this somewhat rambling article I shall feel amply rewarded, and trust it may be beneficial to some, and possibly amusing to others, never mind which. The main thing is to keep things going at present, as best we may, until the boys come home, and to see they have some good birds to come home to, as they will want them.

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Mr. Lidgett, the writer of the article on Cockatiels which appears on this page, is here seen with Mrs. Lidgett, his wife, and two of the cups which are among the many special prizes he has won with his birds.

MY COCKATIELS.

By W. LIDGETT, Hon. Sec., Newark C.B.S.

An interesting account of an attempt at breeding a popular and pretty bird, which is fairly cheap to buy and easy to keep, and which makes a charming pet bird.

"I LOVE my birds." This remark I made to my wife the other day, when a consignment of seed arrived and the bill was rather large. "Yes," said she, "there are, perhaps, many more like you who love their birds, but who have had to part with them since the price of seed and other foods has gone up." Of course, when one door closes another usually opens, and if things are dearer now than before the war, the price one gets when selling surplus stock is also more. But now to the subject of this article.

When I first made my acquaintance with this hardy and interesting species of Australian Parrot I thought they seemed rather morose and sulky. I bought my first bird, which was a hen, from a fancier who was leaving the district and wished to dispose of some of his stock, and at the time of purchase I never thought of attempting to breed the species, but kept the bird in a large flight cage which I use in the summer for my young Canaries.

As the breeding season came round for Canaries I began to wonder where I should turn the hen Cockatiel, as the flight would soon be wanted. For want of a better place I made a cage with a loose wire front out of a Quaker oat box, with a couple of fairly thick perches. The Cockatiel soon took to its new home, and at the end of July, 1910, she became lumpy, and seemed to go off her feed a little. On fetching her out of the cage to look at her more closely I thought she seemed rather heavy looking around the vent, and next morning I found an egg lying in the cage bottom. She only laid this one egg that season, and she soon picked up and looked as well as ever.

Standing on Her Dignity.

While visiting Nottingham at the end of that year I went to look round the bird market, and, seeing a male Cockatiel for sale, purchased it, but when I first introduced the cock into the cage the hen Cockatiel did not take at all kindly to him. Whether she was jealous of his share of her rather limited quarters, or it was because of not having been with another of her kind since importation, I do not know, but for several weeks they would not eat at the same time, nor would they stay or roost on the same perch for hardly a moment.

Time is a great healer, and it was in this case. About June of next year the pair seemed on more amicable terms, and their thoughts turned to love.

Now another difficulty presented itself. I knew the space they were allotted was very insufficient for breeding purposes, and my aviary was too fully utilised with other birds to permit my making adequate space for them to breed with any success.

Here I made an appeal for a spare corner of my father-in-law's much larger aviaries. He had at this time four very spacious aviaries, and he was always ever ready to give me a helping hand over any difficulty. He wired a corner of his Budgerigar place off, leaving a space four feet wide, seven feet long, and ten feet high. He also made me a couple of nesting boxes from a pattern I showed him, and then I was again fixed up. I took my pair down to his place, which was only about four minutes' walk from my own home, and he promised to look to them if at any time I was unable to get down at night.

The Dawn of Hope.

It was well into August of that year before the pair settled down in their fresh quarters and attempted to reproduce their kind. Here I missed a great deal of their interesting career by their being away from my own home, for, though, after having fed my own birds, I used to run down to feed the Cockatiels, yet, as I was able to give a good supply of seed, they only needed the husks blowing off and fresh water daily, and their space, being plenty, only needed cleaning out about once a fortnight.

One evening I missed the hen, and while quietly looking at the box which I knew they had selected as their nesting site, the cock bird kept walking about the top, as though on guard over his mate inside. I patiently waited during the period of incubation, but the hopes I had raised were never realised, as after a time the hen deserted the eggs, and on examination later (there were two of them) they proved to be clear. The birds went to nest again almost immediately, but although the hen this time sat her full time the eggs were again unfertile.

As the winter came on I decided to fetch the birds to my own place again to save going to feed them, although my father-in-law assured me they could stay there, and he would look after them for me. Kind though he was to make this offer, I wanted the birds with me, for what is the use of keeping your pets unless you can have the pleasure of seeing them at all times? So home again they came.

Further Attempts Frustrated.

This is my only attempt to breed with this species, for during the winter months the hen died, and although I kept the cock bird until the summer of the present year I never again got him another mate, and he remained a widower till May of last year, and then he also joined the great majority.

If at any time I again decide to breed with these birds I shall have a place made at home, as, although they had every attention during their stay away from home, much of the pleasure during their nesting period was lost, with them being away from me, and it is the pleasure we get from the presence of our birds that makes up for many other disappointments.

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Correspondence.

The Everlasting Novice Question.

Sir,—I quite agree with the remarks in the letter of "Unflighted," published in your issue of Jan. 6. We do need some sort of club formed so that the exhibiting and successes of our present day novice may be recorded. I refer, of course, to open competition. A Society knows its own novices according to its rules. Therefore why not a club where all novice exhibitors should be known, and as soon as they have accomplished the limit number of wins the same be notified through the medium of your valuable paper? I trust this matter will be taken up by all societies, and that good will come of it. I myself will take on any duty attached to it, but for the present will remain

Interested.

The Age of Caged Birds.

Record Breakers, Kindly Note.

Sir,—From time to time we get reports of birds living to an unusually long age when caged. These reports are, of course, very interesting, but it would be far more useful if the owners of the birds would give the full treatment their pets have received. These particulars require to be as minute as possible, giving the seeds and greenfood they have been fed on, the position where they have been kept, etc., and if mixed seed has been used, the proportions of each variety should be stated. With these particulars to assist us we may in time get sufficient information to enable us to prolong the lives of the majority of our birds in captivity.

H. Norman.

The Disqualified Hawfinch at Bristol.

Possibly New Feathers at Northampton.

Sir,—I do not wish to dispute Mr. Andrews when he says he did not trim his Hawfinch. I have never said he did. When I judged the bird at Bristol I discovered that feathers were missing. It was not for me to say how they came to be missing, or why. They were missing, and I did what I thought my duty in disqualifying the exhibit. Bristol was between three and four weeks before Northampton, and the missing feathers could have grown again. Therefore, what comes of Mr. Robson's assertion, "absolutely ridiculous"? Had Mr. Robson seen the bird at Bristol he would have agreed with me as to its condition.

C. A. House.

A Tame House Sparrow.

Sir,—Seeing the House Sparrow is mentioned in an article in this week's Cage Birds, I thought it might interest you to know I have had one four years. My son picked it up one night nearly frozen to death, and with an injured wing. He brought it home, and we put it in a cage my husband had made for a Thrush. It got quite tame, and before he joined up at the commencement of the war used to go to bed with him and cuddle under his arm, and it would lie on its back in his hand. It has never regained the use of its wing, but can hop up on to a chair. I breed Canaries, and when I let them out he sits with them on the tops of the cages. When I want him to go in I put his cage on the floor and clap my hands, and in he goes. I feed him on the same seed as the Canaries, with a very little wheat, but no green stuff, for he won't eat it. A big bath is always in his cage, and he is in the best of health; he sleeps at night on the top of his swing.

Blanche Bedford.

Aid for a Disabled Soldier.

A Cheap Pair of Good Norwich Desired.

Sir,—Would you kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper to appeal for support to a disabled fancier, H. Workman, of Pontnewynydd, a member of the now defunct Abersychan Society, who was called to the colours when war broke out.

He has now returned broken, and discharged permanently disabled. He has been made an honorary member of the Pontypool C.B.S., and the members of the Society have collected among themselves to try to obtain a decent pair of Norwich to start him in the fancy again. Now is there any Norwich fancier willing to offer a real good pair of birds at a reasonable price, so as to give him a start and a hobby to occupy his time? Any offer can be made to me, or further information readily given privately.

W. D. Lewis,
Sec., Pontypool C.B.S.
Holyoake Terrace, Abersychan.

A Netting Query.

How are Square Meshes Made?

Sir,—Will any reader of Cage Birds kindly tell me how to make a net on the square (not diamond). I want it for making the big mesh to put on each side of a flue net.

B. Humphries.

What is a Sib-Bred?

Sir,—I have read that Sib-bred birds are birds bred in and in (i.e., paired to near relations, brother to sister, mother to son, etc.), for many generations, that such birds are much sought after for Mule breeding, and that if overdone sib-breeding results in degeneration. Is this the whole truth? How far is Cinnamon blood an element in sib-breeding? Also, how many generations has sib-breeding to go on before Mules light enough for show purposes can reasonably be expected? I am assuming that in the above description light Mule breeding is meant.

Enquirer.

Mistakes in Judging.

Should a Judge Alter His Slip?

Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. A. Greenslade's lengthy and exhaustive letter, I would say that I have never questioned that the mistake of the judge was genuine, hence my refraining from personalities and details in my former letter. The opinion that the procedure taken by the judge was out of order I have always held.

My sole object in writing to Cage Birds was to have my opinion confirmed or otherwise for my own gratification, as to whether a judge having finished and handed in his slips his slips should be unalterable, and my letter had nothing whatever to do with the holding of the cup. Whatever Mr. Greenslade thinks as to the course I adopted, I may tell him that when in need of expert opinion I usually go to an expert to get it when possible, and I consider Cage Birds quite the proper channel.

If I read your remarks aright, Sir, you uphold my view, and, this being so, I am quite satisfied and content to let the matter drop, and rest at that, as far as I am concerned.

H. S. Walter.

The Federation of Roller Clubs.

Trouble About a Rule.

Sir,—With your permission I should like to answer Mr. Tomlinson's reference to the Federation of Roller Societies, which appeared in the article, "New Bell Glucke." I am now an entirely unattached fancier, having tendered my resignation as a member of the Leeds Club. Consequently if anything which I write—and I will endeavour to be scrupulously fair, should give offence in certain sections of the fancy, they must remember that I am the author, not the Club.

The intrigue which has tried to wreck the formation of a Federation, and is still going on, is the cause of my action. The time for trifling has long gone by, and it will not require two jumps to get over the fence.

The new rule absolutely bars any Federated members from showing or judging at other than Federated shows after this present show season. I proposed this rule at the delegates' meeting on the instruction of the Leeds Club, and it was carried. The proposition of this rule was brought about through the Wolverhampton Club show date being fixed at about the same time as Leeds, which was considered in our city an act of discourtesy. Later the same thing happened between Wigan and Birmingham, although in the latter case I believe these shows have generally clashed.

Wolverhampton, London, Bacup, and Birmingham are the four clubs at present standing out. If they are out when the next show season opens, and their dates clash with clubs in the Federation, the ruling body say that members shall only bench birds at the Federated shows. A well-to-do club like the Midland, if clashing with a young federated club, would in the absence of such rule no doubt wreck the show of the latter. The first thing, therefore, the Federation will do is to attend closely to its preserves. And why not? Is there anything unfair in that? The intriguer who sent the "wireless" to Wolverhampton must have thought so.

Mr. Tomlinson also asks the federated members, as fair-minded men, to allow more latitude with regard to this rule, an extension of time. All clubs were asked to federate about March, 1916. The outstanding clubs have, therefore, had nine months to consider the matter, and as the rule is not actually in operation until next November, I would like to know how much time these clubs actually require.

I am an uncompromising opponent of any thing of this nature, my contention being that any alteration would simply reduce the business of federation to a farce. It might be argued, I know, that if a club had not federated before November, its members could not show in the young bird classes. My answer is simple. Do as we of the Federation did this year, and ring with two rings. What is sauce for the goose should surely be sauce for the gander. I think all members of the new organisation, except a very few prejudiced minds, will agree, and can safely be trusted, after reading these remarks, to look after their own interests.

Some of these gentlemen who have been shouting loyalty to the B.R.C.C. from the housetops would oblige many of us by stating in cold print the last duly elected ruling committee of this club. From what I can gather, provincial members do not appear to have passed a vote on this since the war started. Anyway, it would be interesting to know the constitution of the committee, say, including and since the year 1913. Then we shall know where we are, and the public shall judge. Now, you who like to strike without being seen, sign your names to anything you may write in reply to this.

A. Montague.

The Exclusion Rule Explained.

Sir,—I shall be pleased if you will allow me space to explain the rule mentioned by Mr. Tomlinson in one of his late articles. The rule as passed at the meeting of delegates was carried by the majority of ten votes to three and reads as follows: "That no member of a Federated Club shall show at other than Federated Club shows, and no judge connected with a Federation Club shall judge at other than Federation Club contests." It must be quite understood that this rule does not apply to the coming British Roller C.C. Show or shows to follow before the season closes, but comes into operation at the beginning of next show season. I ask you to publish this particularly because I have been written so many times asking for an explanation why it has not appeared in the press. I believe it was in your hands the second week in November but unfortunately I signed my initials instead of my name, thereby not complying with your rules, so I suppose it was sent to the waste paper basket.

Thanking you on behalf of the National Federation of British Roller Canary Clubs.

H. Best, Sec.

A Complaint of Lack of Interest.

Sir,—I am writing in the hope that you will find space for this letter to try to correct a wrong impression that has got abroad in respect of the objects of the new Federation of Roller Canary Clubs. I have been written to this week from five different quarters with respect to the attitude of the Federation to Bell-Glucke. I ask fanciers not to try to lay a ghost till the ghost appears; if it does appear, and if the majority decide against it or any other tour, we shall expect all to abide by the decision of the majority. A feeling has got abroad that we intend to knock some of the Gluckes off the sheet at once. Nothing could be further from the truth, as at neither of the two meetings of the Club's delegates has Bell-Glucke or any other tour been discussed, at least, not in my hearing. Now, Mr. Editor, I can't help thinking that fanciers do not take as much interest as they should in articles inserted for their benefit in your valuable paper. In your issue of Dec. 9 appears a copy of the rules of the Federation as agreed to by the delegates, but if you could again find space to insert them as sent in full for the benefit of the fancy in general I am sure you will be doing a good turn. I have been asked repeatedly what will be the entrance fee to become a member of the Federation. There is no entrance fee; every fancier becomes a member by being a member of his own club, which is in membership of the Federation, and he will have as equal a say in its management as any other member. Rings are now on order, with the letter N7, in packets of ten for a shilling, and will be supplied from here. Any question appertaining to the Federation I shall be very pleased to answer.

H. Best.

5, Alma Place, Beckett Street, Leeds.

[We think we should not be acting in the interest of readers in general if we were to occupy space in reprinting, for the problematical benefit of a few, particulars which have so recently been published. To any who are interested, and who have been so careless as not to read the rules mentioned, a copy of the issue of Dec. 9 will be forwarded post free for 3d.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

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What is a Ticked Bird?

A New Classification Suggested.

Sir,—As an amateur I have closely followed this vexed question, and believe that thousands, like myself, can only feel surprise that experts are now so deeply engaged in absolute disagreement. Would it not be better to expunge the word "ticked" and adopt the four following classes, viz.:—(a) Clear or invisibly marked. (b) Technically marked only. (c) More clear than marked. (d) More marked than clear?

Under this classification everyone would know precisely how to class his exhibit. Supposing we put Messrs. Stubbs' much discussed bird to the test under the foregoing classification, is there any difficulty in the matter? I think not. The bird is not technically marked, and could only be shown under Class (c), More clear than marked." It would appear that by adopting the classification referred to we should avoid certain forms of reference nearly always to be found in show schedules, such as "This class to mean, etc., etc." Should such references be needed? In the classification I have suggested, commencing with green blood, we obtain Class (d), then follows Class (c), which leads to Class (b), and upwards to Class (a). It is something to work for, and a technically marked bird is certainly deserving of a class entirely its own. Personally I should prefer a four-pointed bird under Yorkshires to any other. To me it reigns supreme.

Percy Lane.

The Usefulness of Disqualifications.

Sir,—I think Mr. Midgley's letter puts the hat on this job. Do not the rulings of the Yorkshire Union and Yorkshire specialist clubs justify Mr. House's action in wrong classing Messrs. Stubbs Bros.' bird? These rules have been compiled not by one or two, but by vote of very many of the most ardent and highly intelligent fanciers, as far as bird breeding and exhibiting are concerned, in the world. If a Yorkshire grizzled is a ticked bird, and according to the above ruling it is, why, it must follow that a Norwich is the same, or there will be a muddle.

Friend Bastock says Mr. Blakston never posed as an authority; perhaps not. But he was one without a pose. In his quiet way he could discuss the merits of a bird, and especially a Norwich, with any man it has ever been my privilege to meet, and that before he sent out his circular or wrote his book. Just like a sociable, wise man, he wrote to the fancy stating his intentions, asking for any suggestion, and enquiring if they thought his efforts would be appreciated. He thus secured the assurance of its success before his book was printed. It is not, as you, Mr. Bastock, would imply, that he got the material he wanted from others; no, sir, he had it, and it matters not what anyone may say, I know he was a very great authority, and one who did much for the fancy.

Just let our mind go back thirty-four or thirty-five years ago, when the Norwich breeders tried to introduce a different type of bird. Blakston wrote in the papers urging them to keep to the true type, and it was a check on them. There is a member in our Guisboro Priory C.B.S. who at that time put four birds up under Mr. Blakston at one of the Northern shows, and Mr. Blakston, in his report, after he had judged them and put three in the money, said that this exhibitor's birds were the true Norwich type. The result was he had letters from all parts of the country asking if he had any to sell, showing, to my mind, the confidence the fancy had in Blakston's judgment. He certainly was one of those men who, being dead, yet speaketh.

As for Mr. House's action, personally I admire a man who dares to take his stand for what he considers right, though he knows very many will be against him. If what he has done is the means of rousing the Norwich breeders, as friend Cole suggests, to be more definite or come to a proper understanding as to what is a tick and a mark, it will be worth all the trouble. There are too many judges who pander to public opinion. I said to a judge at one of our shows some time ago, "Don't you think that bird is doctored?" and he said, "Oh, yes; that is why I have passed him. You see, it only makes a bother if you disqualify a bird, and that exhibitor and, perhaps, some of his friends won't show under you again. Besides, show committees don't like it, so it is far the best just to pass them." But I think a check now and then does good and helps to bring many things before the fancy that otherwise would get overlooked. Messrs. Stubbs ask if the Norwich Club accepts Blakston. No, they don't. If they had, it would have saved the situation. So we shall not be going backward or into the dark ages, but forward, if we take a little advice from one of the old ones, even Blakston.

J. C. Cook.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 58.)

A Permanent Tribunal Suggested.

SIR,—I have taken a keen interest in the letters that have appeared in your columns under the above heading. Some of them are very interesting, other are far too personal. Personalities or waglers will not solve the question, and I find very few suggestions as to how to do so.

The bird that is causing all the excitement being a Norwich, I would suggest that the N.P.C. take the matter up, appoint two of its members as delegates, invite the other specialist clubs to appoint the same number, arrange a meeting at a convenient place, fairly central, giving all an equal chance to attend, and have the matter thoroughly thrashed out. The decision at which they arrivo should bo made a rule of the clubs represented.

I think that if a board on the above principle could be made a permanent one, and all difficult matters as they arise submitted to them, it would be one of the best things ever undertaken for the benefit of the fancy.

Of course I know that whatever is done there would still be a small percentage of exhibitors who would not be satisfied, and who would still continue to growl unless our judges saw the same way as they did. These people are not sportsmen, they cannot take a defeat and come up smiling at the next show.

This appears to me to be a growing evil, and no good to the fancy. During the show season there have been a number of letters from exhibitors complaining of the awards of judges. They overlook the fact that the judges are appointed by the votes of members of the show committees, who must have full confidence in them, otherwise they would not appoint them, also that schedules of nearly all if not all shows contain the rule that the award of the judge is final.

I hope to see a better spirit prevailing next season, and that somo good may arise from the above suggestion. J. SPINK.

More About Blakston.

SIR,—Before proceeding further with this question, wo should like to point out that we are not questioning Mr. House's ability as a judge of birds themselves, neither is it through any ill-feeling or anything of that sort that wo brought this matter forward. Now we notice Mr. House describes the markings on the bird as faint small ticks or fleckings. This is not correct. The markings all over the bird's shoulder are of a pretty prominent character, and can bo seen easily by anyono standing ten yards away from the bird. The markings also extend in many instances down into the shafts of the feathers. Mr. House next says to bring another bird into the subject is not fair. Well, it must be remembered that Mr. House quoted Blakston and the Yorkshire Union in support of his action in wrong classing the bird, hut had they been judged according to these standards neither bird should have been allowed to stand. We quite agree that the markings on the birds are not exactly alike. The marking of the bird that stood first is more solid, but not so large; but it should be noted that neither bird is marked on eyes, wings, or tail. Now as regards the wordings of the schedules we consider the bird should have been allowed to stand at Port Talbot more so than at the other shows. The wording of the schedule was "uneven or variegated," and as we consider our bird to be a lightly variegated bird, we contend that he was in the right class. The wordings at the other shows were "marked or variegated."

Mr. House next says that neither of the judges has ventured an opinion of the bird. It should be remembered that actions speak louder than words, and letting the bird stand is their answer. Mr. Martin says that either of the four judges we named would be generous enough to allow the bird to stand in the ticked class unless barred by schedule. We are very much obliged to them. Perhaps they would allow it to stand in the Linnet class.

By the way, if Mr. House will look up Wallace's book on Canaries, and read pages 311 and 312, he will find that Blakston was not much of an authority. With your permission, Mr. Editor, we should like to give a quotation which will be found in Wallace's:

"Some 26 years ago (1867), I, with Messrs. John Rutten, Thos. Clark, C. J. Ayres, Geo. Shield, Edwin Mills, W. Rogers, Snaiton Hull, and a few others, got up an open all England show in Sunderland, and I was much astonished to find that Mr. Richard Mackley and Mr. G. Collinson came all the way from Norwich with their show specimens; Mr. W. Walton from Winchester, Hants; and Mr. Howath Aston (with his man Jones), from Manchester. I made all the preliminary arrangements for this show up to the time of opening, but being held at Christmas time I could not see my way clear to continue as acting secretary, and I tried to get Mr. Mills to take my place. He objected, but said, "I can find you a man that will do the work admirably, but he knows nothing about birds; nevertheless he will do anything in his power to carry out your wishes." This man was the late William Anthony Blakston, and he proved a very useful adjunct, and this was the means by which he was brought into the 'fancy.' He was an astute and intelligent man, and one that could readily pick the brains of most men, but as a practical breeder his experience was very limited; his knowledge was gained from other men, such as Rutten, Clarke, Williamson, and others. I do not say this in disparagement of Mr. Blakston, whom I have always considered a shrewd, clever, ingenious, and a fluent writer, and as such I have always admired him, but I believe that many people who did not know him intimately run away with the idea that he gained his knowledge from practical breeding and observation, which was not the case. He could truly have said with Woffon—'I am but a gatherer and dispenser of other men's stuff.'"

This is found in Wallace's book, published 1893, and after Blakston's death, and it should break down Mr. House's theory that Blakston was an authority, and justifies our action in not accepting him as such. We prefer practical experience rather than the knowledge Blakston had. Please accept our thanks, also your artist for the drawing of the marked buff in your paper, CAGE BIRDS. This is a paper wo cannot do without.

STUBBS BROS.

Cheltenham.

The Past is Dead—R.I.P.

SIR,—I have to apologise to your readers and to Mr. House for not having read Blakston. I once glanced partially through the pages, and the drawings were so badly drawn, so different and so far behind our drawings of the present day, that I dropped the book as I should drop a hot einder. Just as the artists of that time were behind the artists of to-day, so, I believe, that Blakston is behind our great authorities of modern times, of which Mr. House is one.

It is to be remembered that when Blakston wrote his book there were few men with any experience in birds who could wield a pen; but, thanks to our free education, there are hundreds to-day that would make as good a job of it as Blakston did. Does anyone think that our present day judges have anything to learn from Blakston? Does Mr. House in his inmost heart, acknowledge that Blakston can teach him anything? I am sure he doesn't, if we could read his mind.

These days are days of progress, and Blakston is a back number; and for what little knowledge I have picked up about birds I have to thank my observations and gleanings from the best of our present day writers. I don't want to go back. I want to go forward, and my sense of reasoning tells me that a bird that is marked from the neck to the root of tail is a marked bird. It is of no use referring to the Yorkshire clubs. For one reason, their classification is different. They have a marked club, with classes for "technically marked" birds according to rules laid down, probably taken from Blakston. Why should not we be allowed to steer our own ship? Are not fanciers of to-day educated enough to frame their own laws without being referred to books 50 years old?

Then there is the society who were responsible for the classification. Did Mr. House ascertain their wishes regarding the disqualification? It is just possible that the society were in favour of a broader interpretation than Mr. House took.

From what Mr. Bastock says it would seem that even Blakston had to write his book by picking other people's brains. Surely we are enlightened enough to form an opinion on so rudimentary a subject without going back to him.

T. JOHNSON.

Time it was Settled.

SIR,—I have followed the controversy in your most valuable paper for weeks re Messrs. Stubbs' disqualification at Port Talbot Show by Mr. C. A. House. The first thing we ought to do is to read the wording of the schedulo before running into the fancy paper and trying to pull any judge down One judge does one thing and another quite the opposite, so it is time that our specialist club settled the matter; then we should all know what to do, and it would save a lot of trouble. I was looking forward to Friday's CAGE BIRDS to see if the drawing of the bird was there, and great credit must be given to Mr. Norman for giving us such a good sketch. In my opinion it is nothing more nor less than a ticked bird, and I consider Mr. House quite justified in wrong classing it.

F. COLLINS.

(Some interesting letters unavoidably held over.)

ROUND THE SHOWS.

PAISLEY.

63rd annual exhibition, Jan. 2, in the Minor Clark Town Hall. Entries did not come up as well as expected, but the exhibition was very well patronised and friend Laidler was good enough to inform us he would come out on the right side. The hall is lofty, well ventilated and comfortable, and makes quite a suitable rendezvous for an exhibition of the kind, free from any draught. The judges, assisted by a competent and reliable committee, got through their work in fine style

SCOTS FANCIES, CL. OR FOUL YELL. CK. (5): 1, Hendry, fine size, reach and droop, neat snaky head, thick through, good pose; 2, Baird, hard up, fine style, nice pos., shapely, stylish, not just so massive, well staged; 3, Muir, up in size, type, style, fine shoulder; 4, 5, Rollo. BUFF (8): 1, David, fine size, rare type, nice shoulder and reach, good drive, nice length and side, thick through, staged to win; 2, Gillies, nice size and cond., deep through, nice drive, rather inclined to crouch; 3, Baird, runs very close up; 4, no name; 5, McDowall; 6, Hamilton. PIED OR GREEN. YELL. CK. (5): 1, David, nice pied, in grand order, fine top end, good reach and drive, fine style and side, creditably staged; 2, Stewart, pied, very similar in build, neat through, but on finer lines; 3, Livingstone, good green; 4, Muir; 5, Rollo. BUFF (6): 1, 2 spls., David, good green, fine type, stylish, rare shoulder, grand reach and droop, in the pink; 2, 2 spls., Malcolm, green, hard up for size and style, not quite the reach or so thick through; 3, 2 spls., Muir; 4, McLaughlan; 5, McDonald; 6, Gillies. CLR. OR FOUL YELL. HEN (10): 1, spl, Stewart, capital order, fine top end, nice length and side, thick through, stylish, free worker; 2, David, grand qual., close feather, fine style, free action, good top end, neat snaky head, well under perch, presses hard; 3, Baird, smaller, but neat, good type, stylish, fine order, beaten in subs.; 4, Livingstone; 5, McKinven; 6, Kennedy; 7, Muir. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Stewart, plenty size, fine body subs., good shoulder, reach and droop, nice length side, free action, easy win; 2, Baird, good size, fine length side, stylish and typical, nice pose; 3, Malcolm, nice type and build, bit small for a buff; 4, Muir, quite up on 3rd, we fancied better, must have pressed hard; 5—McArthur; 6, Livingstone; 7, Rollo. YELL. PIED OR GRN. HEN (6): 1, 2 spls., Kennedy, not a monster, but all there for type, style and free action; 2, spl, Lyon, tight feather, nice shoulder and top end, stylish and free worker, good side and drive; 3, Stewart, good pied; 4, Kennedy; 5, Lyon. CREST OR C.B. CK. (7): 1, 3, 4, 7, McFadyen, even mark D.C., fine size, capital feather, neat top piece, fine radiation and droop, well centred, good frontal, well staged, 3rd cl. body, grizz. crest, plenty body subs.; 2, Brown, var. C.B., grand size and subs., fine skull and lash, broad entrance, thickly clothed, A1 feather, in capital order; 5, Brown; 6, Gemmell. HEN (5): 1, Skouce, fine green, in lovely order, rare qual., neat top, fine radiation, droop, well staged; 2, Brown, good C.B., plenty body subs., good feather; 3, 4, McFadyen; 5, Burnett. CL. OR TKD. YELL. NOR. CK. (6): 1, Stewart, fine type, shapely, neat carr., sweet head and neck, steady, well staged; 2, Kerr, fine size, hot level col., grand qual., typical, neat through, not quite so full in head, close run, little to separate; 3, Scobbie, fine size, good type and qual., too fat on front; 4, Martin; 5, no name; 6, McLellan. VAR. GREEN (4): 1, Martin, grand size, capital col. and qual., full head, neck, sweet front, bit too long behind, only fault; 2, Stewart, lightly mkd. buff, fine size, nice build, well braced, neat, in fine order; 3, Sinclair; 4, Potts. In nice order, might have got up a peg. CL. OR TKD. BUFF HEN (5): 1, spl, Simpson, fine tkd, plenty size, fine subs. and type, nice qual., thick-set, well braced, grand cond.; 2, Stewart, good all round, not quite so hot as leader, 2, 3, Martin, small but neat; 4, Kidd; 5, Skouce. UNFLIG. BUFF CK. (6): 1, spl, Simpson, fine qual., tkd., neat and full top end, clean fronted, well braced, nice level col., well staged and steady; 2, Aitken, well up for size, typical, well braced; 3, 4, Martin; 5, Potts; 6, Mason. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, 2 spls, Simpson, lightly mkd., fine size, grand type, sweet qual., inclined to cross at times; 2, Martin, well up for size, sweet level col., good front, neatly braced, better cut away behind, falls in feather, cond.; 3, Connelly, fine broken grn., cobby and typical, hot col. and stylish build, well staged; 4, Stewart; 5, Gemmell; 6, Kidd; 7, Kerr. BUFF (8): 1, Stewart, good var., full head, thick-set neck and broad deep front, cobby and well braced, in fine order; 2, Aitken, similar marking, nice qual., not the subs.; 3, 7, Martin, 3rd trifle smaller in build, but typical, neat, must have pressed; 4, Sinclair, close up for size, good feather, steady and well shown; 5, McLellan; 6, Mason. YORKS. (4): 1, 2, spl, McLellan, nice tkd. buff, good length and type, nice qual., shapely, 2nd cl. yell., fine col. and quality, neat carr. and style. BORD., CLR. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Niven, nice type and qual., good col. and carr.; 2, Brooks, deep level col., fine qual. feather, neat carr., better in head and neck, we preferred; 3, Ronaldson, very typical, neat carr. and style, finely tapered, well braced, just behind in col. only; 4, Auld, grizz. cap, little beauty, we thought had hard lines; 5, 6, no names; 7, Mossie. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Niven, nice weight, good col. and qual., good top end, neat, well drawn, inclined to be trifle hollow across back; 2, Wilson, fine cond., neat, typical, fine carr. and style, must have been a close run; 3, Mossie, grand qual. feather, shapely, clean got up, shade strong in head points; 4, McMinn. CL. OR TKD. BUFF HEN (4): 1, spl, Wilson, all there for type and qual., shapely build, well braced, in the pink; 2, Auld, good qual., neat wing carr., not quite so hard in cond.; 3, Mossie; 4, Potts. VAR. YELL. (6): 1, Wilson, good even mark, capital col., A1 qual., typical and good through, in the pink; 2, McMinn, almost even, fine qual. feather, neat head and neck, not just so typical or clean cut; 3, Paton; 4, Galbraith; 5, Cunningham; 6, Glass. BUFF (9): 1, Wilson, good uneven, grand type and qual., neat carr., shapely and stylish in build, staged in lovely order; 2, Smillie, grand qual., even mark, good markings, nice style, well braced; 3, Niven, almost even mkd., nice qual.; 4, spl, Paton, nice qual., cinn. mark shapely and well braced; 5, McMinn. GREEN (7): 1, Wilson, fine buff nice groune col., distinct pencilling, sweet type and qual., well staged, steady, good trim; 2, Reid, typical yell., nice level col., shapely, well braced; 3, Paton, buff, nice type and build; 4, Glass. CINN. (7): 1, Wilson, well known yellow ck., in full breeding form and looking quite the lenoth of a Yorkie, good col. and pencilling, in fine feather, well staged; 2, 4, Glass, 2nd fine type and qual., neat shape, well braced, just falls in head and slightly at throat; 3, Niven nice size, col., and wing carr., well staged. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, spl, McQuiston, capital jonque Greenf., well known winner, in lovely order, plenty size and subs., lovely col., A1 qual.; 2, 4, Campbell, former even mkd. goldf., in lovely order, 4th fine Siskin cross, in capital feather. DARK CAN. MCLE (5): 1, McQuiston, grand jonque Goldf., in lovely feather, grand col. and qual., capital size and markings, well known; 2, Gentleman, same cross, not far behind for size, in fine feather, well staged, beaten in col.; 3, Gribben, grand jonque Linnet, fine size, capital col. and bloom, nothing amiss had it separated the first two; 4, Campbell, 5, Tomlinson. GOLDF. (15): 1, Campbell, real good Finch, distinct col. and markings, grand face, bright wing-bars and moons, neat buttons, steady, well staged, 2, Connelly, nice col., pure markings, steady, well staged, falls slightly in squareness of blaze, 3, Gentleman, scarcely so large as 2nd, bit more square in blaze, little between; 4, Wallace; 5, McLelland; 6, McDonald. BULLF. (5): 1, 4, Matheson, capital col. and markings, grand jet black cap, neat wing-bars, steady and well shown, 4th shade smaller, but good col. and cond.; 2, McCloy, in nice order; 3, McQuiston, grand Finch, in the pink, little to find fault with, our choice when taking notes. GREENF. (14): 1, McQuiston, nice jonque, good size, fine feather and cond., still we thought trifle lucky to beat 2, Campbell, real good jonque, fine size, col. and cond., perfectly staged, our choice; 3, Gentleman, not quite so massive, but for col and cond. equal to best in class, well staged; 4, Wilson. LINNET, H.M. (7): 1, Davidson, fine size, sound body col., distinct pencillings, steady, in fine order; 2, McQuiston, shade smaller, grand col. and markings, rather unsteady; 3, McGavin, lovely order, steady, well pencilled, runs very close up, our choice for 2nd; 4, Gentleman. LINNET (11): 1, Wilson, topper for size, col. and markings, steady, shown to perfection; 2, Campbell, steady, good col. and markings, not quite so massive; 3, Thomson, good size and ground col., fails slightly in pencilling at front; 4, Swan. SISKIN (6): 1, 2 spls, Connelly, good jonque, capital cond., fine size, nice markings, wins spl. best British; 2, McGavin, fine size, grand cond., steady, well shown, fails in col. and profusion of markings; 3, Gribben, very similar in size, col. and markings close up; 4, McKirdy. MEALY POLL OR TWITE (5): 1, spl, Gribben, smallish Twite, in capital feather, grand col. well pencilled and steady, staged in the pink; 2, McQuiston, fine Mealy, in good feather, nice col. and markings, well staged; 3, Wilson, Twite, very similar to leader; 4, Gentleman. LESSER REDPOLL (5): 1, McQuiston, little beauty, nice poll and bib, good feather and pencilling, steady, well shown; 2, Campbell, in full bloom, runs close up; 3, Gribben, shade smaller, well mkd., steady lacks the col. of leader; 4, Gentleman. FOR. (6): 1, Lee, grand King Parrot, in lovely feather and cond.; 2, Fraser, fine pair Pennants, in perfect order; 3, 4, McKirby, Quail and Red-crested Cardinal; 5, Clark; 6, Langford.

PENYGRAIG.

First Open Show of the Penygraig C.B.S., Butchers' Arms Hotel, Jan. 25. The Club room, a spacious apartment, well lighted and free from draughts, and kept comfortably heated, makes an ideal place for a cage bird exhibition. The exhibits were arranged on tiers at a convenient height, giving everyone an opportunity of examining the birds without any trouble. Entries totalled 300, which was highly satisfactory for a first venture. A more enthusiastic band of fanciers could not be found, and although at the eleventh hour faced with serious difficulty, they were nothing daunted, and one and all worked with a will to make the show a success. The arrangements were in the capable hands of the show manager, Mr. W. Hollinshead, who left no stone unturned to add to the comfort of the exhibits. He was ably assisted by a hardworking band of stewards, Messrs. R. Parry, W. Edwards, J. Hurle, J. Beazer, G. Turner, T. James, W. Morris, J. Lawrence, A. Legg, T. Watkins, and E. Whiteman. The vice-pres., Mr. D. Williams also gave very valuable assistance, and is indeed a great asset to the society. The duties of secretary were ably carried out by Mr. T. L. Evans, who had everything in apple-pie order, His assist. sec., Mr. G. Padfield, also deserves a word of praise for the valuable help he gave. All the birds that arrived after delivery time on the night before show, a very considerable number, were carried from the station by the committee, and immediately attended to.

The exhibits were really excellent all round, the winning unflighted Nor., being a bird of wonderful subs. and qual. Yorks were very fine, some really grand exhibits being staged by Messrs. East, Tucker, Bevan, Watkins, and Hollinshead, and Edwards. In the novice section Mr. H. Fry staged a couple of grand yells., and easily accounted for both classes. In Borders Mr. D. Jenkins had a field day, winning five of the champion classes somewhat easily. The green classes were real eye openers, 14 cocks, and not a bad one amongst them, giving the judge an anxious time in separating them. Mr. Nelmes eventually won with a very typical yell. green, and yell cinn. closely followed by a charming buff green, exhibited by Mr. Middleton, who also staged the winner in the hen class, another real gem. British, especially Goldfinches and Bullfinches, were very good, Mr. Gilbert's Goldie and Mrs. Dalton's Bullie being much admired, as also was the latter's Lesser 'Poll and Siskin. Special for best British was won by Mr. Burrows with a charming Waxwing of wonderful size and colour in perfect feather. Mr. Chick's noted cl. Jonque Greenf.-Can. easily accounted for the Mule class and also carried off the Special for best exhibit in show. Mr. S. J. Nicholas judged.

NOR. CL., ETC. CK. (9): 1, Morris, cl. Yell., good col., neat head, shapely body, fine wings, tail, lovely quality and cond.; 2, Mrs. Bridgwater, cl. buff, grand size and shape, good bold front, splendid wings and tail, fine qual., cond., and col.; 3, Jones, cl. yell., nice col and qual., grand head, nicely moukled throughout, good wings and tail; 4, Tedstone, cl. yell., nice col. and qual., very shapely, hardly so bold head as leader's; vhc, Jenkins, Hitchings; hc, Watkins, Llewellyn; c, Thomas. BUFF HEN (7): 1, G. T. Jones, tkd., nice col. and qual., good round head, deep chest, cobby shape, well braced wings and tail, good subs and cond.; 2, Jenkins, cl., neat head and neck, splendidly moukled, good wings and tail, grand qual. and cond.; 3, Hitchings, cl., another good one, splendid col. and qual., neat head, grand shape, good wings and tail; 4, no name, Cl., nice col and qual., very shapely, hardly subs. of leader; vhc, Llewellyn; hc, Hollinshead and Edwards; c, Morris.

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VAR., ETC. (10): 1, James, var. yell., lovely col. and qual., grand size, good head, fine deep, well rounded chest, nicely cut away, good wings and tail; 2, Hitchings, Var. Yell., neat round head, shapely body, good subs., lovely col. and qual.; 3, D. C. Jones, var. buff, nice size and shape, good col. and qual., well braced wings, tip top order; 4, vhc, G. Jones, lightly varieg. yell., nice col. and qual., good head, well moulded throughout, loses trifle subs., latter rather wild when judged; hc, Hollinshead and Edwards; c, Burgess. UNFLIG. (12): 1, G. T. Jones, var. buff, grand head and neck, well moulded body, nicely ent behind, plenty of subs., lovely col., qual., and cond; 2, Bridgwater, cl. yell., splendid col. and qual., neat round head, good deep chest, fine wings and tail, nice size and cond; 3, Jenkins, cl. buff, lovely col. and qual., nice head and neck, well moulded throughout, hardly subs. of winner; 4, Hitching, cl. yell., grand rich col. and qual., nice round head, good shapely body, splendid wings and tail, shade longer than second; vhc, hc, Tedstone. NAT. COL. (4): 1, Tedstone, cl. yell., grand size, shape, lovely col., qual. and cond., wins; 2, Morris, cl. yell., very shapely, good head, neat wings and tail, fine col. and qual.; 3, 4, Mrs. Bridgwater. NOV. CK. (10): 1, 2, 3, Morris, leader tkd yell., splendid exhibit, fine size, shape, good head, grand wings and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Cl. Buff, neat head, very shapely, nice wing carr., lovely qual. and cond.; 3, Yell. Grizzle, mkd back, splendid col. and qual., nice shape, hardly subs. of leaders; 4, hc, Davies, cl. yell., nice shape, good col., qual.; vhc, Lycett; c, D. C. Jones. HEN (9): 1, D. C. Jones, cl. buff, nice col. and qual., good head, nice shapely body, splendid wing carr.; 2, 3, Morris, Tkd. Yell., nice col. and qual., neat head, shapely body, nice short flight and tail; 3, wing tkd. buff, good cobby shape, neat wings, tail slightly frayed; 4, c, Davies, cl. yell., neat head, nice col., qual., smaller than leaders; vhc, Hall; hc, Breslauer. YORKS. CL. Etc. YELL. CK. (7): 1, vhc, c, East, wing tkd., neat head, good shoulders, back, lovely length, pos., grand flights, plenty leg; 2, Watkins, cl., lovely col., qual., good head, shoulders and back, very stylish, splendid leg and pos., crosses wings; 3, Hollinshead and Edwards, Cl., nice col. and qual., grand length and pos., splendid leg, loses head to leaders; 4, Bevan, Cl., good round head, splendid length and nerve, trifle loose in feathers; hc, Laurance. BUFF (6): 1 Bevan, cl., neat head, good shoulders, fine style and shape, grand length, pos., and nerve, well up on leg; 2, Pavey, Cl., close up, neat head, good back and flights, splendid length and pos.; 3, Griffiths, Cl., nice col. and pos; 4, Gibbons; vhc, Laurance; hc, Bateman. VAR., ETC. (9): 1, Hollinshead and Edwards, var. Yell., grand col. and qual, neat head and neck, good shoulders and back, well moulded, fine length, good pos., nerve and leg; 2, 4, hc, Hyde, both buffs lovely col. and qual., neat heads, fine shoulders, grand type, neat flights, splendid nerve and pos., well up on leg; 3, Morris, cap mkd. yell., nice col. and qual, neat head, good shapely body, splendid length, fine leg and pos.; vhc, Wood; c, Laurance. UNFLI. CK. (6): 1, Tucker, cl. yell., grand col., qual., neat head, neck, good shoulders, splendid wings and tail, lovely length and pos., good leg; 2, Griffiths, lightly var., another really good one, lovely col. and qual., tip top shoulders and back, grand flights and tail, splendid nerve, pos. and leg; 3, Bevan, Cl. Buff, neat head, shapely body, splendid pos., length, nerve, leg; 4, Watkins; vhc, Fry; hc, Pavey. HEN (10): 1, Watkins, cl. yell., gem, lovely col., qual., neat head, fine shoulders, back, splendid wings and tail, grand length and pos., stands well on leg; 2, Bateman, Cl. Yell, another good one, tip top col. and qual., neat head, good straight back, nicely balanced flights and tail, grand pos. and leg; 3, Fry, Buff, neat head, good shoulders and back, nicely moulded, fine nerve and leg; good pos.; 4, Tucker, Cl. Buff, neat head, good type and qual., plenty of length, nice pos., nerve and leg; vhc, c, Laurance; hc, East. NAT. COL. (5): 1, Tucker, cl. yell., nice col. and qual. good head, straight back, well balanced wings and tail, good length and pos., stands well on leg; 2, Padfield, Cl. Buff, fine shape and style, nice col. and qual., good length, nerve, nice leg; 3, East; w.c., No. 5 fcd. NOV. CK. (8): 1, Fry, cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., neat head and shoulders, splendid back, flights and tail, nice leg, good nerve and pos.; 2, Davies, Cl. Yell., good head and shoulders, sweetly moulded throughout, fine leg, good col. and qual.; 3, Pavey, Var. Buff, nice length, very shapely, good nerve and pos., fine col. and qual.; 4, Sargent, Cl. Yell., non fcd, beautifully moulded, grand col. and qual., splendid length, crosses wings at times; vhc, c, Thomas; hc, Noble. HEN (6): 1, Fry, cl. yell., neat, well moulded throughout, grand length and nerve, well up on leg, good col., qual. and cond.; 2, 4, Rudge, Wlng Tkd. Buff, neat head, good back and flights, splendid length and pos., fine nerve and tail; 4, Cl. Yell., nice col. and qual.; 3, Thomas, Cl. Yell., nice col. and qual., splendid length, pos. and nerve, stands well on leg; vhc, Noble; hc, Whiteman. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, 2, Jenkins, both cl., a brace of real gems, lovely col. and qual., exquisitely moulded, lovely wing carr., perfectly feathered; 3, Hollinshead and Edwards, Cl., nice col. and qual., sweet shape and style, hardly cond. of leaders; 4, Watkins and Thomas, cl., neat head, well moulded body, good wings and tail; nice col. and quality; vhc, Edgington; hc, c, Parry. BUFF (13): 1, Jenkins, cl., a beauty, neat head and neck, shapely body, lovely wings and tail, grand carr. and cond.; 2, Edgington, neck Mkd, beautifully moulded, grand wings, lovely qual. and cond.; 3, hc, Mrs. Bevan, cl., neat model, good head, very stylish, lovely col. and qual.; 4, Watkins and Thomas, cl., nice col., qual., neat head, well moulded throughout, hardly polish of leaders; vhc, Evans; c, Deniyard. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 2, Jenkins, another fine brace, both feathered like wax, nice Bord type, very jaunty action, grand col., qual., cond.; 3, hc, Parry, nice col. and qual., neat head, shapely body, nice style; 4, Watkins and Thomas, nice size and shape, good col., qual., and condition; vhc, Hollinshead and Edwards; c, Lycett. BUFF HEN, VAR. YELL CK (Amalg.) (6): 1, Hurle, Var. Yell., lovely col. and qual., neat head, shapely body, nice size and style; 2, Bevan, Cl. Buff, neat head, good size and shape, lovely qual. and cond.; 3, Edgington, Var. Buff, nice col. and qual., good type, staged in A1 order; 4, Hollinshead and Edwards; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Parry. VAR. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Jenkins, neck and wing mkd, grand col. and qual., nice shape and style, grand order; 2, Evans, lightly Var., neat head, good type and qual.; 3, Padfield, good col. and qual., nice carr. and style; 4, Denyard; vhc, Lycett. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Lycett, lightly Var., grand col. and qual., nice size and shape, good type; 2, Whiteman, neck mkd., nice shape, very stylish, good qual. and cond.; 3, Denyard. BUFF (5): 1, Jenkins, the noted Cinn. Mkd., often described looking as well as ever, grandly feathered, lovely shape, one to be proud of; 2, Edgington, cap and wing mkd, nice size, col. and qual., splendid shape, very jaunty; 3, Woods, eye and wing mkd., nice col. and quality, very shapely; 4, Watkins and Thomas; No. 5, colour fed. GREEN, ETC., CK. (13), a grand class: 1, 2, Nelmes, leader Yell. Green, lovely qual. and cond., sweetly moulded, fine size, grand grass green col., lovely shape, very jaunty; 2, yell. cln., good head and neck, fine shape, colour, and quality, with a little better position, would be a real stormer; 3, vhc, hc, Middleton, buff green, another gem, grand qual., moulded perfectly, good round head, splendid col. and lacing; 4, Hocking, Buff Cinn., nice size and shape, grand col. and qual., neatly laced; c, Bowen. HEN (7): 1, 3, 4, Middleton, splendid team, leader Yell. Green, moulded perfectly, nice size and style, lovely col. and qual., beautifully penciilled; 3, Buff Cinn., nice col. and qual., neat head, grand shape and cond., good lacing; 4, another Yell Green, fine type and qual., good lacing, nice col., size and cond.; 2, Whiteman, Buff Green, neat head and neck, lovely shape, cond., well laced; vhc, James; hc, Davies; c, Sampson. NOV. CK. (3): 1, Lycett, cl. buff, nice col., qual., good head and neck, fine type and cond.; 2, Jones, neck and wing tkd. Buff, lovely col., qual.; 3, Whiteman. HEN (6): 1, Lewis & Jones, cl. yell., good col., qual., splendid type, cond.; 2, Whiteman, oyo and wing mkd., neat head, very shapely, nice qual., col., cond.; 3, vhc, Combes; hc, Sargent. LINNET (8): 1, hc, Bancroft, nice size, shape rich cond. and qual,; 2, Morgan, good size, shape, nice bold head, hardly as well laced as leader; 3, Emanuel, nice shape, style, qual, and cond., and lacing, hardly rich enough col; 4, Humphreys, good size and shape, well pencilled, pale col., good qual. and cond.; vhc, W. Jones; c, T. Jones. BULLF. (10): 1, Dalton, good bold exhibit, dense cap, lovely breast col., fine shape, cond., and qual.; 2, Holborrow, hen, a gem, lovely size and shape, tip-top cap and bars, nice col., qual. and cond.; 3, Lucas Bros., nice size, very cobby, fine cap, grand breast, col. and cond.; 4, Edwards, good size, col., and qual., nice dense cap, hardly as nice breast col. as loaders; vhc, Rudge; hc, Emanuel; c, Robinson. GOLDF. (14): 1, 2 spls, Gilbert, grand size, col. and shape, good rich expansive blaze, nice tans, bars and buttons; 2, Lucas Bros., another good one, rich square cut blaze, good shape, nice tan bars and buttons; 3, Lloyd James, shade smaller, very neat and shapely, good rich col. blaze, lovely tans and bars, nice col. and qual.; 4, Stowe, fine size and shape, good large blaze, hardly richness of col. of leaders; vhc, Edwards; hc, Evans, c, Rudge. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Dalton, well-known Redpoll and Siskin, in grand order; 3, Sampson, bonny Twite, rich col., nicely laced; 4, Edwards, nice Twite; vhc, Emanuel. GREENF. ETC. (5): 1, Holborrow, Greenf., good size, shape, nice bold head, good level cap, lovely qual., cond.; 2, Lloyd James, Chaff., nice size, splendid shape, good whites, fine breast col. and cond; 3, Noble, Greenf., F.-M., nice size, shape, good col., qual., very steady; 4, Sheppard; vhc Jones. A.O.V. (9): 1, spl, best Brit., Burrows, one of the largest Waxwings seen out for many years, grand shape, lovely col., splendid wings, grand qual. and cond.; 2, 3, Chick, Hawfinch and Yellowhammer, both noted birds often described, faultless cond.; 4, Robinson, charming Waxwing, perfect feather and cond., loses only in size to leader; vhc, Sheppard; hc, Rudge; c, Hiden. MULE (7): 1, spl, best in show, 3, Chick, the celebrated cl. jonque Greenf.-Can. often described, a real gem, latter grand cl. buff Greenf.-Can. in fine fettle; 2, 4, Mrs. Dalton, Dk. Greenf., wonderful subs., lovely col. and qual.; 4, Dk. Linnet, grand shape, tip-top col. and qual.; vhc, Breslauer; hc, c, Gilbert. HYB. (2): 1, 2, Mrs. Burgess, neat brace of Goldf.-Bullies in good order. SELL. (7): 1, Jones; 2, vhc, c, 3, Edwards; 4, Padfield; hc, Griffiths.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.

The Sutton-in-Ashfield and Huthwaite Amalgamated C.B. Soc. held its first open show, Jan. 20, in the large assembly room attached to the Railway Inn (the old Sutton headquarters). The entry was good, and quality throughout superb. Norwich were a grand lot, many "eye-openers" being put down. Yorkshires took the eye very much, and well-known exhibitors were to the fore with magnificent specimens. There were on view also some real champion Crests and Crestbreds. British and Mules were charming, battles being fought over again by some well-known warriors. Amongst the novices were many specimens quite capable of holding their own in the "upper circle." Sp. best bird by champion member went to W. Vardy with a grand unflig. yell. Nor. Best novice member, a very fine buff grizzled Crest, Norwood.

President Clayton is at the present time "doing his bit" for his country. Officers and committee are well known and practical fanciers, and secretaries Parkin and Conmah are energetic and courteous workers, and deserve all praise for good work executed. Stewards who lent valuable assistance were Messrs. S. Woolley, J. Rodgers and G. Sheperd (the latter acting as an assistant Sec. in fine style). Mr. W. Vardy, senr., also gave very useful help. Staging was neat and well thought out, and judging was over in good time, the management throughout being A1. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and gave full satisfaction.

CHAMP. YELL. NOR. (8): 1, c, Vardy, senr., check mkd., fine subs. and shape, lovely col. and feather, grand carr., gem; 2, vhc, Houghton, mkd. wing and eye, A1 qual. and col., shapely, capital action, hardly so large; 3, Vardy, junr., nice shaped cl., good in feather and col.; hc, Thomas. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Vardy, junr., cl., beautiful feather, a col., short and thick, plenty of size; 2, vhc, Vardy, senr., mkd. wing and head, magnificent feather and col., neat head and neck; 3, Houghton, cl., splendid feather and col., true type, tight as wax. GREEN (3): 1, 2, Vardy, senr., yell. var., wonderful subs., qual. and col., good shape; 2nd, buff green, cobby, superb qual., grand shape and carr.; 3, Houghton. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Thomas, noted cl., looking as well as ever, a goal "big 'un"; 2, Vardy, senr., cl., cobby, feathered to perfection, rattling col., beaten only in size; 3, Vardy, junr. BUFF (3): 1, Houghton, cl. of marvellous size, charming shape, lovely feather, not hot, but a gem; 2, Vardy, senr., cl., A1 qual., better col., not the size, grand shape; 3, Smith. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, sp, 2, Vardy, senr., cl., wonderful subs., grand shape, slashing feather and col., clean cut; 2nd, cl., shapely, capital qual., nice tone of col.; 3, Houghton. BUFF (9): 1, Houghton, var., topper for col. and qual., grand shape, well up in subs., A1 carr.; vhc, Vardy, senr., tkd. head, rich col., silky, plenty of size; 3, hc, Thomas, tkd. head, ablaze in col., superior feather, nice shape, beaten in subs.; c, Smith. HEN (10): 1, Houghton, cl. buff, the best we have seen this season, magnificent all through, one with a future; 2, hc, Vardy, senr., very shapely cl. yell., grand shape, feather and col., in the pink; 3, Thomas, buff, tkd. head, good in qual., nice col., A1 shape. YELL. YORKS (9): 1, Dykes, mkd. wings and eyes, smooth as wax, hot as fire, straight as a rush; 2, Green, cl., superb feather and col., grand pos. and length, well on leg, close up; 3, vhc, Sheppard, cl., straight, A1 qual., good back and wing carr.; hc, Lanckham; c, Thomas. BUFF (8): 1, Dykes, var., wonderful length, tight as a Java, staged to the moment; 2, Thomas, cl., straight and well clothed, capital col., clover legs, gem; 3, Sheppard, tkd. neck, A1 qual. and col., nice pos.; vhc, Lanckham; hc, Green; c, Miller. HEN (8): 1, Dykes, cl. yell., marvellous length, lovely col., grand pos., well on leg, real charmer; 2, Thomas, cl. yell., straight, A1 qual. and col., fair of style, beaten a little in length; 3, Green, buff mkd. wings, capital feather, nice length, good back and wing carr.; vhc, Lanckham; hc, Thomas; c, Beardall and Walker. UNFLIG. (9): 1, vhc, Thomas, cl. yell., lovely symmetry, feathered to perfection, A1 col.; 2, Dykes, cl. yell., shooty, grand feather, hardly so lengthy, still a beauty; 3, Lanckham, cl. buff, wonderful length, capital pos., superb feather, well on leg; hc, Green; c, Beardall and Walker. CREST (2): 1, 2, Norwood, buff var. D.C., winner shade largest and little more dense in "toppin," beauties. C.B. (2): 1, 2, Norwood, buff mkd. head and buff var., rare size, grand skulls, former has it in width and length of head feather. GOLDF., ETC. 12): 1, Leadbeater, well known, often described as a gem, and rightly so; 2, Henshaw, Bullf., rare size, best of shape, nice breast, capital cap, in the pink; 2, Simms, Goldf., good size and shape, neat bars and buttons, beaten a little in blaze; vhc, Chick; hc, Evans; c, Davis and Harper. LINNET (10): 1, c, Parlett, well up in size, nice qual., good col., neatly pencilled; 2, 3, Leadbeater, beauties, graud col., lovely qual., well mkd., little separates them, pressed hard for premier honours; vhc, Simms; hc, Daws and Harper. GREENF. (3): 1, Parlett, fine size, shape and col., begins to show the "old man," still a good one; 2, Henshaw, shapely, good subs., not quite the col., yet close up; 3, Mossendew. SISKIN (10): 1, 2, vhc, Simms, magnificent Twite and charming Redpoll, both put down in style, credit to owner; 3, Evans, nice Mealy, good in shape, size and qual., nice markings; hc, Parlett. A.O.V. (9): 1, 2, 3, Chick, real "knock outs," Hawfinch, Yellow Bunting and Corn Bunting. MULE (3): 1, 2, Chick, the wonderful cl. yell. Greenf.-Can. leading; 2nd, tkd. buff (same mixture), will want some whacking; 3, Mallatratt, G-pointed buff Goldf.-Can., quite good enough to win at most shows. DARK (2): 1, 2, Parlett, well known yel. Greenf.-Can. and a real good Goldf.-Can, both in fine fettle. NOV. YELL. NOR. (8): 1, Hawkins, lovely cl., fine shape and size, A1 qual. and col.; 2, c, Parkin, very massive var., grand feather, good body and wing carr., not the head; 3, Taylor, shapely cl., A1 col. and qual., smaller, yet neat; vhc, Bradley; hc, Evans. BUFF (7): 1, Hawkins, mkd., rare shape and subs., capital feather and col., good carr.; 2, c, Woolley, mkd., shapely, A1 col. and qual., beaten in subs.; 3, vhc, Parkin, nice cl., good type, col. and carr.; hc, Evans. HEN (7): 1, Taylor, cl. yell., rich col, silky texture shapely A1 carr.; 2, c, Hawkins, cl. buff, tight as wax, capital shape and col.; 3, Woolley, cl. yell., good col.; vhc, hc, Parkin. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Bradley, shapely cl. buff, A1 qual. and col., well up in size; 2, c, Parkin, neat cl. yell., well feathered and nicely fed, not the biggest, still pleasing; 3, vhc, Hawkins, var. yell., nice shape, col. and qual., moves well; hc, Woolley. YELL. YORKS (7): 1, vhc, Wilson, straight, tight, lengthy and stylish; 2, 3, Sawer Bros., mkd. wing and var., very typical, former has it in length. BUFF (1): 1, Wilson, tkd. head, nice feather and col., good type and length. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, Wilson, cl. yell., cl. buff and ditto, very charming, all in highest possible trim; vhc, Cope. UNFLIG. (9): 1, hc, c, Wilson, cl. yell., shooty and lengthy, A1 qual. and col.; 2, 3, Sawer Bros., cl. buff, capital feather, stands well, good length and style; 3rd, var. yell., nice col. and qual., good type, well on leg; vhc, Cope. CREST (8): 1, sp, 2, Norwood, buff, cl. body grizzled Crest, rare subs., crest large and dense, delightful droop and centre; 2nd, buff green pied tail, plenty of size, crest round as a rim, nice droop, not so thickly packed, yet a beauty; 3, c, Searson, buff green, heaps of rich feather, grand body subs., crest of capital formation, neat droop and centre; vhc, Fox; hc, Levers. C.B. (8): 1, 2, Norwood, buff var., immense subs., wealth of feather, grand skulls, fine lashing, little in them; 3, c, Fox, cl. buff, well up in size, heaps of feather, not quite the rise or width of skull: vhc, Levers; hc, Searson.

Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

BOWLING B.F.A.

Last show of the year, Jan. 13, Barley Mow Hotel. 59 birds were judged to the satisfaction of all by Mr. S. Wilcock (Eccleshill). Champ. Class I (4): 1, 2, Casey; 3, Padgett; 4, Hudson. Class 2 (4): 1, Hudson; 2, Padgett; 3, 4, Blenzard. Class 3 (2): 1, Hudson; 2, Pownall Bros. Class 4 (3): 1, Casey; 2, Padgett; 3, Hudson. Class 5 (3): 1, 3, Padgett; 2, Casey. Class 6 (3): 1, Padgett; 2, Bleazard; 3, Casey. Class 7 (2): 1, Hudson; 2, Pownall Bros. Class 8 (11): 1, 3, Pownall Bros.; 2, 4, Hudson. Novice. Class 9 (8): 1, 2, 4, Robinson; 3, Nicholl. Class 10 (3): 1, Robinson; 2, Nicholl; 3, J. W. Wood. Class 11 (2): 1, Robinson; 2, Nicholl. Class 12 (8): 1, Robinson; 2, Nicholl; 3, 4, Robinson. Class 13 (2): 1, Nicholl; 2, Robinson. Class 14 (3): 1, 3, Robinson; 2, Nicholl. Class 16 (1): 1, Robinson. The following are winners of medals and specials for 1916:—Champ.: 1, L. C. Casey, 111 points; 2, C. Padgett, 93; 3, Pownall Bros., 85 4, J. E. Hudson, 76. Pownall Bros. win cinnamon special. Novice: 1, T. Robinson, 123 points; 2, J. Nicholl, 116; 3, Wood and Mirfield, 51; 4, J. C. Hodgson, 37. T. Robinson wins the Cowell cup for the first year with 154 points, also spl. most points in cl. or tkd. classes, and spl. most entries throughout the year. J. Nicholl wins spl. most points in green-marked classes.—J. Nicholl, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

First of a series of table shows, Y.M. Halls, Jan. 27, was very successful, with an entry of 75. Borders were judged by Mr. McLuse, Hamilton. Some good birds on view, and he had quite a task to select the winners. Birds were out in as good style as if staged for the National. Points spl. was won by Allan Thomson. F.-M. Linnet, Greenf., and Bullf. hens were judged by Mr. Crawford (Cambuslang). The Greenf. class had not the quality of birds as in former years, although the winner was a fine specimen, but what it lost was made up in Linnets. I have not seen a better class this season. Some of the early season winners were sitting cardless. W. P. Campbell won points spl. in British. Points: Thomson 31, Campbell 21, Clark 17, Ferguson 16, Gilchrist 12, Kennedy 12, Norwich, etc., on 3rd. Yorkshire, etc., on 17th. Pairs on 3rd March.—Allan Thomson, Secretary.

WINCHBURGH C.B.C.

Annual show, Dec. 0. Although the entry was not so good as last year, the fanciers of the district seem to be going in for a better class of birds. The committee were fortunate in being presented with a beautiful rose-bowl for competition for most points by Mrs. Hood, Rowanbank, Kirkliston. Mr. Hood, after a keen contest, won the bowl for the first year. Mr. J. McLay judged Scotch Fancies and Borders; Mr. John Moreland, Norwich and British; and gave entire satisfaction.

Scotch Fancy Yell. Cock: 1, Russell; 2, Aitken. Buff: 1, spl, Aitken; 2, 3, Russell. Hen: 1, 3, Russell; 2, Somerville. Old Cock: 1, spl, 3, Russell; 2, Aitken. Hen: 1, Duncan; 2, Aitken; 3, Russell. Crest Hen: 1, spl, Bishop. C.B. Cock: 1, Sharp. Hen: 1, Bishop. Old Crest Cock: 1, 2, 3, spl, Bishop. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Bishop. C.B.: 1, 3, Bishop; 2, Sharp. P.H. Cock, C.F.: 1, Robb. N.F.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Russell. Hen: 1, 2, Russell; 3, Robertson. Old P.H., C.F.: 1, Robb; 2, 3, Sharp. N.F.: 1, 3, spl, Robb; 2, Legbie. Sell., P.H.: 1, 2, spl, Robb; 3, Southern. Bord.—Cl. Yell. Cock: 1, 2, spl, Hood; 3, Bishop. Hen: 1, 2, Hood; 3, Boag. Buff Cock: 1, Boag; 2, 3, Hood. Hen: 1, Williams; 2, 3, Hood. Yellow Varieg.: 1, Boag; 2, Bishop; 3, Aitken. Buff: 1, 3, spl, Hood; 2, Williams. Even Mark: 1, Hood; 2, Aitken; 3, Russell. Green: 1, Boag; 2, Anderson; 3, Aitken. Clun.: 1, 2, Boag; 3, Aitken. Old Bord. Cock: 1, 2, 3, spl, Hood. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Hood. Sell., Bord.: 1, Bishop; 2, Turnbull; 3, Boag. Mule: 1, Watt; 2, 3, Robertson. Siskin, Etc.: 1, 3, Southern; 2, Sharp. Linnet: 1, Aitken; 2, 3, Southern. Greenf.: 1, Southern; 2, 3, Sharp. Hardbill: 1, 2, 3, Southern. Chaffinch: 1, 2, 3, Southern. Goldf.: 1, Southern; 2, Aitken; 3, Watt. Goldf., For.: 1, Beglie. Hen Brit.: 1, 2, Aitken; 3, Turnbull. For.: 1, 2, Southern; 3, Aitken. Gift: 1, Hood; 2, Duncan; 3, Drysdale.—A. Bishop, Sec.

BARROW C.B.A.

Annual members' show, Jan. 27, 27 members staging about 280 birds of quality far exceeding expectations. The judges, Messrs. Willings and Mulliner gave complete satisfaction. We missed the famous exhibits of Scotch Fancies of our old member, Mr. Willison (Bob), who has supported us on many occasions. His place was taken by Mr. W. Willison, who supported the classes with two good birds worthy of merit at any open show. Messrs. Henderson and Crosby won champ. Yorks. spl.; Morgan spl. novice; MacFarlane spl. best bird in show with a variegated Norwich cock; Bullas spl. best novice Nor.; spl. best Nov. Bord., Lancaster and Tranter. The stewards, Messrs. Marrello, Edmondson, Seward, Neal, and Brown, ably assisted and kept the judges going. Tom Croft, sec., assisted by Mr. Hale, treas., and Mr. Douglas, of Morcambe, got everything in order by opening time of the show, and everything went off with satisfaction.

Class 1, Yorks: 1, Henderson and Crosby; 2, hc, Douglas; 3, Todd; vhc, Boundy. Class 2: 1, 4, Henderson and Crosby; 2, R. Douglas; 3, Johnson; vhc, Todd. Class 3: 1, 4, Henderson and Crosby; 2, Boundy; 3, Seward; vhc, Todd. Class 4: 1, 2, Henderson and Crosby; 3, Boundy. Class 5: 1, hc, Johnson; 2, Henderson and Crosby; 3, Boundy; 4, Wald; c, Seward. Class 6: 1, vhc, Henderson and Crosby; 2, Seward; 3, Johnson; 4, Kent. Class 7: 1, Morgan; 2, Henderson and Crosby; 3, Johnson; 4, Mills. Norwich—Class 9: 1, Wagstaff; 2, McFarlane; 3, Neal; 4, vhc, Hodgson; hc, Johnson. Class 10: 1, 3, D. McFarlane; 2, Bullas. Class 11: 1, Wagstaff; 2, c, Bullas; 3, Johnson; 4, Seward; hc, vhc, Neal. Class 12: 1, McFarlane; 2, 3, Johnson; 4, Neal; vhc, hc, Hodgson Bros. Class 13: 1, 4, McFarlane; 2, Wagstaff; 3, hc, Johnson; vhc, Seward; c, Kent. Class 14: 1, 4, Johnson; 2, Neal; 3, Seward; vhc, Bullas; hc, Hodgson Bros. Class 15: 1, 2, Wagstaff; 3, hc, McFarlane; 4, Johnson; vhc, Neal; c, Hodgson Bros. Class 16 (3): 1, 2, Wagstaff; 3, McFarlane. Class 17 (3): 1, McFarlane; 2, Wagstaff; 3, Bullas. Class 18 (5): 1, 3, McFarlane; 2, 4, Kent; vhc, Brown. Class 19: 1, Willison. Class 20 (Scotch Fancy): 1, Willison. Class 21, Bord., Yell. Ck., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, Newby; 2, Shackley; 3, 4, Willison; vhc, Smith; hc, Edmondson. Class 22: 1, Newby; 2, hc, Shackley; 3, Willison; vhc, hc, Lancaster and Tranter; 4, J. Mills. Class 23: 1, vhc, Lancaster and Tranter; 2, 4, Edmondson; 3, Willison; hc, Shackley; c, Hodgson Bros. Class 24: 1, Edmondson; 2, Lancaster and Tranter; 3, Shackley; 4, Croft and Houlgrave; vhc, Newby. Class 25: 1, Edmondson; 2, Hale and Saul; 3, Shackley; 4, Smith; vhc, Lancaster and Tranter. Class 26: 1, c, Lancaster and Tranter; 2, Edmondson; 3, Shackley; 4, Willison; vhc, Smith; hc, Croft and Houlgrave. Class 27: 1, 2, Shackley; 3, Croft and Houlgrave. Class 28: 1, McFarlane; 2, Smith; 3, Lancaster and Tranter; 4, Edmondson; vhc, J. Mills. Class 29: 1, 3, Willison; 2, Shackley. Class 30: 1, 3, Willison; 2, Croft and Houlgrave; vhc, Edmondson. Class 31: 1, Willison; 2, Newby; 3, 4, vhc, Edmondson. Class 32: 1, Willison; 2, Shackley; 3, Smith. Class 33: 1, 4, Smith; 2, 3, Shackley. Class 34: 1, 2, 3, 4, Smith. Class 35: 1, Curphy; 2, Neal; 3, Marrello and Son; 4, Johnson; vhc, Miss Winder; hc, Smith; c, Mackie. Class 36: 1, Marello and Son; 2, Curphy; 3, McFarlane; 4, hc, Johnson; vhc, Edmondson; c, Curphy. Class 37: 1, Johnson; 2, Marrello and Son; 3, Mackie; 4, Hale and Saul; vhc, hc, Curphy; c, Brown. Class 38: 1, Johnson; 2, Marrello and Son; 3, Edmondson; 4, Hale and Saul; vhc, Neal. Class 39: 1, 4, Miss Winder; 2, Hale and Saul; vhc, Brown; 3, hc, c, J. F. Curphy. Class 40: 1, Shackley; 2, 4, Miss Winder; 3, Mackie; vhc, Johnson; hc, J. B. Seward; c, Curphy. Class 41: 1, Shackley; 2, Marrello and Son; 3, J. B. Seward; 4, Mackie; vhc, Hale and Saul; hc, Brown. Class 42: 1, Johnson; 2, 4, Mackie; 3, J. B. Seward; vhc, Marrello and Son; c, Neal. Class 43: 1, Johnson; 2, Miss Winder; 3, Brown; 4, J. F. Curphy. Class 44: 1, McFarlane; 2, 3, Marrello and Son. Class 45: 1, Mackie; 2, Johnson; 3, Brown. Class 46: 1, 2, Wagstaff. Sell.: 1, Wagstaff; 2, 4, Newby; 3, Willison; vhc, Johnson; hc, c, Morgan.—T. A. Croft, Hon. Sec.

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MEMBERS' SHOWS

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GARSTON B.B.A.

First show of the season, headquarters, Jan. 17, a night show of British, 20 excellent birds being staged. Mr. A. E. Wilkins judged and gave satisfaction. During judging the business of the society was carried ont, after which Mr. W. Bryant gave a few words on how to catch Goldfinches, and those who had the pleasure of hearing him were keenly interested. It is to be regretted that fanciers who live in close proximity to the club room do not make the meetings more successful by their presence instead of leaving the business of the society to be carried on by those ever-presents from a distance. Mule (5): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Lloyd; 3, Thistlewaite. Goldf. (5): 1, 2, 3, Bryant; vhc, Lonsdale; hc, Thistlewaite. Hen (3): 1, Lloyd; 2, Lonsdale; 0, Rothwell; vhc, Lonsdale. Green. (2): 1, Rothwell; 2, Thistlewaite. Bullf. (3): 1, Bryant; 2, 3, Lonsdale. Bramble, Etc. (5): 1, 2, Lloyd; 3, hc, Rothwell; vhc, Lonsdale. Redpoll (2): 1, Lloyd; 2, Thistlewaite. Hen (3): 1, Lloyd; 2, Lonsdale; 3, Rothwell. All points to count toward season spls. Eight new members were elected: Messrs. T. Jones, M. Gittens, B. Wilson, G. Alexander, W. Tipping, A. Phillips, G. Thistlewaite, and F. E. Minoprio.—R. T. Lonsdale, Hon. Sec.

GUISELEY, YEADON C.B.S.

Last show of the season, Dec. 26, Liberal Club, Guiseley, 99 birds staged; Mr. W. Stables judged and gave entire satisfaction.

Class 1: 1, Myers and Thornton; 2, 3, Dibb; vhc, Long and Fawcett; hc, c, Brown. Class 2: 1, Dibb; 2, Wheatley and Son; 3, Scott; vhc, Long and Fawcett; hc, c, Brown. Class 3: 1, Myers and Thornton; 2, Scott; 3, Hardaker; vhc, Dibb; hc, Fenwick; c, Webster. Class 4: 1, Myers and Thornton; 2, Long and Fawcett; 3, Dibb; vhc, hc, Brown. Class 5: 1, 3, Myers and Thornton; 2, c, Wheatley and Son; vhc, hc, Brown. Class 6: 1, vhc, Myers and Thornton; 2, Dibb; 3, Brown; hc, c, Scott. Class 7: 1, Brown; 2, Long and Fawcett; 3, Myers and Thornton; vhc, c, Wheatley and Son; hc, Dibb. Class 8: 1, 3, Myers and Thornton; 2, vhc, Brown; hc, Dibb, c, Scott. Class 9: 1, 2, Brown; 3, Scott. Class 10: 1, 2, hc, c, Long and Fawcett; 2, Hardaker, vhc, Scott. Class 11: 1, c, Long and Fawcett; 2, hc, Scott; 3, Bunting and Son; vhc, Bateson. Class 12: 1, 3, Wheatley and Son; 2, hc, Long and Fawcett; c, Bunting and Son; vhc, Hardaker. Champions: Points: Myers and Thornton, winners of the Belgian cup, 95; Brown, 71; Long and Fawcett, 71; Dibb, 61; Hardaker, 27; Andrews, 19. Novices: Wheatley and Son win novice medal with 53 points, Scott, 52; Webster, 17; Fenwick, 12; Bateson, 10; Bunting and Son, 10; Cawood, 2.—M. Scott, Sec.—(Please see notice at head of members' shows.—Ed.).

AUDLEY ROLLER C.C.

Third annual contest Jan. 6, Infants' School, Church Street. Entries totalled 63. The first prize for Class 1 was a cup given by the club, and medal by Mr. J. T. Dudley, and the 1st prize in Class 2 was 10s. in cash. Mr. T. Aldridge won Mr. H. M. Wood's medal for best bird shown by an Audley member. Mr. J. Tomlinson (Newcastle, Staffs) judged and mentioned that the old birds were an excellent class generally. Various local gentlemen contributed to the special prize fund.

YOUNG BIRDS, 1916 RING: 1, spl, cup, T. Aldridge, HR 4, HB 3, B 4, S 3, F2, WR 2, WG 2, BT 2, BR 2, GE 4, total 28; 2, spl, Dudley, HR 5, HB 4, B 2, S 3, F 2, WR 2, WG 2, BT 1, BR 2, GE 4, total 27; 3, T. Aldridge, HR 2, HB 2, B 5, S 2, F 3, WR 2, WG 3, BT 2, BR 2, GE 3, total 26; 4, Audley, HR 4, HB 3, B4, S 3, F 3, WR 2, WG 2, GE 4, total 25; vhc, spl, Scott, HR 5, HB 3, B 3, S 2, F 2, WR 3, BT 1, BR 2, GE 4, total 25; hc, spl, West, HR 3, HB 2, B 4, S 2,, G 2, F 3, WR 3, WG 3, GE 3, total 25; ex. hc, spl, R. Aldridge, HR 5, HB 3, B 3, S 3, F 2, WR 2, BT 2, BR 2, GE 4, 1 off, total 25; c, Williams 23, Bibbey 23, Beech 23, Scott 23, G. Aldridge 24. OLD BIRDS: 1, Bibbey, HR 5, HB 3, B 4, S 4, F 2, WR 2, WG 4, BR 2, GE 4, total 30; 2, Dudley, HR 4, BB 2, B 5, S 4, F 2, WR 3, WG 2, BT 2, BR 2, BG 2, GE 3, 1 off, total 30; 3, Downes, HR 6, HB 4, B 5, F 2, WR 2, WG 2, BR 2, BG 2, GE 4, total 29; 4, Watson, HR 5, HB 2, B 3, S 4, F 3, WR 3, WG 2, BG 2, GE 4, total 28; vhc, spl, T. Aldridge, HR 6, HB 3, B 4, S 3, F 2, WR 2, WG 2, BT 2, BR 2, BG 1, GE 3, 2 off, total 28; hc, spl, Johnson, HR 5, HB 2, S 4, F 3, WR 3, WG 3, BT 1, BG 2, GE 4, total 27; c, spl, Watson, HR 4, HB 4; B 3, S 2, F 2, WR 3, BT 1, BR 2, BG 2, GE 4, total 27; ex. c, spl, Bibbey, HR 5, HB 3, S 4, F 3, WR 3, WG 3, BT 1, BR 2, GE 3, total 27; c, Williams 26, Beech 26, Scott 26, Booth (two birds) 26.—A. Dean, Show Sec.

BOLTON ROLLER C.S.

Annual contest under the Provincial Roller C.C. patronage, held at the Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, Bolton. An entry of 258 birds, a record for this fixture, was received. In the champion young bird class Mr. J. T. Johnson gave a cup as spl., and in the novices there was also a cup given from the prize funds. Two medals were given by the P.R.C.C. for best bird in Class 1, and in Class 2. Other specials were given by Messrs. R. Bumby, R. M. Nuttall, D. Smith, and J. Gostling. Extra prizes of 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. were given, besides numerous other cash specials. Mr. J. T. Johnson, Bacup, won members' cup for most points.

Mr. Ormston, hon. sec., and a staff of well-chosen enthusiastic helpers got the birds ready for the judges, and a good number of spectators attended on both days, everything going off in grand style. A word of praise is due to the Secretary's wife, who did a great deal of clerical work connected with the show, also to Mr. R. M. Nuttall, who interested himself in the judges' welfare. The judges were: Mr. J. Kilshaw (Bolton), Mr. G. Warcing (Tottington), Mr. J. Lyons (Blackburn).

NOVICE ANY AGE (Judge, G. Warcing): 1, spl, Smith, HR 5, HB 3, B 5, S 2, F 3, WG 3, BR 1, BT 1, GE 4, total 27 points; 2, spl, Crank, HR 5, HB 3, B 4, S 2, F 3, WG 3, BR 1, BT 1, GE 4, total 26; 3, spl, Barnes, HR 5, HB 2, B 5, S 3, F 2, WG 2 BR 1, BT 1, GE 4, total 25; 4, spl, Gradwell, HR 4, HB 3, B3, S 4, F 4, WG 2, BT 1, GE 4, total 25; vhc, Mantle, Fitzgerald, 24 each; hc, Ball, 24; c, Evans, 24. OPEN CHAMP. (Judge, G. Warcing): 1, spl, Lomax, HR 6, B 3, HB 2, S 3, WG 2, F 2, BR 1, BT 2, GE 4, total 25; 2, spl, Best, HR 5, B 3, HB 2, S 2, WG 3, F 2, BR 2, BT 2, GE 4, 25; 3, spl, Beetson, HR 5, B 3, HB 2, S 3, F3, WG 2, BR 1, BT 2, GE 3, 24; 4, spl, Mrs. Johnson, HR 4, B 4, HB 1, S 3, WG 3, F 3, BR 2, BT 1, GE 3, 24; vhc, Hickton & Ollier 23, Baggaley 22; hc, Wardle-worth 22; c, Ormston 22. AMAT. ANY AGE (Judge, G. Warcing): 1, spl, Beetson, HR 5, B 3, HB 2, S 3, WG 3, F 3, BR 1, BT 2, GE 4, total 26; 2, spl, Tomlinson, HR 4, B 4, HB 3, S 2, WG 3, F 3 BR 1, BT 1, GE 4, total 25; 3, spl, Culshaw, HR 4, B 4, HB 2, S 3, WG 3, F 2, BR 1, BT 2, GE 4, total 25; 4, spl, Mawhood, HR 5, B 3, HB 2, S 2, WG 3, F 3, BR 1, BT 1, GE 4, total 24; vhc, Hickton and Ollier 24, Smith 24; hc, Appleby, 23; c, Gradwell, 22. CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS (Judge, Mr. Lyons): 1, spl, Hilson, HR 5, HB 3, B 5, F 3, S 2, G 3, WG 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 4, total 30; ex-1, spl, Rhodes, HR 6, HB 2, B 5, S 3, BG 2, F 2, WG 2, BT 1, BR 2, GE 4, total 29; 2, spl, Hilson, HR 5, HB 2, B 4, S 3, G 4, F 2, WG 2, BT 1, BR 2, GE 4, total 29; ex-2, spl, Shepley, HR 5, HB 3, B 4, S 2, G 1, F 2, GR 2, WG 2, DBWT 2, BT 1, BR 1, GE 3, total 28; 3, spl, Harper, HR 6, HB 3, B 4, S 2, F 2, WR 2, WG 3, BT 1, BR 2, GE 3, total 28; ex-3, spl, Mrs. Johnson, HR 5, HB 3, B 6, S 2, F 2, GR 2, WG 2, BT 1, BR 2, GE 3, total 28; 4, spl, Best, HR 5, HB 3, B 5, S 2, BG 3, F 2, WG 2, BT 1, BR 2, GE 3, total 28; ex-4, spl, Bumby, HR 5, HB 3, B 5, S 2, F 3, GR 2, WG 2, BT 1, BR 2, GE 3, total 28; vhc, Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, Stephenson, 28 each; hc, Smith, Bumby, 28 each; c, Hibbert, Rhodes, 27 each. NOVICE (Judge, J. Kilshaw): 1, spl, Roath, HR 5, B 4, HB 2, S 2, WG 3, F 3, WR 2, BR 2, GE 5, total 28; ex-1, spl, Dickenson, HR 4, B 4, HB 1, S 2, G 3, WG 2, F 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 5, total 26; 2, spl, Jackson, HR 4, B 4, HB 2, S 3, WG 4, F 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 4, total 26; ex-2, spl, Roberts, HB 5, B 4, HB 2, S 2, WG 2, F 2, WR 1, BR 1, BT 2, GE 4, total 25; 3, spl, Earnshaw, HR 5, B 4, HB 2, S 2, G 2, WG 2, F 2, BR 2, GE 5, 1 off, total 25; ex-3, spl, Mather, HR 4, B 3, HB 2, S 2, WG 2, F 2, WR 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 4, total 24; 4, spl, Biddulph, HR 5, B 4, HB 2, S 3, WG 2, F 2, BR 1, BT 1, GE 4, total 24; ex-4, Roath, HR 4, B 4, BB 2, S 2, G 3, F 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 4, total 24; vhc, Kimpton 24, Roath 24; hc, Ashton, Tavagar, Evans, Mead, 24 each; c, Greenall 23, Arnott 23.—T. Ormston, Sec.

ACCRINGTON C.B.S.

Annual members' show, Jan. 27, in Mr. Openshaw's shipping offices, Crawshaw Hall. Some grand birds were staged, many well-known winners being among them. Mr. Hirst judged Cinnamons; Mr. Crawshaw Amateur birds; Mr. Harwood and Mr. Rooney Champions. Special winners: Champion cup, W. Crawshaw; 2nd best, J. Chippindale; 3rd best, J. Hartup; amateur bird cup, H. Waddington; 2nd best, D. Harwood; 3rd best, W. Parkinson.

Champ. Nor. Yell Ck.: 1, Crawshaw; 2, Chippindale. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Crawshaw. Yell. Hen: 1, Crawshaw. Buff: 1, Crawshaw; 2, Stuttard; 3, Hirst. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Crawshaw; 3, Hirst. Buff Ck.: 1, 3, Chippindale; 2, Hirst. Hen: 1, 2, Chawshaw; 3, Hirst. Cin.: 1, 2, Hartup. Unflig.: 1, Hartup. Hen: 1, Hartup. Yorks, Buff Ck.: 1, Hirst. Unflig Birds: 1, 2, Hirst. Amat. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, Parkinson; 2, Rooney. Buff: 1, 3, Waddington; 2, Aspin. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Rooney; 2, Waddington. Buff: 1, Rooney; 2, Parkinson; 3, Harwood. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Harwood. Buff: 1, Parkinson; 2, Fairhurst; 3, Rooney. Hen: 1, 3, Harwood; 2, Parkinson. A.O.V.: 1, Crawshaw; 2, Rooney. Nat. Col.: 1, Crawshaw; 2, Rooney.—Wm. Robinson, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Show, Miners' Hall, Dec. 26, with an entry of 156. Mr. W. Reid, Sunderland, judged all but Crests; Mr. J. T. Clark Crests. The show proved a success, the gate being good and also the receipts from the bird and cage competition.

Nor. Yell. Cl. or Inv. Tick, 1916: 1, Machin; 2, Riseborough; 3, Thwaites. Buff: 1, Barnes; 2, Machin; 3, Riseborough. A.O.V. 1916: 1, Potts; 2, 3, Barnes. Yell. Old Bird: 1, Johnson; 2, Riseborough; 3, Potts. Buff: 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Riseborough. Crest Dark Buff, 1916: 1, 2, Swan; 3, T. Smith. C.-B., 1916: 1, 2, 3, Riseborough. Crest, A.V., 1916: 1, 3, Swan; 2, Riseborough. Crest, Old Bird: 1, T. Smith; 2, 3, Swan. C.-B.: 1, 2, Swan; 3, Riseborough. Cinn. Buff Self 1916: 1, Barnes. Old Bird: 1, Barnes; 2, Machin. Bord. Yell. Cl. or Tick, 1916: 1, Swan. A.O.V., 1916: 1, 3, T. Davison; 2, Peacock. Yell. Old Bird: 1, Peacock; 2, 3, T. Davison. Buff: 1, 2, 3, T. Davison. Yorks Yell. Cl. or Inv. Tick, 1916: 1, Swan; 2, Russell; 3, Riseborough. Buff: 1, Swan; 2, Russell; 3, W. R. Smith. A.O.V.: 1, 2, W. R. Smith; 3, Swan. Yell Old Bird: 1, W. R. Smith; 2, Russell; 3, Swan. Buff: 1, Swan; 2, W. R. Smith; 3, Russell. Lizard, 1916: 1, 3, G. Davidson; 2, Riseborough. Old Bird: 1, 2, Johnson. Linnet, H.-M.: 1, 2, 3, Waters. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 3, Waters; 2, T. Smith. A.O. Finch or Bunt., H.-M.: 1, 2, Waters; 3, T. Davison Linnet, F.-M.: 1, 3, Waters; 2, Peacock. A.O. Finch or Bunting, F.-M.: 1, 3, Waters; 2, Peacock. Spls. most points Nor.: Riseborough: Crests, Swan; Cinn., Barnes; Bord., T. Davison. Yorks, W. R. Smith; Lizard, Johnson. British, Waters. Best Young Can., T. Davison; Yorks, W. R. Smith; Brit., Waters.—F. Riseborough, Asst. Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX C.B.S.

3rd annual members' show, Jan. 20, King Cross Band-room; 97 birds staged. Mr. P. Mason, Shipley, judged, and his awards were highly satisfactory. Mr. C. Pickup, Great Horton, was the appointed judge, but owing to illness, the society had to fall back on Mr. Mason, the reserve judge appointed. The stewards, Messrs. W. Briggs and J. Taylor, very ably carried out their duties. Mr. A. Sutcliffe, sec., was very well assisted by Mr. E. Stobart. This being the last show of the season, the competitions for the year now close. Winners are:—Open section, 1, cup, A. Sutcliffe, 79 points; 2, J. T. Sharpe, 75; 3, E. Stobart, 74; 4, S. S. Rigg, 69; 5, J. E. Priestley, 61; Novice section, 1, cup, W. Mitchell, 101 points, 2, J. Gelder, 96; 3, C. Wilson, 93; 4, C. Senior, 79; 5, H. Stocks, 45. A good lot of specials were competed for at this show, but are unavoidably held over until the next meeting, Feb. 1.

Open, Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Sharpe; 3, Stobart; 4, Priestley; vhc, Rigg. Buff: 1, Sharpe; 2, Rigg; 3, Sutcliffe; 4, Priestley; vhc, Stobart. Yell. Hen: 1, Rigg; 2, Sharpe; 3, Priestley; 4, Stobart; vhc, Walsh. Buff: 1, Sharpe; 2, Stobart; 3, Priestley; 4, Rigg; vhc, Sutcliffe. Unflig.: 1, 2, Sharpe; 3, Rigg; 4, Priestley; vhc, Walsh; hc, Stobart; c, Sutcliffe. Hen: 1, vhc, Sharpe; 2, Rigg; 3, Priestley; 4, hc, Sutcliffe; c, Stobart. Even. Etc.: 1, 4, hc, Sharpe; 2, Priestley; 3 Walsh; vhc, Stobart; c, Sutcliffe. Hen: 1, 2, Priestley; 3, Stobart; 4 hc, c, Sutcliffe; vhc Sharpe. Nov., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, W. Mitchell; 2, Wild; 3, Wilson; 4, vhc, Gelder. Buff: 1, ? Wilson; 3 Gelder. Yell. Hen: 1, W. Mitchell. Buff: 1, W. Mitchell; 2, 3, Wilson; 4, Briggs. Unflig.: 1, Morton; 2, Gelder; 3, Briggs; 4, Wilson; vhc W. Mitchell; hc, Stocks; c, Stansfield. Hen: 1, Wild; 2, c, Gelder; 3, vhc, W. Mitchell; 4, Wilson; hc, Stocks. Even. Etc.: 1 hc, Gelder; 2, Stocks; 3, W. Mitchell; 4, vhc Wilson. Hen: 1, Briggs; 2, Wild; 3 Wilson; 4, W. Mitchell; vhc, Stansfield. Self or Foul Ck.: 1, W. Mitchell. Hen: 1, Briggs; 2, Gelder.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

SKELMANTHORPE C.B.A.

Last show for season, Jan. 27, E. Clegg (Dewsbury) judged; 97 birds staged. Champ. Yell. Ck.: 1, Hirst; 2, Hellewell; 3, vhc, hc, Dyson; 4, Wadsworth. Buff: 1, 2, Dyson; 3, Radley; 4, Hellewell. Mkd.: 1, Dyson; 2, Hellewell. Yell. Hen: 1, Hellewell; 2, Taylor; 3, Radley. Buff: 1, Taylor; 2, Peel; 3, Wadsworth; 4, Radley. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Radley; 2, Peel; 3, 4, Taylor. Buff: 1, Radley; 2, Hirst; 3, hc, Wadsworth; 4, Hellewell; vhc, Taylor. Unflig. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Hirst; 2, Radley; 4, Taylor. Buff: 1, 2, Hirst; 3, Radley; 4, Taylor. Mkd. Hen: 1, vhc, Radley; 2, 3, Wadsworth; 4, Peel; hc, Taylor. Nov. Yell. Ck.: 1, W. Lodge; 2, H. Lodge; 3, J. Radley; 4, Fisher; vhc, Taylor; hc, Bower. Buff: 1, H. Lodge; 2, S. Fisher; 3, G. H. Fisher; 4, Heeley; vhc, J. Bower; hc, J. E. Bower. Mkd. Ck.: 1, H. Lodge; 2, G. H. Fisher; 3, G. E. Bower. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, W. Lodge; 2, Heeley; 4, H. Lodge. Buff: 1, G. H. Fisher; 2, vhc, Heeley; 3, Taylor; 4, G. E. Bower. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: 1, H. Lodge; 2, 4, Heeley; 3, Taylor. Buff: 1, Heeley; 2, G. H. Fisher; 3, J. Radley; 4, Taylor; vbc, hc, T. Fisher; c, J. Radley. Unflig. Yell. Hen: 1, G. E. Bower; 2, H. Lodge; 3, Heeley; 4, G. E. Bower; vhc, J. Radley; hc, H. Lodge; c, W. Lodge. Buff: 1, G. H. Fisher; 2, 4, Taylor; 3, W. Lodge; vhc, G. E. Bower; hc, T. Fisher; 4, G. H. Fisher; vhc, H. Lodge. Points for season champ.: A. Radley, 127; P. Hirst, 113; F. Taylor 76, J. Hellewell, 70; L. Jepson, 68; L. Dyson, 59; W. Wadsworth, 43. Novice: A. Taylor, 105; H. Hodge, 90; G. E. Bower, 83; A. Heeley, 76; G. H. Fisher, 76; W. Lodge, 73; T. Fisher, 57.—J. H. Royston, Sec.

OPENSHAW, GORTON C.B.S,

Annual show, Dec. 26, club-room, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, with 133 entries. The birds made a grand display and the judge, Mr. A. G. Davies (Manchester) gave complete satisfaction. The gate was not a large one, but under the conditions was as much as could be expected. The trophy for four nominated birds at all shows was won again by Mr. Peters, and this splendid prize becomes the property of the winner outright. Annually, Mr. Richards has run a close second. Mr. Richards won amateur medal, four highest birds all shows; Mr. Peters a close second. Mr. Beddall won novice medal, Mr. Dixon close up. Mr. Green won spls. most points all shows and most points unflig.; Mr. Newton most points British and most points last three cards on all shows. Special prizes this show: Best bird and best colour-fed, Green; best Brit., Fletcher; Bord., Newton; most points unflig., Green; amateur, Newton; novice, Beddall; most entries, least points, amat., Etchells; novice, Alderson; most points in sections, Gilbert, Green, Beddall, Dixon and Newton.

Amat. Yorks Ck. (5): 1, Gilbert; 2, vhc, Fletcher; 3, 4, Green. Hen (5): 1, 2, 3, Gilbert; 4, vhc, Green. Ck. Unflig. (6): 1, Gilbert; 2, Green; 3, vhc, Etchells; 4, hc, Fletcher. Hen (6): 1, 2, Gilbert; 3, hc, Green; 4, vhc, Etchell. Nor. Yell. Ck. (4): 1, 4, Green; 2, Peters; 3, Richards. Buff (7): 1, vhc, hc, c, Chilton; 2, 4, Green; 3, Richards. Hen (5): 1, 3, Green; 2, abs., Peters; 4, Chilton. Yell. Ck. Unflig. (5): 1, Richards; 2, 4, Peters; 3, Chilton. Buff (7): 1, Peters; 2, Richards; 3, vhc, hc, Green; 4, Etchells. Yell. Hen Unflig. (3): 1, 3, Peters; 2, Etchells. Buff (9): 1, Richards; 2, Chilton; 3, vhc, hc, Green; 4, Etchells; c, Peters. Nov. Yorks Ck (3): 1, 3, Beddall; 2, Torkington. Buff Hen (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Beddall; 4, Torkington. Ck. Unflig. (7): 1, Torkington; 2, 3, 4, Beddall; vhc, Alderson; hc, c, Blinston. Nor. Ck. (6): 1, Woods; 2, 4, hc, Blinston; 3, Dixon; vbc, Alderson. Ck. Unflig. (4): 1, Dixon; 2, Woods; 3, Alderson; 4, Blinston. Hen (6): 1, Woods; 2, 3, 4, Dixon; vhc, hc, Blinston. Bord. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Newton; 4, hc, Slater. Bord. Unflig. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vbc c, Newton; hc, Slater. A.O.V. Can. (4): 1, 3, Newton; 2, 4, Alderson. Goldf., etc. (7): 1, hc, Newton; 2, Woods; 3, Green; 4, Slater; vhc, Blinston. Siskin, etc. (7): 1, 2, 3, hc, Newton; 4, vhc, Green. Brit. A.O.V. (6): 1, Fletcher; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Newton; hc, Blinston. Mule (1): 1, Newton.—A. W. Newton, Hon. Sec.

Please see notice at head of members' shows.—ED.

BARNSTAPLE C.B.S.

Second members' show for the season, Society's Exhibition Hall, High Street. Entries numbered 100. The secretarial work was ably carried out by Mr. E. Collins, who was also responsible for the management of the show. The quality was exceptionally good, and in every class could be found birds that would do credit in first-class company. Norwich as usual were very strong, with quality much advanced. Mr. T. Richards staged a grand team, and is to be congratulated on his success. His yellow cock, winner of special best Norwich, is a real gem, teeming with colour and a wonderful size. The trophy offered by the committee for most points in Canary section was also won by Mr. Richards, and this now becomes his own property, by having won same twice in succession. In Yorkshires quality was again to the front, and many open winners were staged. Mr. G. M. Pitt staged the cream of this section, and his yellow cock, winner of special best Yorks., is a bird full of merit. The cock which headed the buff class is a perfect specimen and must have pressed the yellow very hard for the special—truly two very fine birds from one room. In British, Mules, Hybrids and Foreign, Mr. E. Collins swept the decks, and right, too, for he staged a team that would have given a good account even at the Palace. His now well-known Goldfinch is beyond description, and was the admiration of all. This bird won the special for best British, and fully deserved the position. The Mule and Hybrid class contained birds of exceptional merit, the leader being a very fine buff 4 pointed Goldie-Canary, also the property of Mr. Collins; so were the winning Bullfinch, Whitethroat, and the charming Pintail Whydah, all 1st in their respective classes, and they were all staged to perfection. Mr. Collins was warmly congratulated by all upon winning for the first time the Dart challenge trophy for most points, with six nominated birds, also the section trophy for most points in British and Foreign. The judges were Mr. G. Lossemore, Norwich, and Mr. C. F. Dart remaining classes, and their awards gave every satisfaction.

Nor. Yell.: 1, spl, 2, vhc, Richards; 3, Hunt; hc, West; c, Dart. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Richards; vhc, Hunt; hc, c, West. Hen: 1, c, Dart; 2, 3, Richards; vhc, Hunt. Unflig. Cock: 1, vhc Richards; 2, Hunt; 3, West; hc, Dart. Unflig. Hen: 1, 3, Richards; 2, Hunt; vhc, hc, c, Hunt. Nat. Col.: 1, 2, vhc, Hunt; 3, Anning; hc, Dart. Yorks. Vell.: 1 spl, 2 3, Pitt; vhc Richards. Buff: 1, 2, Pitt; 3, Richards; vhc, Reynolds Unflig. Yell.: 1, Richards; 2, Pitt. Unflig. Buff: 1, Reynolds. A.O.V.: 1 Pitt; 2, Richard. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, 3 Collins; vhc, hc, c, Moorridge. Goldf.: 1, spl, vhc, Collins; 2, hc Halls; 3, Pitt; c, Moorridge. Bull.: 1, 3, Collins; 2, vhc hc, c Moorridge. A.O.V. Brit.: 1, hc, c, Collins; 2, Pitt; 3, vhc, Moorridge. For., A.V.: 1, spl, Collins; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Anning. Bel.: 1, Mogridge.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN

A SECOND MOULT.

Tim.—(1) No, I should not imagine that your working by gaslight in the room for a short time has anything at all to do with the birds dropping into a second moult. It is far more likely that the climatic conditions during the past few weeks are at the bottom of the mischief, especially if the room is very susceptible to outside changes. In addition to this, your dietary is not quite calculated to keep them in the best condition. Give a staple diet of three parts canarly to one part summer rape in the hoppers every day. In addition give separately every third day half a teaspoonful per bird of a mixture of two parts each, by measure, of hemp and the waste from thrashings, one part each niger, teazle, and broken groats, and add a sprinkling of dandelion and mustard seed to the bulk. On the intervening days give a morsel of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, and next a morsel of banana sweet apple or boiled carrot. In the drinking water add 20 drops of the following mixture two days in every three until the feathers cease dropping. Mixture: Dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add 30 drops of syrup of buckthorn and it is ready for use. Continue this treatment for a month, if necessary, and if the birds are not then quite all right, write again and repeat particulars. You would do well to examine your fresh brand of seed to see if it is quite sweet and good. See that it is quite free from any musty flavour. (2) Broken groats, which are termed "grits" in some places, are just the ordinary groats chopped or broken up. Any corn chandler, or dealer in seeds and poultry food would know what they are, and be able to supply you.

TRAINING ROLLERS.

F. C.—(1) I'm afraid it is too late now to begin to train a Roller cock bred last season. It has doubtless formed an idea of its own by this time as to the correct thing in song and, like all bad habits, it would be more likely to corrupt others than to learn what is good according to human ideas. If you could let it hear a good singing bird, preferably keeping it in a closed box meanwhile, it might make a good improvement, but this would not be very likely if it was kept in an open cage during the tuition. I certainly should not think it worth while buying a machine to try to train it, and I do not know a good one either which costs only a few shillings. (2) You can buy Reed Warblers for imitating the trills and many notes of birds by blowing them in water, but they are more in the nature of toys than any useful help in training birds to sing. It would require a clever person, much practice, and more patience to put them to any real utility in this way. You can get them from some of our large Canary dealers for a few pence. (3) There is no book I know treating of Roller tours in musical notation.

CONSTIPATION.

Novice, Leeds.—This is what is probably troubling your bird. As a staple diet give a simple mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and in addition give a pinch of mixed seed twice a week. For the next week or so, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day, and on the alternate days a morsel of banana would be better than apple for it. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

ROLLER QUERIES.

Gerald Wright.—(1) The example of the one cock that is in full song will doubtless be all that is required at this season to incite the others to come out more fully very soon. You will do no harm, however, by giving the bird a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week, and on alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, white millet, teazle and gold of pleasure, and on these days also add to the drinking water two drops of lemon juice and six of glycerine if you can get it, if not, use two drops of pure honey as a substitute. (2) A bit of muslin or thin calico or anything of that description, will make a quite suitable cover for your purpose of covering the cage fronts at night. (3) The price of a good hen for breeding to suit you naturally depends upon the vendor's ideas, but you should get a serviceable one for somewhere about 5s. You should not delay getting it now, as almost every week will reduce the chances of getting a good one at a reasonable price. (4) The box type of breeding cage is quite the best. The price would be somewhere about 3s. 6d. for single and 6s. for double, fitted for breeding, I believe. On this point you may consult our advt. columns under

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the heading Appliances, or get a price list from one or two of our large dealers. (5) It would take up too much space to go into the details of pairing and feeding the young, so I would advise you to get our manager to send you a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," post free, for 7d., which will give you all details how to proceed all through the season. (6) It would not be wise to move the birds to the other room now. Wait until a spell of mild weather occurs about March before making the change, otherwise there will be a risk of throwing the birds into moult. The end of March or beginning of April will be quite soon enough to mate. (7) The book advised in No. 5 will tell you all you want to know about sexing your birds.

ALWAYS MOPY.

Majour.—Possibly the bird is in an overfed condition. Try the following treatment, and if not quite successful write again in the course of a month or so, and repeat particulars. Keep it in a fairly warm place, where the temperature is fairly equable. Give a fair-sized teaspoonful of seed daily, and limit the staple supply to that quantity for a time. If it all disappears too quickly, stick a morsel of banana, carrot, or sweet apple in the wires in the morning, and withhold the seed ration until midday. Once a week in addition to the above supply, give just a pinch of mixed seed, and on another day a morsel of bread and milk, not larger than a hazel nut. In the drinking water every second day for a week add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and in the next week give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. In the third and fourth weeks repeat the dosage of the first two weeks in the same order.

AGE FOR PAIRING.

Greenun.—Canaries hatched in June, 1916, will breed quite successfully in the coming season, but it would be injurious not to mate them before the middle or towards the end of April, or in the case of the larger breeds the beginning of May. It would also be wise not to take more than two broods from birds of the larger breeds that were hatched from June onwards the previous year. There is no definite age limit for pairing Canaries bred the previous season. The great majority are mated when the proper mating season arrives, about the beginning of April, and the eldest would then be something like ten or eleven months old. At this age the smaller breeds are quite sufficiently developed for taking up the cares of rearing young, and there can be but small objection to pairing up the larger breeds in a general way. But really late hatched specimens of the latter breeds may with advantage be kept unmated in the first season where one has a sufficient amount of stock to go on with from earlier broods.

COLOUR AND DIET.

Breeder.—(1) I should rather suspect that the dark streaks on the mandible were an indication of a descent from green marked birds, and in any case it is not likely, from your description, to be either directly descended or very closely related to cinnamon coloured parents. Catch the birds and closely examine its eyes, and if you find no trace of the cinnamon pink eye treat it as a green type for stock purposes, and I do not think you will go wrong. (2) I am no advocate of mixing cod liver oil with the soft food for rearing young, but if you wish to give it a trial you would doubtless be on the safe side if you well mixed not more than five or six drops with the soft food for a brood of four or five young daily, or, say, three drops with the morning and ditto the afternoon supply of food, which, allowing for wastage and what the parents consume, would mean about one drop each per day for the young. It would be better to make a cake and add the oil, preferably in the emulsionised form, to the dough in the mixing, so that it would be cooked with the cake. You would do well to get a copy of our forthcoming "Cage Birds Annual" and see what is said on this matter of economising in the food supply.

NON-FEEDING HENS, ETC.

Somerset.—(1) I see no reason whatever to believe that the non-feeding trait in the hen's character last season would be in the least degree transmitted to the young. It requires more than a casual failing of this description to make it so ingrained as to be transmitted to the progeny as an hereditary fault. If the young hens are in good robust health, and come into breeding condition at the proper time I see no reason why you should not mate them and treat them just the same as normal specimens, as, indeed, they may be. You might, as a judicious precaution for future progeny of these hens, see that the cocks they are mated with come as far as possible from good feeding hens. (2) Except that I should omit the ground linseed altogether, or at least reduce it by one-half, there is no reason why it should not make a very efficient substitute for egg food for rearing young. On the whole, I think you would find it worth while to make the following slight alterations: Ground linseed 1 oz., oatmeal 2 oz., and finely ground maize meal 2 oz. Omit the maw seed from the stock mixture and add a sprinkling when necessary to the food when mixed for use. Scald sufficient for immediate use with a few drops of boiling water, allow to stand until cool, then stir to a crumbly state. The stock mixture would keep good for months in an air-tight tin in a cool, dry place. See latter part of reply to "Breeder" in this issue.

GROWTH ON BEAK.

Pom.—The growth probably originated from some disturbance in the system, though it may not be of any serious importance. Add to the diet a wee morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar, three times a week for a month, and add to the drinking water 20 drops of Chemical Food on three other days in each week. Also moisten the growth twice a week with a tiny morsel of Jeyes' Veterinary Ointment, but do not daub the feathers unnecessarily. If you cannot conveniently get this ointment a little boracic ointment for anointing, and dusting the spot afterwards with boric acid powder, will make a good substitute. It will probably not make any detriment to the bird as a breeding unit. With regard to its seed diet, you might improve it by giving a pinch of summer rape every second day, and instead of the hemp alone you should give half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture containing hemp, which you may see frequently advised in these replies.

MAKING A START.

Orpington Novice.—(1) Yes, you could certainly breed songsters successfully in an unheated room upstairs, and provided it is free from damp, cutting draughts, and is not subject to any exceptionally striking fluctuations of temperature, such a room would be a very suitable one for the purpose. (2) The number to start with depends more upon your own time and energies than anything else, within, of course, the limits of the accommodation at your command. But as your employment must limit your spare time somewhat, it would be wiser not to go too far at the beginning. Three pairs, or two trios, i.e., four hens and two cocks, running each cock with two hens, would give you a nice amount of experience for the first season. You should begin with single breeding cages, one for each hen, a spare one for each cock, or any other contingency, and two fair-sized flight or stock cages. A nursery cage for each hen's cage would also be a convenience, and at least two or three should be available in case they should be wanted during the season. If the cages are all of the same size and type for each separate purpose, it will be a great advantage in the future working of your hobby. If you begin with, say, three pairs, you may, after they are mated at the proper time, leave them together all through the season, if the cocks are trustworthy and do not interfere too much with the nesting arrangements of the hens, otherwise it may be necessary to remove them whilst the hens are sitting and rearing the young. On the other hand, if you go in for trios and run one cock with two hens, you will mate the cock with one hen first when she is ready to begin nesting, and when she begins to sit you will remove him and mate him with the second. Then when No. 2 begins to sit you will again remove him, and this time cage him separately until the first hen is ready to start nesting again, when you will repeat the same method. Thus you will see the necessity of having a separate cage for each cock. (3) The kind to start with is another point that depends more upon your own taste and inclinations than anything else. But as you mention only breeding songsters, I surmise that song would be the greatest object with you. In that case you could not do better than begin with Rollers, and if you get a strain of good free singers you will be sure of a ready market for the young at the end of the season. It would also help you to gain some experience to start with fancy breeds another season if you wished to do so. (4) Your absence from home during the greater part of the day would make no great obstacle to the feeding of the birds, except that when young are in the nests, especially during hot summer weather, it is of great assistance in keeping the hens keen on feeding to give fresh soft food at least twice a day, in the morning and in the early afternoon, but this you could perhaps arrange to be done by someone at home during the middle of the day, and even if you could not you should succeed all right by giving fresh soft food just before leaving, and again as soon as you returned, as there would still be plenty of daylight for the hens to attend to the young after you returned. For fuller details of general management, you should get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager would send you for 7d., post free.

ROLLERS YAWNING.

R. McW.—Judging from the somewhat sombre aspect of the cages, I am inclined to think the symptoms you describe are nothing more serious than ennui, which will pass off as the weather gets brighter and the breeding season approaches. The best remedy would be to move the cages to a brighter place similarly free from draughts, and not too high up near the ceiling if you can manage it. It will also help to pull them together if you give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days, instead of the apple, give a morsel of banana or boiled carrot. Add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, for three consecutive days, and afterwards six drops of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a week.

SUPPOSED WORMS.

J. Fox.—Are you quite satisfied that the objects are really worms, and not an abnormal condition of the droppings? I know no worm that quite answers to the description you give, and the fact that they are all dead when expelled is rather dubious. Anyway, you may try the following treatment, and if this does not have the desired effect write again and give more particulars, and mention the colour of the objects. Remove the seed at night and first thing next morning give a morsel of bread and milk dusted with as much freshly ground areca nut as will cover a threepenny-piece, and then sprinkled with soft sugar. Give seed again at breakfast time, and in the afternoon add 12 drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water. Next morning give fresh water, and for two days add to it six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid. Then miss an interval of four days and repeat the treatment again in the same way, and repeat it a third time after a similar interval. Shall be glad to hear result in a fortnight or so, and will then advise further if necessary.

A LETHARGIC SUBJECT.

E. V.—Keep the hen under rather comfortable circumstances as you are now doing, without overheating her. In addition to the usual diet, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana and a pinch of maw seed. In the water for three consecutive days, give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and after this instead of plain water give the following mixture every second day for a fortnight if necessary. In each two tablespoonfuls of water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, ditto of sulphate of iron, half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid.

SUITABLE PERCHING.

Cud, Fleetwood.—Any kind of soft clean wood is suitable for making perches. Soft white pine is as good as anything. Cut this into strips half an inch square or for the larger breeds half an inch by five-eighths of an inch, trim off the edges to bring them to something resembling a crude round shape, then flatten the one surface that is to form the top surface of the perch to an oval shape, and when cut into the requisite lengths to fit the cages you will have very useful perches for any purpose.

SWOLLEN JOINT.

W. T. H., Dowlais.—You ought to have given more particulars and said whether the swelling appeared as the result of an accident or how, and described its appearance and size. As it is you do not give the least clue to form any opinion by, nor even say which joint it is that is affected. In these circumstances I can only advise you to keep the cage in a quiet and comfortable place and avoid fluttering or disturbing the bird as much as possible. Let it remain as quiet as possible for the time being in order to give the limb all the rest it can have, and lightly paint it three times with the tip of a feather dipped in tincture of iodine allowing an interval of four clear days to elapse between each application. If this is not successful in sufficiently reducing the swelling write again and give the fullest particulars you can, both about the position, appearance, and size, and if you have any idea of the probable cause of its first appearance.

SAMPLE OF SEED.

Durhamite.—Sorry to disappoint you, but the seed sent is thoroughly musty and ill-flavoured, and quite unfit for feeding any class of Canaries, much less prize birds. To use for such a purpose it would be dear at a gift.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

SKETCH OF AVIARY.

Beattie.—I have carefully examined your sketch and would suggest two alterations. The first is to have the door at the opposite end to the one shown in the sketch. Birds invariably fly to the light when they are frightened or when anyone enters an aviary, and this would mean that some of them would be sure to flash up to the end where you have placed it, and possibly you would soon lose some. By having it in the boarded end you escape this danger. Have a window or spy-hole near it so that you can see when it is safe to go in. In your sketch you show the roof flush with the sides of the building; this is a mistake, it should hang over all round a good six inches; a little more in front would help to keep the interior dry. You could put in your pairs of Chaffinches and Greenfinches, and one pair of the Linnets, and you could add to these a pair of each of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and the Canaries. You can turn in the British birds during March, when the weather is favourable. Do not take them direct from a hot room, but gradually get them used to the change. The Canaries must wait until same time in April. Have plenty of nest-boxes, pans, and small cages, and surround some of these with furze, heather, or twiggy branches, so as to give a little privacy. For nesting material give plenty of moss, cow-hair, wool, feathers, short lengths of grass, or fine roots; old Finch nests are admirable if you can manage to get some.

THRUSHES AND BLACKBIRDS.

Thos. Hook.—If one of your Thrushes has the true wild note the hand-reared bird should copy him, unless you have other birds that he can hear. It is always a difficult matter to get hand-reared birds to sing correctly; they seem always ready to mimic others and sing just what you do not want them to. Your best plan is to put them both in the same room away from others, and partly cover up the young bird, so that he does not sing so much, but is obliged to listen to the old one, this should improve him. A young cock Blackbird should be black, excepting for a little rusty colour on the wings, and sometimes on the flanks. I am inclined to think your bird is a hen. I would advise you to carefully remove a few of the brown feathers and keep it until they grow again; if they come quite black there will be no doubt about its being a cock bird; if they reappear brown, you had better let it go before breeding time.

MULE BREEDING.

W. T. H.—You can pair your Goldfinch up with the Norwich hen Canary; there is no need to have so-called muling hens. Any healthy hen that will nest and rear will do to breed Mules for singing purposes. Singing hens are not to be discarded because of that accomplishment; they leave it off when they are busy with a family.

WHAT BIRD?

Cuckoo.—I am inclined to think the strange bird you saw was a Heron. These birds are long in the neck and fly with a slow movement of the wings, which are curved. They travel long distances from their home, not being particular about returning to the heronry for a day or two, especially if they get to a place where food is plentiful. The seed you send a sample of is charlock; it can be given to the Linnets and Greenfinches in small quantities.

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD LINNET.

Cymro, Wolverhampton.—I must congratulate you upon keeping your Linnet so many years in health and song. Do you give him any green food; you do not mention it in your letter? If not, give a little chickweed, as soon as the weather breaks, so that it has no frost on it. Get half an oz. of gentian and tincture of rhubarb, and put 20 drops in the drinker for two days, then miss a couple of days and repeat. After this add a few drops of fresh lemon juice to the water, and just smear any bare places with vaseline or fresh lard. I am glad to hear the Greenfinch has benefited by the treatment suggested.

TREATMENT OF MULE.

Gerald Wright.—You are probably feeding your Mule in a different manner to what he was used to. You had better see the former owner and ask him how he treated him. If you do not care to do this make up the following mixture: 3 parts Canary, 2 parts teazle, ½ part each of rape and linseed. Give this as a staple food. Offer a little hemp twice a week and sunflower on days you are not giving hemp. Give green food or sweet apple daily. Put in his drinking water 20 drops of gentian and tincture of rhubarb, give him this for four days; afterwards a small teaspoonful of chemical food; boil the water first. Discontinue the bath until he is better.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

GREY PARROT WITH GROWTH UNDER WING.

Morgan (Penzance).—I gather from your remarks that the bird will permit you to handle it. This simplifies treatment. The growth should be pricked (lanced) and all pus exuded by gentle pressure, and then well cleansed with tepid water, dried, and anointed with a little zinc ointment. The swelling may come again, perhaps several times, but it must be similarly treated on each occasion, and should ultimately disappear. Simultaneously with the above, put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking-water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with chemical food. If the bird should be at all thin give a piece of bread, biscuit, or plain cake thinly spread with cod-liver oil emulsion once or twice a day. The bird should be kept in an even temperature out of the reach of draught, yet in some well-ventilated position. Shall be pleased to hear how the bird progresses.

COCK ZEBRA FINCH WHEEZING.

C. H. Knight.—Keep this bird in as warm quarters as possible, in a room where the night temperature does not fall too low, and, of course, it must not go out of doors again till warm spring weather has set in. Get a mixture of glycerine, ipecacuanha wine, and oxymel of squills in equal parts, and put ten drops of this in the drinking water daily, till the wheezing ceases. Once a week, in lieu of the mixture, put a teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water, and continue this latter for some time; when you cease giving the cod mixture, lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food for several weeks to tone it up again. It can receive the usual diet. Please note our rules re queries, especially No. 2. You must supply address, not necessarily for publication, another time, or we cannot reply.

PLUCKING ITS BREAST FEATHERS.

R. B.—I do not keep queries by me, and cannot call to mind the details of your former reply; but I gather from your letter that the moult is not yet really complete. With some birds feather plucking is a vice, and once a bird becomes confirmed therein, there is really no permanent cure; the bird will have periodical relapses, even though it may cease the annoying habit for a time. Continue the treatment advised in our former reply, giving special attention to the diet, supply nothing which has been noted in this column from time to time as unwholesome—tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or animal food of any kind, must not be given; its seed mixture should contain very little hemp; sunflower and safflower are just as nourishing and safer. Pay strict attention to its bowels; these must not be watery loose, yet must move quite freely, and to secure this put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water as often as may be required. Keep cuttle-bone and parrot grit continually in the cage, also a chunk of wood, for it to exercise its mandibles upon. The bird is less likely to amuse itself in plucking out its plumage if it is kept in the midst of the home-life with plenty going on around it to interest and amuse. Ennui plays the major part in the origin of feather-plucking.

BREEDING BLUE BUDGERIGARS.

T. L.—This exquisite variety is not at all freely produced, and even when there was a supply of pairs of Blues, not many were bred. However, it is possible to produce them, as two breeders bred some half-dozen specimens, three or four of which reached maturity. Of course, if you can procure a hen, half blue and half green, i.e., bred from cross-mated Blue and Green parents, there is a possibility of your getting one or two Blues this season. An authentic Blue and Green hen would be worth £2 or more. If you cannot do this, then mate your Blue cock up with a Green hen, choosing one in which there is plenty of blue among the greens of its plumage, and then again mate the progeny, pairing up those with most blue in their plumage. While they should have plenty of light and air, and the aviary should not be erected in a sunless corner, yet it had better be one that has the roof of the whole flight covered in, as best results are obtained when they are protected from direct sunlight. The respective parents of the Blues referred to above, were of Blue, Green and Yellow blood, and, of course, were carefully selected birds, and were the result of several seasons' selective breeding.

REGURGITATING ITS FOOD.

B. F.—(1) When Parrots are kept together in pairs they regurgitate their food and feed each other. A solitary Parrot will also often act similarly whenever anyone it is attached to is near; and again, many will do this, and re-swallow the food naturally—in some instances it may arise from indigestion. If you will repeat query and give me fuller details, and also state how you keep and feed it, I may be able to express a definite opinion as to the cause in the case of your bird. (2) I do not think the pulling out or shedding, whichever it is, of the fluffy small feathers, is of much moment, though of course it may be the precursor, of feather-pulling, but when you have given me the information asked for, I shall be in a better position to help you. In the meantime, put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water, and repeat the dose after an interval of three days. Do not give table scraps: tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food. Roughly the dietary may be said to consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, and such extras as biscuits, dry crusts of household bread, plain cake, nuts and greenfood. Cuttlebone and parrot grit must continually be in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yalce, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. The Post Office regulation is that bodies of birds must be sent at the letter rate of postage, and must be packed in hermetically-sealed receptacles which must themselves be enclosed in strong wooden, leather, or metal cases. If this regulation be infringed the packets may be destroyed by the authorities. **Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and** if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's

I. W. M. S.—Canary died in a fit. There was a large clot of blood in the cranial cavity. Excessive cold is the cause.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

HOUSING & FEEDING DOVES & PIGEONS.

Ruth.—The management of Pigeons and Doves is somewhat outside the purview of our paper, and we should advise you to write to the Editor of "Pigeons," Rlle, Bradford. If your Doves are of some foreign species, and you will send particulars as to the kinds you keep, our foreign bird expert will be very pleased to advise you. As to your bird which has "no claws on one foot," you can do nothing with this. If the claws are simply broken they will doubtless grow again, but nothing you can do will help matters.

RECORDS FOR TEACHING BIRD SONG.

Novice.—We know of no record made for the purpose of teaching a Roller Canary. A "bird-organ" is sometimes used for the purpose, but such a machine is expensive, and we doubt if one could be obtained at all in these times.

AN OLD BIRD BOOK.

C. S. Manners.—We thank you very much for your kindness in offering to lend us the old book, and shall be very pleased indeed to see this with a view to making extracts. We assure you we will take great care of it, and return as soon as we have finished with it.

WANTED CANARIES

all breeds, also Mules and Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, also Talking Parrots. Kindly say what you have and state price to
WALSH, Bird Specialist, BLACKBURN.

WANTED

5,000 Norwich and Yorkshires; hens, will give 3/6 each; common hens 2/- each; hen Goldfinch Mules 1/6 each, cock Goldfinches 24/- dozen, hen Goldfinches 12/- dozen; will give 14/- pair for high-class Norwich or Yorkshire colour-fed Canaries; 7/6 each for cock Goldfinch Mules, for spot cash, or will deposit with "Cage Birds"; highest references obtainable: Enoch Power, Bird Specialist, 89, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London, E.

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of natural colour and colour-fed Canaries of all varieties, and Mules of both sexes; will give from 12/- to £1 pair for good birds; cock Goldfinch Mules from 7/- to 10/- each; hens 1/6 each; cock Linnet Mules from 6/- to 10/- each; cash on receipt of birds, or deposit with "Cage Birds." Straightforward dealing only; Bankers: London City and Midland: Power and Russell (Est. a century), 77, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, E. (742)

NOT WANTED FOR EXPORT.

No Hun-Americans can have birds from me, hence I say, for this and other purposes known to the Editor, be patriotic. Wanted, Common or Crossbred Canaries, cocks or hens, also Mules, cocks or hens, for patriotic purposes. Not for Export!

NO LOT TOO LARGE. NONE TOO GOOD.
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ALL VARIETIES PURCHASED.

I wish it also to be distinctly understood that I cannot only give as much as you can obtain elsewhere, but in nearly every case more—in accordance with what the birds are.—RUDD, Specialist, Norwich.

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From one to 1,000 pairs weekly for spot cash. Goldfinches 3/- pair, Bullfinches 2/6 pair, Siskins 4/- pair, cock Linnets 5/- doz, hens 1/- doz.; Redpolls 3/6 doz., cock Larks 4/- doz., cock Chaffinches 4/- doz., cock Goldfinch Mules 7/- each, hens 1/6 each; cock Linnet Mules 6/- each, hens 1/- each. Dealers and bird catchers who are not satisfied where they are sending their birds, should give us a trial; we do not want to talk of how long we have been established, or of how many bird catchers are supplying us, as we do not believe in paper bluff, for we are without doubt the largest wholesale and retail British bird dealers in Great Britain; cash on receipt of birds, or deposit with "Cage Birds"; bankers, London City and Midland Bank: Power and Russell (Est. a century—not five minutes and call it years), 77, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, E. (742)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly Canaries.

WILL exchange 8-compartment bird cage for 1 cock or 2 hen Canaries, or offer: 30, Bestwood-st., Rotherhithe. (794)

TWO cock Goldfinches, 1 cock Bullfinch, 1 cock Redpoll; exchange for two Norwich hens, sell 8/-: Butler, Athlone. (783)

EYE and wing marked yellow Border cock, winner first prizes, a wee gem, price 10/6; exchange: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere. (792)

WANTED, crested cock, Norwich yellow cock, Roller cock, would exchange "Blick" Typewriter, value £2: Gardiner, 10, Withipoll, Ipswich. (792)

WHAT offers in Canaries for gents' suit lengths, tweed, or sell 25/-, or lady's costume length, or sell 12/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas.

GOOD dark crested clear body cock, 1915, full song, variegated 1916 crestbred hen; sell 30/- pair, or offers; no cards: Walker, Lambert-terrace, Aberdare. (792)

EXCHANGE of blood. Good class pair of Rollers, cock 1915, hen 1916, for good 1916 Roller green cock, approval both ways: Lees, 46, Headingley-rd., Handsworth, Birmingham. (788)

WILL exchange Yorkshires or Crests for post-card folding camera, or double-sided gramophone records, no rubbish offered or wanted; deposit: Carter, 48, Webb-st., Horwich, Bolton. (787)

EXCHANGE three Norwich hens, two buff, one clear yellow, for yellow Crestbred cocks, or clear yellow Norwich cock: H. Greaves, 88, Richards-st., Mardy, Rhondda, S. Wales. (790)

FOR sale, 1 Crest and 2 common hens, 1915 bred; also 2 double and 2 single breeders, 1 flight, nest pans, egg drawers, etc., accept 22/6; offers: 3, Thirteenth-st., North Easington Colliery. (789)

EXCHANGE two typical good longthy Yorkshire hens, both clear yellows, for unflighted Crestbred cock or good unflighted buff Yorksire cock, or sell 10/- each; approval: Mason, 29, Ashbourne-st., Shirebrook, Mansfield. (788)

YORKSHIRES, Buff cock, yellow hen, buff hen, yellow cock, matched for breeding; unflighted, 1916 bred, 20/- a pair; 7 days' approval; outdoor bred; unheated room; no postcards: Bottomley, Beech-st., Preston. (See "Wanted.") (785)

Mainly British.

EXCHANGE two cock Bullfinches for two hen Canaries: Davies, 51, Water-st., Carmarthen. (788)

WILL exchange 2 cocks, Goldfinch-Canary mules, for 2 Yorkshire hens: Rogers, 2, Walkden-place, Brackley. (791)

TWO grand cock Goldfinches, 7/6 each; exchange Yorkshire hens; approval: B. Morris, 19, Claverton Buildings, Bath. (788)

EXCHANGE cock Greenfinch Mule for two Linnets, call birds; must be on song: G. Robson, Exeter-st., West Hartlepool. (788)

WHAT offers, Roller cocks, for a new Stevens marksman miniature rifle and over 200 cartridges: John McCartney, Castlegate, Lanark. (784)

EXCHANGE two cock mules, Linnet and Greenfinch, for two Yorksbire hens, yellow and buff, hens first; large birds: T. Lister, Beech Holm, Leven, Fife. (792)

EXCHANGE for Norwich hens or British, champion Goldio mule, grand songster; large box full of mealworms; blow-lamp: Edwards, Gwalia House, Lower Cwmtwrch. (792)

COCK Goldfinch, proved muler, 10/-; cock Goldfinch Mule, 7/6; 4 cock Bullfinches, 2/6 each; 1 hen Bullfinch, 1/6; offers wanted for lot or part: Ley, Torrington-st., Bideford. (790)

LARGE dark Linnet Mule, singing, 12/6; housemoulted Corn Bunting, Greenfinch, hen Chaffinch, Redpoll, 10/- lot; exchange good pullets: Pettet, 8, Etchingham-rd., Leyton. (787)

HOUSE-moulted cock Redpoll, hen Bullfinch, cock Greenfinch, hen Chaffinch, cock Bullfinch, 9/-; exchange 1916 buff Yorkshire cock or Budgerigars: Hood, East Harling, Norfolk. (790)

GRAND 1916, 2 cock Goldfinch mules, and Linnet mule, in wild note song, sell 30/-, or offer in Rollers, or Yorkshires: J. Lloyd, Isfryn, Ffynnon Groew, Chester, North Wales. (791)

HAWFINCHES 7/6, 10/-; Bullfinches, 5/-, 7/6; Bramblefinches, Chaffinches, Linnets, Buntings, 2/6, 5/- each; a few for aviaries, cheap to clear: Herbert J. Chick, 43, Radford-rd., Nottingham. (790)

COCK Goldfinch wanted, must be cage-moulted, fair size; exchange buff Yorkshire, or Norwich or Roller hen; or cage moulted cock Linnet, or buy; approval; deposit; yours first: Johnson, chef, Noon's Hotel, 69, High Holborn, W.C. (785)

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE pair of Budgerigars for good cock Canary, or sell 7/6: Cook, 38, Wigan-rd., Ormskirk.

HANDSOME pair Bullfinches, 4/-; exchange outdoor breeding hen Budgerigar: Hood, East Harling, Norfolk. (790)

EXCHANGE beautiful Glossy Violet Cowbird cock, singer, for Canaries, or sell 12/6: Davison, 27, Parkroad, Moseley, Birmingham. (788)

ROSELLAS. One pair £3 10s.; also one hen 30/-; splendid condition; outdoor aviary bred; wanted one hen Cockatiel: Stevens, Hazlemere, Paignton, Devon.

LEMON-crested Cockatoo, finger tame, lady's pet, with good 16in. square cage, 50/-, or offers; exchange Rollers or small foreign: Caspell, Thames-st., Staines. (789)

WANTED cock Ruddy Waxbill, Black-cheeked Waxbill, or pair; also pair, thoroughly acclimatised, Blue-breasted Waxbills: Miss Parmenter, Didgemere Hall, Roydon, Essex. (788)

BUDGERIGARS, splendid nesting pair, 8/6, others 6/6, 5/6; pair Borders, 37/6; Roller cock, 7/6; or exchange White Leghorn March 1916 pullets: Jewers, Garage, Plymouth. (787)

EXCHANGE Budgerigars, 1 pair yellows and 1 green cock, also 2 cocks and 1 hen Zebra Finches, in perfect condition from outdoors, for anything useful, or sell £1: Bates, 14, Newdigate-rd., Coventry

Miscellaneous.

SELF red cavies for disposal or exchange; offers: J. Greatrex, 44, Victoria-av., Rugby. (790)

PUNCH ball case, cost 17/6, and pair clubs, for good Yorkshire hens: Parkington, 46, Royd-st., Accrington. (790)

OPEN-AIR aviary; want to correspond with owner of same for exchange and purchase: White, Bernards, Brentwood. (793)

SEVERAL breeders, first-rate condition, loose fronts, exchange Canaries; birds first: 81, Gt. Portwood-st., Stockport. (789)

RAINPROOF overcoat, blue serge suit, fit man 5ft. 8in., 18/-; exchange Canaries: Lea, 55, Waterloo-square, Camberwell. (793)

WANTED a lady's gold watch in exchange for good Canaries; approval: Hallett, 53, Church-st., Lyme Regis, Dorset. (783)

1916 pure White Leghorn cockerels; exchange Roller Canaries, or anything useful: Ketley, 99, Wayman-st., Sunderland. (785)

BREEDING box of mealworms, 10/-; field glasses, 15/-; exchange two yellow Norwich hens: Hay, 84, Seaside-rd., Eastbourne. (787)

NICE Lancashire cheese, about 15 lb.; exchange for Canaries, or mules: Gardner, Garstang-rd., North Wisham, Lancashire. (780)

NEW accurate No. 1 garden rifle, shot or ball, 15/6; exchange songsters; letters, please: Woollard, The Links, Shrewsbury. (791)

EXCHANGE Vest Pocket Kodak, cost 30/-, for three 1916 clear buff Yorkshire hens: Batch, 221, High-rd., South Tottenham, London. (778)

WHAT offers in Canaries and Goldfinches for black Pomeranian or Gem phonograph and 20 records complete: 66, Cheetham-st., Rochdale. (793)

EXCHANGE gent's 18 carat gold ring, cost 28/-; will take part cash and birds to value: Mr. Haynes, 34, Foundry-st., Northgate, Halifax. (785)

WHAT offers in Canaries for pair cranks, chain wheel, spindle, and pedals, complete, handle-bars and seat, sell 10/-: 216, Mina-rd., Bristol. (792)

GOOD fishing rod and tackle, 25/- or exchange for good type Norwich cock or Yorkshire, or three good hens; approval: Barrett, Beche-rd., Cambridge.

I HAVE a quantity of second-hand boots, also new odd boots, value 15/-: exchange birds: no cards: Withers, 12, Exmouth-st., London, W.C.

HEAVY silver watch, chain, and medal, perfect timeist, lot nearly 8 ozs., 25/- or exchange Canaries; offers: Hares, York-square, Richmond, Yorks.

EDISON Gem phonograph and 75 records, in good condition, 40/-; pedigree white West Highland dog, over distemper, 25/-, or exchange either of above for Canaries to value: E. A. Piper, 27a, Clarence-st., Cheltenham. (788)

MAGNIFICENT Columbia phonograph, with large brass horn, floorstand, record cases, and records; for sale, or exchange: Carter, Church-place, Halifax. (791)

BIRD-HOUSE, made by Stanton, cost £5 2s. new, has not been used; sell or exchange for high-class Norwich birds: D. Webster, 34, Elizabeth-st., Accrington. (793)

GENT'S keyless 14ct. gold watch, perfect going order, rolled gold chain, exchange cock Canaries, Mules; offers: Tomson, 111, High-rd., Willesden Green. (788)

FOR sale, three pairs of black and white Magpie Pigeons, 6/6 a pair, or 15/- a lot, or exchange for buff Border cock: E. R. Blake, 7, Sandowns-terr., Brecon. (789)

WILL exchange eight gramophone records for two large clear yellow Norwich hens, approval, both ways: P. Rush, Coop Yard, East Gate, Worksop. (791)

WANTED 1,000 Canaries, British birds, Parrots, Poultry, Rabbits, anything in exchange for cutlery, plate, watches, boots, records, tools, etc.: Write, Smith Bros., 49, Pear-st., Sheffield. (789)

WE exchange household goods, boots, clothing, bedding, furniture, cutlery, jewellery, etc., for birds, Parrots, monkeys, dogs, etc.: Jopson's Exchange Stores, Newton Heath, Manchester. (793)

HANDSOME 1915 White Leghorn cock, Barron-Padmau strain, proved stock birds, cost 21/-, exchange pair pure Canaries, or offers; yours first: Beedleston, Primrose-terr., Shrewsbury. (790)

DOUBLE muzzle gun, new condition, strong, hard hitter, 14 bore; exchange common Canaries, cocks or hens; drag net, anything sport, value 21/-: 77, Brindley Heath, Hednesford, Staffs. (792)

EXCHANGE sitting of new laid White Wyandotte Bantam eggs, winning strain, for Linnets; also a good strong Palm watch, good timekeeper, for Bullfinches; offers: Mrs. Ella, Newbald, Brough.

FINE Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot, good talker, with cage, £5; also Pathe gramophone, with 30 double-sided records, £3 10s., or exchange good large Norwich, also champion whippet bitch, 16in. high, 16lbs., fawn, served with champion whippet, Spike, 30/-, or exchange good Norwich cock; approval both ways: George Watkins, 98, Ynysuin Rd., Treherbert, Glam. (788)

SITUATIONS.

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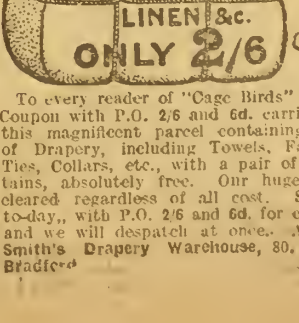

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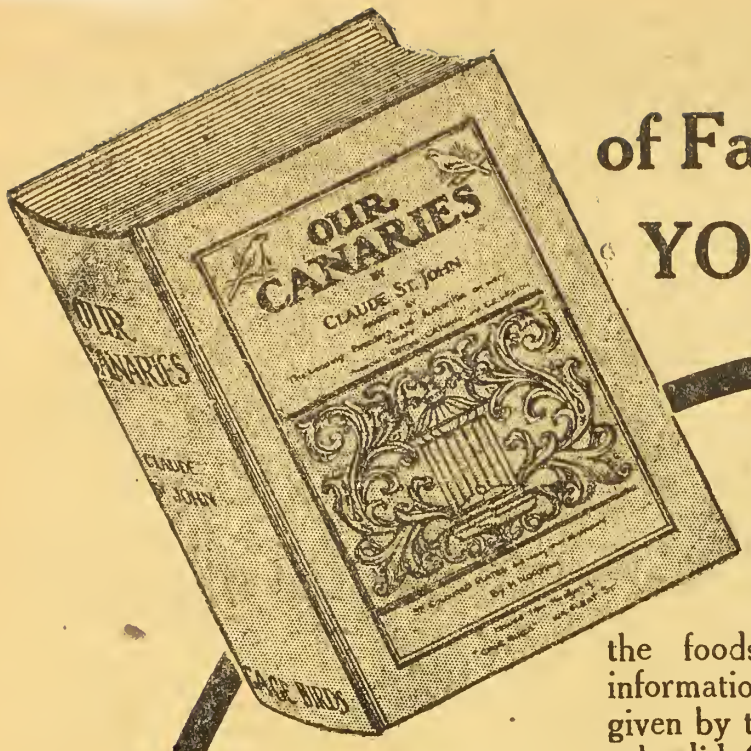

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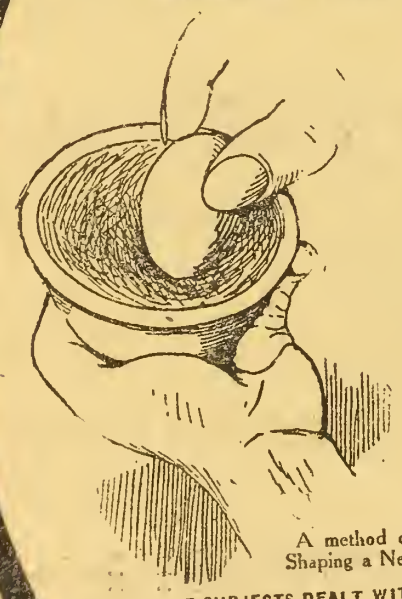
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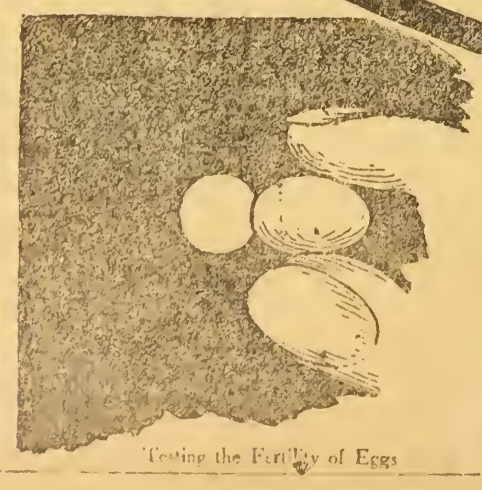
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You may have all the so-called strains and bogus pedigrees in the world, but you cannot purchase better blood than I now hold, and I am certain you cannot procure the same value. Cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-. Hens 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Pairs, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-. These prices are for show birds and stock birds to breed winners. These are the best value in Great Britain to-day. For **OTHERS**, really good, containing many of the best combined strains in Great Britain, at lower prices. Cages, **4d.** and **6d.**; approval with pleasure. Above prices relate to Norwich and Yorkshires only.

IF you want Cinnamons, Lizards, Scotch Fancies, three-quarter bred ditto, high-shouldered Belgians, Border Fancies, classical Mules, Muling Hens, Feeding Hens, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, etc. Send for my **Free Illustrated 1917 List.**

W. RUDD, Specialist, NORWICH.

HIGH-CLASS stock, typical unflighted, slightly marked buff head, bred from winning strain, cold-room, in first-class condition, 7/6 each; approval; stamp reply; Paterson, "Kelvinside," Harrow-rd., Upper Warlingham, Surrey. (800)

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LARGE pair Norwich, no better strain, handsome pair, fed for show, 50/-; another pair, unflighted yell. cock, 1915 buff hen, 20/-; several smaller pairs 18/-; feeding hens, 4/- each, on deposit; Blythe, Park-avenue, Mansfield, Woodhouse, Notts. (800)

HANFORD'S February bargain list now ready; contains special bargains of Norwich and Yorkshire, cocks, hens, or breeding pairs; write for copy before deciding to purchase elsewhere and mention requirements: R. Hanford, Derby. (722)

1916 NORWICH cocks, clear yellow, 10/-; three cl. buffs, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; ticked buff, buff green, 12/6 each; also large non-fed ticked buff, proved good breeder, 15/-; all cobby; good quality and bred from my winning strain: Dean, Holmewood, Matlock.

F. BOWYER, Barngate-st., Leek, Staffs., offers capital Cobby Buff Marked cock, bargain, 25/-; Unflighted Yellow hen, 1 ditto 1915, 10/- each; Unflighted Green Buff hen, 15/-; several Cobby Buff hens, 7/6, 10/- each, all bred from Bowyer's strain, approval, stamp. (803)

TWO extra large Unflighted Variegated Norwich Buff hens for disposal; good round heads and full necks; splendid stock birds, 25/- each; cold room and bred from winning stock guaranteed, on approval, cash or deposit note; W. Ordish, 31, Irvine-st., Leigh, Lancashire. (804)

BARGAIN, one pair Norwich canaries, colour-fed Buff marked cock and Clear Yellow hen, grand pair, 15/-; also Buff marked cock with Clear Yellow hen, 12/6; also Buff marked cock with Yellow Variegated hen, 12/6 only: J. Percival, 13, Collingwood-rd., Northampton. (804)

HAVING to join up, have several good pairs of Norwich for sale, extra good type and quality, all related to my winners; good stock birds; also single birds, cocks and hens, yellows and buffs; also several good stock pairs of Yorkshires; pairs from 15/-; cocks from 10/-; hens from 7/6; to be seen Saturday evening or Sunday: J. Teasdale, 15, Valmar-rd., Camberwell, London, S.E. (804)

PEDIGREE bred Norwich, from winners; two matched pairs only for disposal; yellow cock and unflighted ticked buff hen, 25/-; buff cock, brimful of colour, and unflighted cobby yellow hen, 25/-; unflighted marked yellow cock, make winner next year, cobby, good head and colour, 25/-; unflighted ticked buff cock, cobby, typical, 17/6; healthy, cold-room bred; approval, deposit: Smithers, Builders, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent. (793)

W. N. TURNER

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I have bred and supplied birds which have won this season, and still have a grand stock to select from, related to my winners. See show reports Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield, Barrow, Leicester, Halifax, Huddersfield, Ardwick, etc., etc. This strain heralds itself. Inspection invited. Approval; stamp reply: 32, Percival-st., Hightown, Manchester.

J. C. BARNES

Well known strain; 25 years' study. One of the finest private collections of Norwich in England; type, quality, colour, and substance combined; to those who can visit me do so and see for yourself; 200 birds to select from, all judiciously bred; grand pairs, 30/- up, odd cocks, 20/- upwards; special pairs, £3 to £5; guaranteed correctly matched and robust; state requirements, stamp; approval; satisfaction ensured; all fanciers welcome and cordially invited (G's, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

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Will give 12/6 per pair for good surplus stocks of YORKSHIRES, NORWICH or ROLLERS.

12/6 to 15/- per pair for CRESTS,

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H. GLEDHILL,

Fleet Lane, Queensbury, Bradford

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDER'S CARDS.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show, 1913. (1810)

HENRY NEVE, Roller Specialist. All birds bred from prize winning specimens of high rank; full particulars on application: Heathfield, Sussex.

MISS THOMAS, Fairlight, Richmond Park-rd., Bournemouth; B.R.C.C.; successful breeder of high class Rollers, Water Gluck, Deep Bass; stamp.

FRANK CULSHAW, 188, Anlaby-rd., Hull, breeder and trainer, British Rollers (Randall's); member Hull R.C.C.; state wants, full particulars, stamp; approval. (711)

PURE Rollers, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 3/6: R. Derrett, 24, Northfield-st., Worcester. (803)

BEST quality rape, 33/- cwt.; samples sent anywhere: Ives, 85, Legsby-avenue, Grimsby. (732)

GRAND lot of Rollers, Randall's strain, cocks 12/6, hens 3/6, or pairs 15/6: F. Lockley, 17, Newhall-st., Cannock. (800)

HIGH class Rollers, hens, Powell Willows' strain, rung B6, 4/6 each: R. Dickinson, Wood lane, Heskin, nr. Chorley. (785)

GENUINE; several 1916 B.R.C.C. rung cocks, Randall's, 25/-; one Com., 20/-: Lindley, 223, Halifax-rd., Rochdale. (802)

PURE Randall hens 7/6 each; related to my cup winner, all cocks sold out: Wantling, 5, Parramatta-st., Rawtenstall. (789)

J. H. WILLOWS, Draper, Wednesbury, has for sale a few young Roller cocks, suitable for stock birds, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- each. (764)

HIGH-Class Roller hens, 3/6, 4/6 each, also good singing cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; cash or deposit: Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (804)

DEEP Glucke Roller hens, Tomlinson's strain direct, B.R.C. rlug, 6/- each, or two for 11/-: Macready, Jeweller, Stanraer. (793)

NOTICE, grand lot Rollers, day and gaslight singers, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (787)

CHAMPION Rollers, Glucke, Water Glucke; few cocks for sale; hens, 6/-, 7/6 each; approval: Thos. Walton, 6, Cross-green-crescent, Leeds. (801)

HIGH-CLASS Roller cocks, P.R.C.C. rung, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; satisfaction guaranteed: J. Britton, 4, Wellington-st., Radcliffe, Manchester. (725)

PURE Randall's, Glucke and Water Glucke, 1916 cocks, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 4/6; approval, cash or deposit: G. Chantrey, 24, Ethel-st., Northampton. (805)

BRED from my 1916 winner, 3 cocks from £1; 3 hens, 7/6 each; can be seen any time. P.R.C.C rung: Edgerley, Francis-st., Monton-green, Manchester. (804)

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J. FLETCHER has a few Roller hens for sale, Percival and Johnson strains, 5/- each; also one cock, 25/-; scored 26 points Manchester: 22, Florence-st., Rochdale. (804)

DEEP Glucke and Water-Glucke Rollers (Randalls), bred from contest strain, B.R.C.C. rung 1916; cocks 20/-, 25/-, 27/6; hens 7/6: T. Cooper, 10, Stanley-st., Bacup. (803)

J. HUNTER has a few good birds of Mr. Ive's strain for sale; all related to and including my winners of this last two seasons; cocks 25/- to 37/6: 21, Cross-st., Prescot. (803)

ROLLERS; Wolverhampton, 2nd, special, 29 points, 35/-; 1915 h.c., 27 points, 30/-; 1916 Birmingham, 3rd, special, 30 points, 50/-; h.c., 27 points, 30/-; all young bird classes: Brookes, 58, Sedgley-rd., Wolverhampton. (794)

EXEMPTION expiring, so I offer you the remainder of my stock of Glucke and water Glucke Rollers, including winners, 15/- to 5[illegible]; hens, 5/-; stamp for particulars: T. Thwaites, 63, Pontefract-lane, Leeds. (791)

HIGH-CLASS Glucke Rollers, 1916, cold-room bred, pure Willow's strain, one green and five buff hens, 6/6 each, in perfect health and condition: approval, deposit: Meredith, 4, Queen Anne's Houses, Bideford, Devon. (798)

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ROLLER cocks, warranted, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (736)

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(affiliated to Roller Federation), President Mr. W. Pimm, invite Roller fanciers in Birmingbam and district to their next meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Crown Hotel, Hill-street, at 8, when birds will be present. Intending members should apply to W. Taylor, Hon. Sec. Council School, Hospital-street. Entrance fee, 1s.; annual subs., 2s. 6d. (804)

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Yorkshires.

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YORKSHIRE cocks, warranted, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (763)

TWO smart yellow cocks, 15/6, 12/6: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (800)

YORKSHIRES, Ambler's, few pairs; hens from 5/-: Saunders, 117, Boyson-rd., Walworth. (790)

WANTED, Yorkshires, any number, highest price paid; Mr. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury.

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SEVERAL long upstanding Buff cocks, splendid stock birds, from 10/- to 40/-: Richards, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove.

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G. SIMESON has some typical Yorkshires for sale; marked pairs from 25/-; cocks from 15/-: 63, Beaconsfield-st., Acomb, York. (794)

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires, prices reasonable, easy payments taken, approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (787)

YORKSHIRES, a few good unflighted hens, outdoor bred, from winners, 5/- to 10/-: Mrs. Lingwood, 39, Nutbourne, Queen's Park. (796)

COCKS, all colours, best strains, 12/6, 15/-; hens, buff, 4/-, 5/-; yellow, 7/6, 10/-; Broadbent, Decorator, Lowfield, Sheffield. (801)

YORKSHIRE hens for sale, a few typical specimens to spare; Sunday mornings: French, 702, Fulham-rd. (back entrance). (795)

GRAND matched pair Yorkshires, Thomas's exhibition strain, 15/-; young birds, bargain: Kenyon, 26, Magor-st., Accrington. (802)

YORKSHIRE cock, lengthy, clear buff, also big variegated Norwich hen, with fancy cage, 20/-: Woolf, Camden-rd., Ipswich. (800)

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BUFF cocks, 1915, and unflighted, stylish, 7in. birds, highest quality, 10s. 6d. each; approval: Clarke, West Hugby, Stourbridge. (795)

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THIRTY reliable typical Yorkshires, cocks from 15/-, hens 6/6, matched pairs 20/- upwards: Harper, 21, Hanover-rd., Kensal Rise, Willesden. (787)

D. EADIE has a few pairs left at 30/-, all one strain, seen any time, or Sunday mornings: 103, Portobello-rd., Archer-st., Bayswater, W. (765)

MARKED 1916 7in. Yorkshire cock, smart yellow hen, 15/-; Yorkshire hens, cinnamon marked and clears, 6/- each: Goldsmith, Stationer, Maidenhead.

EXHIBITION Yorkshires, few good 1916 cocks for sale from my winners; see reports Glasgow, Ayr, and Irvine shows: Macready, Jeweller, Stranraer. (793)

R. TINDALE, 6, Gill-st., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has a few real good Yorkshires to dispose of, from my own strain; reasonable; approval.

SEVERAL really grand pairs and few extra fine odd cocks, cheap to clear; approval: Wells, Midland Champion, Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham. (755)

YORKSHIRE Canaries. 2/2, by H. W. Battye (Past President of the Yorkshire Union); absolutely the best handbook dealing with the Yorkshire and its sub-varieties. Contains complete instruction upon pairing, breeding, moulting, and successful exhibiting; also how to treat in both health and disease: CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

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OWNER called up; splendid stock Yorkshires for sale, 5 hens and 3 cocks, all bred last season; state wants; approval: Brear, Norton Avenue, Morecambe. (796)

HAVE several marked Yorkshire cocks for sale from 15/-; also a few yellow hens from 7/6; can be seen Saturday or Sunday: F. King, 49, Inverton-st., Battersea. (787)

WANTED large Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, colour-fed, preferred, 10/- a pair given for good birds; cash with paper: E. Peech, 27, West Hill, Dartford, Kent. (800)

SIX yellow and four buff cocks, £1; hens, 10/-; bred from my winners; all unflighted; grand typical birds: Radford, 128, Sandy-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (802)

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YORKSHIRES, 3 buff cocks, 15/-, 20/-; yellow cock, 15/-; five show cages, 2 cases, 10/-; stock cages, single, 2/6; 6-compartment, 20/-; approval: Lowe, 82, Allerton-rd., Woolton. (800)

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HAVING to join up, I have several good stock pairs of Yorkshires for sale; also several smart buff hens; to be seen Saturday or Sunday: J. Teasdale, 15, Valmar-rd., Camberwell, London, S.E. (804)

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YORKSHIRES and Norwich; I have a grand lot to dispose of; can be seen any time or sent on approval; cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; hens, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-: E. Cheshire, 34, Cranford-st., Bradford.

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YORKS, two good unflighted yellow stock cocks, 20/- and 25/-; also a few exhibition cocks from 35/- upwards; all typical birds; stamp or deposit: H. Botham, 9, North Lodge Avenue, New Park, Harrogate. (738)

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UNFLIGHTED buff cock, winner three 1sts, 35/-; another, perfect position and quality, 30/-; long-marked yellow cock, can win, 35/-; yellow hen, 2nd Clapham, 20/-; few grand hens from 10/- each: Hannaford, 65, St. Quintin-avenue, North Kensington.

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EXCEPTIONALLY good ticked buff stock cock, over 7ins. long, and as straight as a rush, a real Yorkshire, with lovely unflighted yellow hen to match, sure to produce winners, price 25/- the pair, worth lot more money; cage 4d. extra: North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (796)

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CHAMPION ticked yellow Yorks. cock, over 7ins. long and in full song, grand stock bird, sure winner, with lovely buff hen to match, feathered like silk, sure to breed winners, price 25/- the pair, worth double; travelling cage, 4d. extra; approval; deposit: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (795)

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Hurry up if you want some good stock birds. I have not many to part with; some grand buff Norwich Plainheads, hens, a few lovely buff Yorkshires, cocks, at 20/- each: Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. (745)

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J. C. BARNES

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WANTED, Canaries, cocks and hens, state number and price; cash sent with order: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (739)

YORKSHIRE, Norwich, cocks, 10/6; Rollers, 15/-; exhibition Yorkshires, 12/6 to 30/-; approval anywhere: McMillan, 55, Vernon-st., Belfast. (796)

THREE Yellow Yorkshire hens, one Yellow, two Buff cocks, H.M. Greenfinch, Yellow Norwich hen, mulers; offers, one lot; cash: F. Stott, 1, Exeter-rd., Egremont, Cheshire. (802)

BARGAIN, a good pair, buff unflighted hen, clear yellow cock to match, 15/- the pair; one clear yellow hen, monster buff cock, a real good one, 25/- the pair; one real good clear buff hen, can win, 35/-, all on approval: W. Twine, 4, Westville-st., off Peasehill-rd., Nottingham. (775)

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Club Reports.

DURHAM CITY C.B.S.

At the last meeting the balance-sheet was read and adopted, and prize money paid to those present. Decided that all members pay 1s. each to the funds for the donations to the chairman, sec., and auditors. Decided to hold a social evening at next meeting, Mar. 24, and members are requested to bring some talent along to entertain us.—H. Briggs, Sec.

WIGAN ROLLER CLUB.

At the Legs of Man Hotel, Jan. 24, a very interesting lecture on the song of the Roller Canary was given by Mr. J. Kilshaw, of Bolton, for the purpose of educating the Roller fanciers of Wigan and district. A dozen birds were present and their song was described very ably by the lecturer. Tours and rolls that were good were pointed out, also their bad and faulty tours. A number of questions were answered as to breeding for song, also the training of the young cocks as they came on song. A lively discussion ensued on the improvement of the song, and the advisability of using a tutor or mechanical music. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Kilshaw for his lecture, which had been interesting and instructive to the old members, as well as the novice. Another of these lectures will be given on Feb. 10 by Mr. Will. Massey, of Bolton. A number of birds will be present and a hearty invitation is extended to all Roller fanciers.—P. Greenall, Sec.

WELSH N. COUNTIES F. & F.A.

Annual general meeting, Cafe Royal, Colwyn Bay, Jan. 6th, Mr. James Arundale in the chair. Present: Mrs. Brigg, Miss Dakin, Miss Bainbridge, Messrs. T. Barlow, H. M. Brigg, J. Cheshire, G. F. Downing, G. Hughes, J. B. Parry, B. Watts, and G. E. Cragg, Hon. Sec. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mrs. Hughes, Messrs. A. Carter, R. Mostyn, and B. Sowter. Sec. read statement of accounts for year ending Dec. 31, together with the profit and loss account, which had been duly audited and found correct. Sec. read the 9th annual report, which covered the year's workings. Statement of accounts and report were adopted. The general opinion was that, considering circumstances, the year's workings were quite satisfactory, the debit balance having been reduced from £12 17s. to £5 12s. 2d., whilst the credit balance of the profit and loss account showed an increase from £49 18s. 7d. to £59 5s. 1d., this amount representing the value of the Association's timber, benching, challenge cups, and other assets, less £5 12s. 2d. due to bank. In view of the fact that no change in the list of officers was contemplated or desired, it was decided that members' cards and year-books be re-used and adopted, subject to any slight clerical alterations necessary. Decided that subs. for current year ought to be paid, and Rule 9 enforced. Sec. was instructed to prepare delegates' collecting books ready for next meeting, April 25. Mr. B. Watts was elected a member of the committee, and the following new members elected: Miss Dakin, Miss Bainbridge, Mrs. Le Bert, and Miss King.—Geo. E. Cragg.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Jan. 31, Mr. R. B. Cairns presiding over a large turn-out. Financial statement for 1916 was submitted and considered very satisfactory. There is £4 to the good and this being carried forward makes a total balance of £13 to begin 1917. Balance-sheet for annual club show was also read and showed a record entry of birds (520), and after clearing all expenses there was a balance of £12, which was given in prize money, as well as medals and specials. The membership of the club now stands at 70, with four hon. members, this being an increase of 20 over 1915. Election of office-bearers: Mr. R. B. Cairns, chair; Vice-Pres., Messrs. A. M'Lellan and W. G. Hamilton; Sec. and Treas., A. Foreman; Committee, Messrs. Ross, Knox, Livingston, Kerr, M'Lusky, McClymont, Hardie, Briggs, Connelly, Campbell, Jeffrey, and Brenner; Show Manager, Mr. W. Connelly; Auditors, Messrs. Stewart and Nalsmith. Decided to hold a pair show Feb. 17, birds staged 4.30, judging at 5. Norwich 2 classes, Nov. Nor. 1, Bord. 1, Yorks 1, Crests and C.-B. 1. All classes yell. cock and buff hen, or buff cock and yell. hen, and no double yellows or double buffing. After a lengthy discussion the British classes were extended as follows: Goldf.-Can., Linnet-Can., Greenf.-Can., Bullf. hen with British or Canary cock; A.V. Hybrid, and A.O.V. not classed. Twelve classes in all. Entry 3d. Decided to hold a special meeting for alteration of rules, at headquarters, Feb. 14, 8, when a full attendance is requested so that they may be thoroughly gone over. A vote of thanks to chair brought the meeting to a close.—A. Foreman, Sec., 289, Cathcart Road, Glasgow.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Annual meeting, Feb. 1, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market; Mr. W. Espie, chair, before a fair number. Mr. A. Ender was elected a member. The sec. presented balance sheet for show, which showed that £28 17s. balance had been handed over to the Red Cross, and acknowledged, and all present thought the show had proved a success for a well-deserving cause. The balance sheet for club showed a balance of £10 4s. 1d. on the year 1916, and £7 12s. 4d. in the bank, so we are standing fairly well, and we hope to keep on improving, and by the help of our members and new ones we can do so. Officers for 1917 elected, pres., vice-presidents, also patrons, with the addition of Mrs. S. Young, stand as in 1916. Our chairman, Mr. Espie, was sorry to say he could not keep the position, owing to being unable to attend the meetings at all times, and best thanks were given him for his past services; all felt sorry to lose him as chairman, though he promised to attend as often as possible. We found a grand substitute in Mr. T. C. Crawhall, who consented to take the position, and with him as our leader we feel confident things will go all right; vice-chair, Mr. Geo. Dobson; auditors, Messrs. M. Corsas and A. Holden; committee, W. Espie, J. Maddison, R. Tindale, R. Havis, J. W. Coulthard, W. Mackenzie, H. Willsbury, C. G. Petterson, A. Montgomery, G. Greenwell, J. Johnston, J. B. Bell, W. Curry, T. Hall, H. Bird, S. Lindsay, T. Smith, T. Almond, and F. W. Rowan; sec. and treas., F. W. Laidlow. Rules, etc., to stand as in 1916. Show date fixed for Oct. 20th and 21st. At next meeting, March, we have decided to hold a discussion on the various markings of Canaries, seeing that it seems to be a difficult problem to the majority of readers of CAGE BIRDS. We give a hearty welcome to all to come and give us their views.—F. W. Laidlow, Sec.

SCOTTISH ROLLER C.C.

Annual General Meeting held in Saltcoats, Jan. 27, Mr. Jackson in the chair. Sec. read the annual report, which was very satisfactory. Officers for 1917 appointed: Pres., Mr. McLean; vice-pres., Mr. Stewart; sec., Mr. Jackson; committee, Messrs. McKechan, Lambie, Arnott, McDonald, Gourley, Bowman. The following were elected members: Mr. Gourley, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Findlay, Mr. W. Jackson. Roller fanciers in Scotland wishing to become members might communicate with the Sec.; entrance 3s. 6d.—J. Jackson, 22, Wellpark-rd., Saltcoats, Ayrshire.

FIFE C.B.L.

Meeting, Coaltown of Wemyss, Feb. 3, Mr. Smith, pres., in the chair. Mr. Grewar spoke of the societies in the League, each running a show and pooling the money at the end of the season, so that each society in the League would have an equal share of the profits. As no decision was arrived at delegates were instructed to take it back to their societies for discussion and report at next meeting in May. After the meeting Mr. Grewar gave a splendid exhibition of hand-washing, which was much enjoyed by all present. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Grewar and the chairman ended the meeting.—J. Sneddon, Sec.

BRISTOL EAST C.B.S.

Annual meeting, headquarters, Glass House Hotel, Lawrence Hill, Feb. 3rd. Sec. presented balance sheet, which amounted to £5 4s. 4d. Officers elected: Dr. Cairns, president; Mr. Rogers, vice-pres.; chair, G. Hiscox; vice-chair, S. Hale; auditors, Messrs. Osborne and Blandford. All members elected on committee; Wm. J. Norman, sec.; F. Becs, assist. sec.; G. Eastman, treas. A table show of matched pairs was held. Mr. C. Osborne judged. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Norman; 2, Hale; 3, Hodge. Buff Cock, Yell. Hen: 1, Norman; 2, Hale; 3, Hodge. Brit.: 1, 2, Harding; 3, Blandford. Mr. A. E. Moule, Abertillery, was elected a member, last meeting.—Wm. J. Norman, sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting, Jan. 25th, 2, York Street, Piccadilly. Mr. J. Robsou, chair. Letter read from Mr. Anderson, Darvel, enquiring about the club's gold medal for producing the rarest hybrid of the year 1915. Various opinions were expressed, and it was decided to defer giving a decision until the matter had been more fully discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Anderson also offered to send one of his three alleged Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids, bred in 1915, for the Committee's inspection; the committee, however, declined the offer. Mr. Wren, Oxford, sent his alleged Goldfinch-Chaffinch hybrid for inspection. The bird was subjected to a minute examination by all present, after which it was carried, with one dissentient, that the committee failed to trace any sign of Goldfinch in the bird sent for their examination.—E. Stephens, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE EAST END C.B.S.

Annual meeting, Blue Bell Inn, Shield Road, Byker, Jan. 31, Mr. J. G. Hutchinson chair. Balance-sheet for 1916 was presented, and showed a balance of £9 4s. 11d., and with cash in bank, £26 0s. 11d., the society is in a very satisfactory state. The officials were all re-elected with the following additions: Mr. J. Morrison was made a vice-pres., and the following members were put on the committee: Messrs. Cleminson, Coulthard, Henderson, and Kindness. Decided that when two members breed and exhibit together, and have only one bird room, double subscription is to be paid, and at shows their points will count as a single member. Table pair show at Feb. meeting. Classes: Norwich, Crests, Cinnamons, Yorks., Bord., Cinnamons, Bord. Greens, and A.V. class, including Hybrid and Muling pairs. I have been requested since our meeting to add a British class "Any Variety."—E. Coltman, Sec.

CROYDON F.F.A.

Annual meeting, Jan. 31st, Ruskin House, D. W. Oliver chair. Report and balance sheet read and adopted. The year has been the most successful in the history of the society. The balance in hand is £21 19s. 9d., after handing over £5, the proceeds of the Red Cross Sale, for gifts to wounded sailors and soldiers in the Croydon hospitals. The membership is 162 paid up, and six new members were elected. Decided to charge a nomination fee of 1s. to all future members elected. The annual subscription remains at 2s. 6d., as before. A new cup for cage birds has been procured during the year, and was won by Miss Wright, and the treasurer stated he had nearly sufficient in hand to get another cup for this year. Officers elected: Sir F. Edridge, pres.; D. W. Oliver, chair; F. W. Capell, vice-chair; J. A. Halhead, treas; and F. B. Roberts, hon. sec.; committee, same as last year, except Mr. Mudd elected in place of Mr. Everitt resigned. There was a large attendance, and the meeting, after a suggestion that £10 of the balance be put into War Loan, concluded by votes of thanks to the chairman, officers and committee.—J. A. Halhead, hon. treas.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Always Ready).

Annual general meeting, Jan. 24th, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road. Mr. J. S. Dixon presided over a good attendance. A hearty welcome was given to Mr. W. Thompson, one of the oldest fanciers of the North, who has reached the great age of 76, and has been in the fancy for 60 years, and we hope that we will be spared for many years to come to carry on the good work which he has done in the past. Balance sheet was read by the secretary. Our society was formed on Jan. 26th, 1916, and we have a balance of £14 8s., which we shall pay out in prize money this year; we have now 70 members, which we think is a splendid record. Officers elected: Mr. C. A. Cochrane, M.P., President, who takes a great interest in our society; vice-presidents, Ald. J. Taylor, J. J. Anderson, C. S. Carnes, J. M. Hunt, Ald. D. Richardson, Councillor H. M. Sadler, Dr. E. Blair, J. S Oliver, Dr. Turner, Dr. Peacock, J. Clubbs, Councillor G. E. Evans, H. Robson, J. W. Curry, J. W. Wood, Councillor J. Gilroy, L. Thompson, O. P. Hutchinson, J. J. Todd, Councillor J. Burns; chair, R. Barnes; vice-chair, J. S. Dixon; committee, T. R. Baker, R. Armstrong, E. Coppoch, R. Ridley, W. Duke, W. Cleghorn, W. Nessworthy, R. Stephenson, and W. Thompson, R. Honeyman, pro tem. Treasurer, J. F. Curry; secretary, J. W. Watson. Agreed, that the vice-chair takes the chair after his first year in office. Vote of thanks was given to Mr. Dixon for splendid services rendered during the past year. New members: Messrs. A. Blair, J. Gordon, R. Honeyman, J. Irvine, J. Thompson, W. Thompson, W. Beaver, J. Chilton, E. Daighton, W. Espie, C. McKay, G. Rowson, W. H. Newton, J. Greaves. Pair Show and British Feb. 24th; Norwich Crests, Cinnamon, Yorks., Bord., A.O.V., Mule or Hyb., (Golds. or Bullf., Linnet, Greenf., Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, A.O.V., Softbill. Open Rules. 20 miles.—J. W. Watson.

STANLEY (Empire) F.F. & C.B.S.

Annual meeting, Dec. 26th, R. Peart chair. Decided to hold members' show Nov. 17th-18th. Secretaries note date. Officers elected: Chair, J. Middlemast; treas, J. Smith; sec., R. Hutchinson. Resolved to give our best support to R. Mitchell, who is running for Management Board, Feb. 3rd and 4th.—R. Hutchinson.

STANLEY (Victoria) F.F. & C.B.S.

Annual meeting, Jan. 21st, R. Peart chair; election of officers: Chair, J. Armitage; vice-chair, R. Peart; sec., and treas., R. Hutchinson. Decided to hold next members' show on old show date, Dec. 1st-2nd. Secs. please note date. Resolved that all members give their support to the sec., who is up for election for the Management Board on Feb. 3rd-4th.—R. Hutchinson.

WEST STANLEY (Patriotic).

Meeting, Feb. 4, J. Armitage chair. Decided to abandon the show fixed for Feb. 24, seeing that the Government demands the paying of the Entertainment Tax when the expenses were being paid out of the entrance fees. It is very hard when you try to help disabled soldiers and sailors and you have to pay part of your income to the Government for taxes.—R. Hutchinson, Sec.

OXFORD C.B.S.

Seventh annual general meeting, 58, George-street, Feb. 1. Mr. Gough chair. Balance-sheet discussed and passed, and officers elected:—Pres., Mr. W. F. Cross; vice-pres., Viscount Valentia, C.B., M.P., Miss Driver, Miss West, with power to add; bankers, The Old Bank, Barclay's; hon. solicitor, Mr. A. H. Franklin; hon. auctioneer, Mr. J. Hastings; hon. treas., Mr. J. A. Lees; hon. sec., A. Lewin; assist.-sec., A. F. Fifield; committee, Messrs. Gough (chair), Holiday, Pearce, Wren, Simmonds, Reverell, Grimes; hon. auditors, Messrs. W. B. George and F. Wildson. The society is in a sound condition, with a satisfactory balance of £10 in hand.—A. Lewin, Hon. Sec.

NORTH-WEST GLASGOW C.B.C.

Annual general meeting, Amalgamated Museum Hall, Jan. 23rd, Mr. P. Thorn presiding over a good attendance. The financial statement for 1916 (which shows a very satisfactory balance on the right side) was adopted. Prize money won at annual show was paid out to members present. Election of office bearers: President, Mr. P. Thorn; vice-pres., Mr. W. Loan and Mr. R. Brown; sec. and treas., Mr. P. Houston, 31, Willowbank Crescent, Glasgow; committee, Messrs. Paterson, Graham, Boullet, Pinnock, Pringle, Phillips, Davidson, Lindsay, W. Stewart, and J. Crawford; auditors, Messrs. Wallace and J. Stewart, Junr. Twelve new members were proposed. Vote of thanks to retiring office bearers and to the chair terminated a very pleasant meeting.—P. Houston, sec.

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.S.

Seventh annual general meeting, Jan. 30, in Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, Mr. P. Allan presiding over a good attendance. Balance-sheet for 1916 was gone over, passed as correct, and considered very satisfactory, leaving a good balance on hand, part of which is to be divided in prize money amongst the members. Office-bearers for 1917: Hon. Pres., Mr. W. Gibb Macnab; Pres., Mr. P. Allan; Vice-Pres., Messrs. J. Campbell and D. Lunn; Sec. and Treas. pro tem., Mr. P. Allan, 5, Temple Gardens, Annlesland, Glasgow; Committee, Messrs. A. Mitchell, A. Gillespie, G. Robertson, C. Sellar, J. Glass, H. Hyslop, and A. Proctor. Auditors, Messrs. A. Hendry and G. McGown. Decided to have the matched pairs show, Feb. 9 (2 judges). British and Foreign bird show, March 9 (one judge); F.F. show, July 7; and the annual members' show, Nov. 17. Judges were nominated for pairs and British and Foreign bird show; judges for F.F. show and annual show left over till another meeting. New member enrolled: Mr. T. D. Lees. Intending members please note that we cater for all varieties of cage birds. Annual sub., 4s., payable in twice. All other particulars on application to the Sec. and Treas., P. Allan, 5, Temple Gardens, Annlesland, Glasgow.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

LEEDS.

West Leeds Linnet and Canary Association.—Linnet singing Viaduct Inn. 1, Chadwick; 2, McNichol; 3, Jarrow. 16 birds hung. Canaries at night, Prince of Wales. 1, 3, Wood; 2, Kippling. Ten birds hung.—T. Cawood, Sec.

Linnet singing contest, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Feb. 4; 25 birds sang for four prizes. 1, 2, shared Wigfield and Binns; 3, Bamfield; 4, Wigfield. Judges, A. Butterfield, J. Clarke. Timekeeper, Rayner.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Open Linnet contest held at the Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound-place, York-rd. 28 birds: 1, Buckley; 2, Marshall; 3, Stockill; 4, Watson. Judges, Dearlove, Gomersal, Bousfield.—G. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, Feb. 4. 30 birds sang and some extra good singing was heard: 1, Parlett; 2, Cutts; 3, Driver. We had a visitor from Castleford with four birds. Linnet show in the evening: 1, Parlett; 2, Spettswood; 3, Cutts.—E. Phillipson, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly Linnet contest held Woodman Inn, Horse-fair. Club sing, Feb. 3, 28 birds: 1, B. Nelson; 2, Blackshear; 3, W. Nelson. Open sing, Feb. 4. 42 birds entered for four good prizes and some good singing was heard: 1, Foster; 2, Watkiss; 3, Nelson; 4, Scott.—S. Pugh, Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, Doncaster Road, Feb. 4. Eighteen birds sang for four prizes, and some very good singing was heard, ten birds doing above 3min. France 3.52, Norburn 3.46, Wright 3.34, Jones 3.20. F. Shepherd timer, Bamforth chalker. Mr. J. Norburn will match his Linnet to sing any bird in England for £10 a side; time singing; meet halfway. (Advt.).—J. Hardman, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax Linnet Club, Headquarters, Commercial Hotel, Members' sing, Feb. 3. 34 birds entered for three minutes' sing, and some good singing was done, especially at this time of the year: 1, Cooper; 2, Potter; 3, Norton. Tappen, T. Pickersgill, W. Perkin; timekeepers, O. Potter, J. Cooper. A new member joined and this makes a total of seven new members.—R. Plows, Sec.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

NOTE.—Only the details asked for on our cards can be published. Such phrases as "a large attendance desired," etc., must not be included. Classification for forthcoming shows, appeals for new members, and any other matter in the nature of an advertisement will only be inserted if paid for at advertisement rates.

Alfreton C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Red Lion Hotel, 6. General business, also table show of stock pairs; J. Adnitt, judge. Birds staged 6.—G. Sawer.

Bolton Roller C.C.—Feb. 13, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Bolton, 7.30. Election of officers. Members are requested to bring all money and unsold tickets so books can be audited.—T. Ormston.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Feb. 10, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.30. Union rules, etc.—F. P. Terry.

City of Birmingham.—Feb. 7, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 7.30. Election of officers for 1917, and balance-sheet.—A. C. Shirley.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Lamb Hotel. Members' pair show; birds staged by 4. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne (Gloucester).—W. Pounsett.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Feb. 12, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Baker Street, W., 8. Lecture on "Line or In-breeding," by Mr. G. Gardner.—F. J. Martin.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Feb. 10, headquarters, 8. Charity show and discussion on Pairing for Breeding, etc.—A. Wright.

City of Bradford O.S.—Feb. 10, Flying Dutchman, 7.30. Election of officers and revision of Yorkshire Union Rules.—J. Bolton.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 2.30. Table show and election of judges for annual show.—J. C. Charlton.

East Ham, Poplar, and Leyton Combined.—Feb. 10, Liberal Club (opposite Town Hall). Second annual combined show, open at 4. Judge, H. Norman.—F. Onslow.

Farnworth C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Church House, Church Road, 7.30. Business important; election of officers, etc.—W. Dawson.

Glasgow (West End) C.B.C.—Feb. 9, Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, 8. Matched pairs: Canaries, Muling pairs, and Hybrid Pairs.—P. Allan.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Feb. 10, Grange Congregational School, All Saints Road, 7.30. Yearly meeting for election of officers, balance-sheet, and year's specials.—A. Firth.

Halifax O.S.—Feb. 10, Victoria Con. Club, Gibbet Street. Whist drive and social; tickets, 9d. each. Whist 6.45. A hearty invitation to friends.—J. J. Dunn.

Huddersfield O.S.—Feb. 12, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Yorkshire Union ballot paper, and other business.—A. Lawford.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Derby Arms, 7. Business important.—T. Smith.

Leyton C.B.A.—Jan. 12, Parish Hall, Church Road, Leyton, 8. Annual general meeting.—A. W. Farmer.

Lochgelly C.B.C.—Feb. 17, Drill Hall, Anteroom, 6. General meeting; election of officers for 1917.—W. Grewar.

Laisterdyke Bowling and Tong Combination.—Feb. 15, Barley Mow, 7.30. General meeting; election of officers, balance-sheet, another season's working, etc.—J. E. Hudson.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Feb. 17, Y.M.C.A. Halls. F.M. Table Show; judging at 6.—A. Thomson.

Manchester and N. Counties O.S.—Feb. 12, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Table show of Norwich, and general business.—F. Wilkinson.

Northern Crest Club.—Feb. 14, Sunderland, 7.30. Balance-sheet, election of officers.—G. Dobson.

Oldham C.B.S.—Feb. 13, Volunteer Inn, 7.45. Business very special.—G. Mills.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Room, back of stage, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. General business; subs. and ticket money joint show due; notice of motion trophy and medals, important.—A. W. Newton.

Queen's Park (Glasgow).—Feb. 14, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 8. Alteration of rules.—A. Foreman.

Seaton Delaval C.B.S.—Feb. 10, New Victoria Inn, 6.30. Enrolment of new members and general business.—J. Archbold.

Stanley F.F. and C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Victoria Hall, 7. Election officers and important business.—R. Hutchinson.

Stanley Patriotic F.F. and C.B.S.—Feb. 4, South Moor Social Club, 7. Important business re entertainment tax.—R. Hutchinson.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Feb. 10, Station Street Cafe, 6.30. Pair show; classification for annual show to be discussed.—F. Riseborough.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Brotherhood Rooms, Cleckheaton, 7.30. Arrangements for shows, etc., 1917; chosing medals, discussion on club-rooms.—S. B. Grayshon.

Springburn, Possil Park C.B.C.—Feb. 14, Reid Hall, 8. Pair show.—A. Hamilton.

Swansea C.B.A.—Feb. 10, Elysium, 8. Washing exhibition, by Mr. W. J. Jenkins.—J. H. Ford.

Tong C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.30. Yorks, Union Rules, and fixing prize distribution.—W. Walker.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Feb. 13, Village School, Alexandria, 8.—G. McColl.

Wallsend, Mid-Tyne Association.—Feb. 14, Station Hotel, 7. General meeting; question night discussed and table show for British, four classes.—Geo. Greenwell.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Feb. 17, Ship Inn, 7.30. Mr Waters will give a lecture on Breeding and Rearing; a hearty invitation to all fanciers.—F. Moore.

Wanstead F. and F.S.—Feb. 15, Church Hall, Cambridge Park, 8. Annual general; election of officers, balance-sheet, distribution of prizes.—H. J. Maynard.

Wigan Roller Club.—Feb. 10, Legs of Man Hotel, 6.30. Lecture on Roller Canary Song, by Mr. Massey, Bolton.—P. Greenall.

Walton, Everton C.B.S.—Feb. 14, headquarters, Mission Hall, Kilshaw Street, 8. Drawing up syllabus for 1917, etc.—J. Lloyd.

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Twitterings.

A Hedge Sparrow with six primary feathers in each wing pure white has been shot in Glamorganshire.

Will Mr. W. Henshaw, of Ilkeston, kindly communicate with A. E. Wilkins, 18, Keith Avenue, Walton, Liverpool.

Will Societies please note to avoid clashing (writes Mr. F. W. Laidlow, Newcastle C.B.S.), that we have fixed our show dates for Oct. 19 and 20th.

Mr. F. C. Hiden, the owner of the fine Hawfinch which appears on our front page this week, tells us that the bird is a hand-reared one, having been taken from a nest in July, 1915. Mr. Hiden has been successful in rearing a full nest of last year's birds, and hopes next season to be able to show a fine team, as they are all very promising specimens.

Owing to my health not keeping at the best for some time past, writes Mr. A. K. Hunter, and also pressure of business, I have been compelled to resign my office of sec. and treas. of Queen's Park (Glasgow) and District C.B.S. At the annual general meeting of the club, Jan. 31, the members were successful in getting Mr. Andrew Forman, 389, Cathcart Road, to take up the joint positions. My best wishes go out to him, and any assistance from me is entirely at his disposal.

Ramsden's Pure Peppers.—Fanciers intending to colour feed this season should purchase at once, as they may not be able to secure supplies later on. Orders will be executed in rotation while the stock lasts. Prices as last season, no advantage being taken of the shortage or present market quotations:—¼ lb. 1s. 6d., 1 lb. 2s. 6d., 3 lbs. 6s. 6d., 5 lbs. 10s., 22 lbs. 37s. 6d., post or carriage paid.—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.—(Advt.)

"British Birds" for February, 1s. monthly, Messrs. Witherby, High Holborn, contains interesting obituary notices of the great hunter, F. C. Selous, and the naturalist, T. H. Nelson, the author of "Birds of Yorkshire." Some very valuable notes by Mr. H. F. Witherby give the results of ringing Song Thrushes and Blackbirds, and a long list is given of birds of all kinds recovered under the marking scheme. One of these, a Greenfinch, marked as a nestling near Southampton in 1912, was found near the same spot in 1916. Among the usual "Notes" is a report of a Blackcap caught near Shrewsbury on Dec. 6 last.

The frontispiece of "Bird Notes" for January, the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, is a pretty drawing by Mrs. A. M. Cook, of a returned soldier among the foreign birds in an outdoor aviary. Mrs. Stanley Gardiner tells of the breeding of Sydney Waxbills, Major Parreau continues "Bakloh Aviary Notes," Mrs. C. A. Longdon gives her experiences of 1916 in breeding foreign birds, and Mr. Shore-Baily writes of some interesting cases of hybridising between foreign species. The hon. editor, Mr. Wesley T. Page, commences an article entitled, "Early Experiences," which should be very useful to beginners.

New Sec for Wakefield O.S.

We are asked to state that the new hon. sec. of Wakefield O.S. is Mr. T. H. Alexander 11, Regent Street, New Scarboro', Wakefield.

"No Name" at the Glasgow Show.

Mr. A. Forrest writes that among the many "no names" in the report of the City of Glasgow show, owing to the accepting of late entries which were not printed in the catalogue, no name in Border Green Ck. Class and 3 no name in Green Hens should be Forrest.

I have again taken over the secretaryship of Larkhall C.B.A., being assisted by Mr. Alex. Kerr (writes Mr. Allan Thomson). All communications should now be addressed to me at 1, Croft Place, Larkhall. Our late secretary, Mr. McGregor, has been called up, and expects to be in khaki before this note is in print. We as a club expressed our regret at parting with Mr. McGregor, who for years has been an active member, and lately an official of our association. We hope he may be spared to be back soon amongst us, and wish him the best of luck.

A Feathered Alien Interned.

A Seagull bearing a ring stamped "Zool Station, Heligoland, 181," has been captured at Norwich, and handed over to the naval authorities.

A Ringed Green Plover.

In a lot of Green Plover bought in the ordinary way of trade by Messrs. Sheehan and Co., poulterers, Dungarvan, was a bird bearing a ring marked "J.P.C., 1913, No. 12."

New Sec. for Bradford O.S.

I have taken over the secretarial duties of the City of Bradford O.S., in place of Mr. W. Helliwell, writes Mr. J. Bolton, 103, Maperton Road, Bradford, and all communications should be addressed to the above address.

Roller Canary Singing at Golborne.

We are endeavouring to establish a Cage Bird Society for Golborne, writes Mr. F. Ashcroft, and to promote this object a few friends have provided four prizes, and we have decided to have a Roller singing contest at the Victoria Hotel, Golborne, Feb. 10, when the prizes are to be competed for by local fanciers. There will be no entrance fee or charge of any kind either for birds or visitors.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN HAMLYN, SEN. (Shepton Mallet).

We are sorry to receive from Mr. John Hamlyn, the well-known naturalist, the news of the death of his father, the oldest draper in England. The deceased gentleman was born May 2, 1815, at Martock, Somerset, so was within three months of reaching the age of 102. He retired from his business in Taunton some forty years ago, and went to reside at Shepton Mallet, where he had served his apprenticeship. On attaining his 100th birthday he received a letter of congratulation from His Majesty King George. He had good health throughout his long life, and was in full possession of his faculties up to a week before his death. Notwithstanding his great age, he always made his own purchases, and was to be seen daily in his outdoor walks. His wife, Sarah Hamlyn, died in March, 1899, at the age of 66, and the genial John, of St. George Street, E., bird and wild beast dealer, Borough Councillor, and Guardian of Stepney, is his only surviving son.

I am sorry to say, writes Mr. Geo. Greenwell, sec. Wallsend C.B.S., that Mr. H. Fleck, the well-known Norwich and British exhibitor, has suffered a great loss in the death of his oldest daughter. All Harry's friends, and they are many, will join in an expression of condolence in his severe blow, and hope that he and family will have strength given them to bear it.

A Thought for the Birds.

Might I venture to suggest to your readers, writes Mr. E. G. Fairholme, Chief Sec., R.S.P.C.A., that, especially during this inclement weather, they should save the crumbs, etc., from their tables, and throw them out daily to feed the birds, many of which are hard put to it to find food at such a time. Any little scraps of fat from meat that are of no use for any other purpose are very helpful to them. I fully realise the need which is rightly being impressed on the Nation for economy in the consumption of food, but what I suggest would give a dinner to innumerable little birds and save them from starvation without in any way depleting the food necessary for the support of human beings.

A Roller Canary Society for Swinton and Pendlebury.

At a crowded meeting held Jan. 30, at Bridgewater Arms, Pendlebury, writes Mr. E. Hibbert, it was decided to form a Roller Society to be called Swinton and Pendlebury District Roller Society. Fifteen members joined, and a good number more have signified their intention to join at our next meeting, Feb. 28, at 7.30, at Headquarters, Bridgewater Arms, Worsley-st., Pendlebury. The following officials were elected: Pres., Mr. A. Donnelly; vice-pres., Messrs. W. Bumby, Green, and Wilson; sec. and treas., Mr. E. Hibbert; committee, Messrs. Ashworth, R. Bi[illegible]v. D. Jones, G. Bates, J. Hughes, and B. Evans. Meetings will be held on the last Wednesday in each month at 7.30. Entrance fee 1s., and annual subs. 3s. It was decided that we join the National Federation of British Roller Canary Clubs. Intending members will be welcomed at next meeting.

Birds and Wintry Weather

A dead Thrush picked up this week in the garden, says the "Manchester Dispatch," reveals the tragedy of the struggle for existence on the part of one of our grandest feathered songsters. Driven by the frozen state of the ground to come nearer the dwelling houses, no person seems to have taken pity on its plight, and so cold and starvation took toll, and we are a songster the less.

In the course of an article in the "Daily News," entitled "Frost-bound birds," Mr. W. Beach Thomas says: "The population of our natives, especially Tits, Wrens, Thrushes, and, above all, Blackbirds, has swelled and swelled for twenty years. In the interval we have endured some hard frosts, but never a long frost, and it is the length not the intensity that matters to birds.

You can infer the plight of the birds from their friendliness and love of habitations. The Greenfinches crowd even into the hencoops when the poultry are fed, and can be caught in any numbers if anyone should desire it in a wire run. If you dig in the garden Chaffinches come within a foot of your spade with courage as great as the Robins, who have a constant affection for an active spade.

The senses of the birds are strung to the highest pitch of perception where food is concerned. If you rattle the window as you throw out crumbs—the few not reserved for the hens—the ruffled Thrushes pop out from under the hedges before the manna begins to fall. If you hang up even a well scraped bone at the end of a meal's first course Tits will be clinging to it, though the string swings in the east wind like a turnspit, and peeling off the infinitesimal morsels of meat long before you have finished your meal. Wrens are running about like mice in outhouses or glasshouses sweeping the place clean of every morsel or every insect entombed in the cracks and at the edges of the panes.

Frost, with an east wind, always seems to increase the volume of birds among all inland places. The appearance is partly deceptive. There are no more Bullfinches in the land than before, but my orchard is thick with them for the first time, and they make awkward and vain attempts to play the part of the Tits with the mutton bone. Many people in the south have seen the Hawfinch for the first time since this frost set in. His size and mother-of-pearl beak and yellow streaks have been seen round many houses which before he had quite avoided, and observers to their astonishment find him a fairly common bird."

"Black" Canaries from New Zealand

By J. C. WILMOT, Bedford.

It is now several years ago since Mrs. Martin, of New Zealand, sent over to England her first lot of White Canaries. These were exhibited at various shows by Mr. Goodman, of Kempston, Bedford, winning a number of prizes, and were eventually picked up by a number of fanciers in different parts of the country. They naturally created a mild sensation, as a pure White Canary had never been exhibited before.

Recently, Mr. Goodman has received a second contingent from Mrs. Martin, consisting of 25 birds, sixteen of which are purely white, without a speck of colouring in them, and nine dark. The Whites are certainly a splendid lot of birds of the Yorkshire type and a great improvement upon the first lot sent, which were more of the Border Fancy type. Their constitution must be very robust for although upon arrival, after their journey of about nine weeks, they were a bit down in condition, Mr. Goodman soon pulled them round, got them well through the moult, and when I saw them a few days ago they were in prime condition, the cocks singing lustily.

The nine dark birds (to call their black is certainly a misnomer) are a very unique and healthy lot. Their general colour is, as Mrs. Martin acknowledged in her descriptive article which appeared in CAGE BIRDS some time ago, a bluish grey, with darker feathers on the back, wings and tail. Several of them are selfs, not having a single white feather on them; others have a few white feathers here and there. They are certainly very pretty and attractive birds, and it is to be hoped a forerunner of an entirely new variety. To me the most remarkable thing is that they were all bred from white birds, the mating in the first instance being a white cock, and a jonque cinnamon hen.

The establishment of this new variety is certainly a great credit to Mrs. Martin, and it is to be hoped that during the coming season, when the war is over, and our boys are back again, Mr. Goodman will see his way to exhibit them at some of the leading shows. By the way, Mr. Goodman tells me that he hopes by judicious crossing to improve them during the coming season; in the meantime, if any fancier would like to see them it will be necessary to make an appointment with Mr. Goodman, whose address is 24, Bedford Road, Kempston, Bedford, as he is a very busy man, and very frequently away from home. In conclusion, all true fanciers will wish success to this "New Zealand" variety. None of the birds are for sale at present.

Our Painting Competition.

AMONG all the competitions which we put before our readers from time to time, none is more popular than the yearly one of painting our front page.

With so many of our readers "doing their bit" at the front, it was to be expected that the number of entries would show a diminution, but the paintings of our frontispiece of Dec. 16 have come in in quite their usual number, and the merit all round is of such a high degree that the task of picking out the absolute best has been by no means an easy one.

Three judges had the matter under consideration, two of them having artistic leanings, and the third being a stickler for accuracy in the colouring of the birds. The latter had a rather tough time occasionally in pointing out that a delightfully pretty picture failed to render the natural colour of the birds, but in the end the agreement was unanimous that the picture which best combined artistic merit with accuracy was the one sent in by Miss Alce Hughes, Alvington Manor, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, and to this lady the prize of one guinea has been awarded. This picture was absolutely true to nature in its colouring, and displayed artistic merit of a very high order.

Among those which stood up to the end in the battle must be mentioned the efforts of J. W. Goldsmith, Maidenhead, which put up a very close fight indeed; Mrs. A. M. Cook, Kilburn, little if anything behind; J. Wills, Carnarvon; A. Middleton, Bucksburn, Aberdeen; H. Hatfield, York; Mrs. Warley, Bath; Mrs. McLellan, Pollokshaws, Glasgow; Miss Maude Wadsworth, York; A. E. Allsopp, Cardiff; and Miss Hilda Walker, Redcar.

A very notable feature is the fact that quite the majority of attempts came from lady readers, and that they acquitted themselves well will be obvious from the fact that the prize has gone to a lady, and that five of the ten next best pictures were also painted by members of the gentler sex.

Many young fanciers also tried their hand, and some of the attempts were of great merit, notably the one by A. E. Allsopp mentioned above. This young fancier, who is a son of our well-known contributor of the same name, is only 14 years of age, and his picture has got among the best upon its own merits, as the names were only examined after judging was completed.

A curious feature of the competition was that many seemed not to recognise the birds depicted in outline by our artist. One competitor made the Blue-Tits into Goldfinches, and painted the Robin entirely brown. The heading in this attempt was particularly well painted, and if the main picture had been nearly as good it would have had a decided chance.

Jas. Perry, aged 11, Luton, deserves mention, but in a very nicely painted picture he had converted the Robin into a Chaffinch.

W. Young, aged 14, who had "thirteen birds at home," painted [illegible] with indigo wings and chrome backs, and made the Jenny Wren in the top panel into a Robin, and the Goldfinch into a kind of Pied Flycatcher.

Nellie Lidgett, Newark, aged 11, sent in a very nice attempt indeed, and should persevere.

One competitor volunteered the information that "this picture contains one Norwich, one Robin, and three Cirl Buntings, and another made the Blue Tits into Lizard Canaries, the Robin into a Canary, and the Norwich into a London Fancy; while yet another, whose attempt was otherwise quite good, converted the Robin into a Hedge Sparrow, and said so in an inscription to the picture.

Still, taking the pictures all round they were a very fine lot, and we only wish that we were able to award prizes to quite a number of them.

Competitors desiring the return of their pictures, except the prize winner, may have them sent back if they will send sixpence to defray packing and postage, and those who wish for a detailed criticism of their pictures from a practical as well as an artistic point of view may have this sent by post for a fee of sixpence.

The Jackdaw and How to Keep It.

By "CRETA."

The following delightful article on one of the most entertaining and intelligent of all pet birds recently appeared in our contemporary "The Lady," and is reproduced by kind permission of the Editor of that Journal.

IN a small country village nestling in a valley in the Midlands, tho walls of the square old grey church tower which rose among the trees for many years provided home and shelter for successive generations of Jackdaws. And close by the church tower the children of the rectory—like all the other children in the village -loved with an exceeding love to get possession of one of the baby Jackdaws and rear it as a close and intimate friend and companion.

Perhaps the utmost limit of educated intelligence, conversational accomplishment, and capacity for personal attachment possible with any of the 'daw family was developed by the Jackdaws who lived with those rectory children as dear and valued pets in that lovely old garden!

By one of the unwritten but rigidly observed laws which govern village life just as influentially as they do that of larger social communities, though without the slightest legal basis, the 'daws who lived in that tower were the personal property of the village clerk.

For many years old Robert, and, later, his son Tom, climbed up into the bell chamber, where the birds nested, and along the beams to the rough bundles of sticks on the stone ledges in the corners, at imminent personal risk, each spring-time, and as soon as the nestlings were old enough to be "taken," carried them down the old tower and sold them at prices varying from threepence to eightpence—according to the pecuniary position of the purchaser—among the children and adults of the near neighbourhood.

As uming a Virtue.

One or more birds were always carefully left in each nest. Old Robert's friends and admirers said this was done from pure kindness of heart that the parent birds should not miss their children and fret for them, but more practical persons knew that his knowledge of natural history was such that he understood that if the entire broods were removed year after year the Jackdaws would soon desert the old tower for some more secure nesting place elsewhere, and a regular source of income be lost in consequence.

Old Robert has long lain under the grass by the square grey tower, also his son beside him, and no Jackdaws have nested now for many years, so it is probable that his successor was not either so humane or so wise.

The rectory occupants were always given the first option of acquiring "jacks," as a matter of etiquette, and among the entertaining, glossy black bipeds who brought interest and amusement to their youthful days two specially affectionate, intelligent pets will always be fondly remembered.

Directly they could fly they were allowed entire liberty, without the impediment of any clipped wing, but their attachment for their owner was such that they never willingly left her or showed the slightest inclination to rejoin their parents in the tower close by.

They could "talk" with singular clearness, learned many amusing little tricks, and seemed to develop almost human intelligence, the result, no doubt, of being through their early years such an important part of their young mistress's life and the recipients of unceasing petting and attention.

Their names were "Jet" and "Gloss," and they appeared to know them perfectly, also their owner's, whom they were in the habit of calling so distinctly she would often think it was some other member of the family who wanted her.

When she went for walks they usually accompanied her, if possible, often going as far as two or three miles, flying from tree to tree beside the roadway, or riding, if allowed, on her shoulder. Occasionally, if she went into a house and remained some time, they would become impatient and fly off home, but they more often waited outside until she reappeared and returned with her.

Not to be Outwitted.

If she wished to go out without them the only way to accomplish this was to give them some food, return to the house, and slip out of another door, but they watched her movements so vigilantly they would often discover her absence from the premises and follow her when she had got some distance, and the only way really to ensure their not doing so was to shut them up beforehand in the cage in which they roosted.

One memorable Sunday, after being repeatedly driven back, they succeeded in following her into church during morning service, and distracted the congregation from their devotions by loudly calling her name. After that incident it was decreed that the birds should be kept shut in their cage on Sundays until the afternoon service was safely over, an institution they bitterly resented, and their sagacity was such that they always showed a peculiar reluctance to "go to bed" on Saturday nights, and sometimes insisted on staying out altogether and sleeping in the trees.

Among the most striking tricks they learned, one of them would lie motionless on its back on its mistress's hand when told to be "dead," with its feet rigidly curled up and its head hanging down in such a way as quite to deceive a stranger, never making the slightest movement until bidden to "live" again.

Incorrigible Thieves.

The natural tendency for mischief which is characteristic of all the 'daw tribe was never eradicated by education or the strictest supervision. To the end of their lives they took a fiendish delight in flying into open windows whenever they had the opportunity, and stealing any trinkets left about on the dressing table or into the nursery to snatch up a tiny doll, or any other small toy, and fly off with it to a neighbouring tree and tear it to atoms out of reach before the owner's very eyes. This insatiable desire to thieve and destroy was a frequent source of vexation and small losses, and is a drawback which should be carefully considered before such birds are acquired as pets.

To make happy and affectionate pets young Jackdaws should be taken from the nest as soon as fully fledged. Some hay in the bottom of a hamper or wicker cage makes a good receptacle for them for the first few weeks, and they should be kept in a warm room or sheltered outhouse at night, with lid of hamper closed or cage covered.

Coming from a nest with other young, they will be susceptible to cold until acclimatised to their new home, and must be kept carefully from all draughts and damp, though Jackdaws are among the hardiest of birds, and not so delicate as the majority of fledglings.

How to Rear Jackdaws.

They require feeding every two hours. Three or four mouthfuls of chopped raw meat make a good meal for them, or worms may be substituted if obtainable, and a little stale bread soaked in water and squeezed dry can be mixed with either, for economy, if desired.

They will be very shy just at first, poor little fluffy, black mites, and the food will probably have to be forced down by gently opening the beak and placing it inside, or even pushing it right into the throat, but Jackdaws are naturally bold young birds, and after a very few meals they will usually open their mouths voluntarily and give their owner's approach at feeding time an enthusiastic welcome.

Care must be taken not to over-feed them, as they are greedy youngsters, and will often continue to open their mouths and beg for more after they have swallowed quite as much as they can digest at a time, though in a very few days they will be able to peck up the bits of food for themselves, and then matters may be left a little more to their own discretion.

Strict attention to cleanliness must be given to such birds, especially while young and helpless, and their bedding should be changed daily. Directly they are old and strong enough to roost, perches must be provided. It is injurious to the legs and feet for them to remain and sleep in a nest after they are old enough to leave it.

Many unfortunate Jackdaws spend their entire lives pent up in an insanitary wicker cage, which is a sad pity, as they are, of course, far happier and healthier if allowed more liberty, and, belonging to a strong, bold, plucky race, they can generally be trusted to take care of themselves and successfully drive away strange cats, even if their wing is clipped.

This may be necessary, for a time at any rate, until they have become attached to their new surroundings, but only the tips of feathers in one wing should be snipped off, so that the bird can still take short flights or get up into the shrubs out of reach of dogs or other dangers.

All through maturity the 'daw, living thus in partial liberty, will require feeding three times a day—morning, noon, and night—and for the rest can be left to provide for himself, helping thereby to clear the garden of worms and insects. A plate of table scraps, with fragments of meat and pudding and bones to pick, makes an excellent meal for an adult Jackdaw.

They require some shelter, such as an outhouse or open cage hung up in a dry place under the eaves, to roost in during the winter months, but otherwise can be left out of doors to take care of themselves all the year round.

Where there is no strip of garden or pleasant yard where a Jackdaw can live in the daytime, or spacious outdoor aviary to provide suitable accommodation for him, and the horrible wicker cage is an absolute necessity, no real pet-lover will ever attempt to keep one of these large, active birds at all.

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THE OLD AND THE NEW BELL GLUCKE.

By J. TOMLINSON (Newcastle, Staffs).

(Continued from page 8.)

Notes by a Roller Canary Judge upon a widely-discussed Tour.

THE Glucke in this tour is deep, and delivered rapidly, but in formation and time is identical with the well-rendered Glucke of the old B.G. The style or formation of the Bell differs in individual birds; it may be heard softly hovering above the G, or maybe only its metallic ring will be heard embodied in the G., and I have come to the conclusion that the tour in young birds is immature.

These birds are soft in tone, the report of 1st Wolverhampton, 1914, read: "Too soft in tone;" this I regard as an acquisition, for the voice will mature with age. I judged that same bird at Birmingham, at the 1915 contest, when both body and voice had matured, and it sang a well defined B.G., a good one, too.

Entertaining an Angel Unaware.

This low, soft-toned Bell is often missed, yet, as I said previously, it prevails in the North. I've heard it there, in birds whose owners were unaware of the fact. I've heard the metallic ring embodied in a W.R.; also the W.G. I've heard the soft hovering as of a tinkling bell, above a W.R. and a D.B.W.T. This was described to me as Koller.

I have myself owned a bird that before he commenced his song, would produce a soft tinkling sound, such as the shaking of a bunch of wee bells would make. Was that Koller-like? I have now left two cocks, bred from the "strain" of the new B.G. Their sire was son of the 1st Wolverhampton, 1914, 1st Birmingham, 1915. I found on its arrival that this bird sang this B.G.; its former owner did not know this. I mated this cock with a sister to the 1914 B.R. cup winner and her daughter, which I obtained direct.

The two cocks mentioned, and others from this mating were trained under a H.G. singer and the result was the deep-toned rapidly delivered G. of the B.G., embodied in which is a metallic ring, which I described as having found in a W.G. and W.R. Some of the cocks, although they had never heard a B.G. singer, at one time brought that soft hovering bell note over their G., to drop it, under the influence of the majority of their fellow pupils, and bring W.G. and H.G.

Versatile as is the Water in the tours, much more so is the Bell, and its metallic ring. The water can be found in W.R. D.B.W.T., W.G. also in a deep tour that has given rise to the term Watery Bass. We hear the Bell and its metallic ring or sound in the Hollow Bell, the Bell Roll, the Bell Tour, over the W.R. and D.B.W.T., of the old B.G. birds, now we are finding it embodied in our W.R. W.G., and in the quickly rendered G. of the new Bell Glucke.

As the watery rolling tour forms a W.R., as the watery intonation, with a deep, downward beat, a W.G., and as the Bell and the Glucke form a Bell G., so I am prepared to accept the statement that the Bell or its metallic ring in an H.R., W.R., or W.G., forms a separate tour in each. I am inclined to view them as sports from the B.G., as the majority are found in the B.G. singer, nevertheless they each form a separate and a distinct tour. Providing they are not termed Koller, name them Koller-like or anything else you please, they will sound equally as pleasing.

Readers would do well to read the disinterested writing of a German judge to the Roller fanciers of Germany, describing how he had heard and learnt to recognise the Koller. This article was translated into our fancy press by Mr. Tweed, and with apologies to the latter I will make a brief reference to this translation.

Learning from the Enemy.

"The Koller tours we hear to-day," he says, "are merely a mirage of that bewitching piece of music. They are only Koller-like—I will portray only what I have heard, a deep hollow tour sang from the breast with closed beak, which has something of the Glueke, Bass, and Schockel sounds about it." He describes the various throat sounds as Kururururubloooobe. This agreeable blend of song enables us to distinguish a third peculiar characteristic of the tour in its metallic sound. He speaks of the scarcity of even this mirage, and says that if any fancier has it, and will inform him he would be pleased to make the fact known.

He also goes on to describe the B.G. and says "it owes its purity to the metallic ring of the vowel E." Were an Englishman describing it, he would have referred to the l. or el. Just a simple illustration, but it shows the difficulties of translation, and the different usages and customs of different peoples. Other German writers describe the tour in various ways, one says "A characteristic sign of Koller is the wave-like hollow form, not springing or skipping. The consonants b or w come first; like lightning come the ground notes w or o, with an after tone ee. Comparing the deep wave like form, the hollow tonality, he prefers to say that "the Hollow Glucke, Hollow Water Glucke, Double Glucke, and Bell Glucke have rendered their share in the production of the Koller." Here we get rather a different version than in the first translation.

One of the prettiest and most catchy tours I have heard this year was in an old "Koller" cock of Mr. Jacquemin's at Wolverhampton, the bird sang a Water Roll, and immediately above it came the thrill that reminded one of a violin. How does this compare with either of the above translations, the first of which refers to Glucke, Bass, or Schockel sounds, and the latter says that the consonants b or w come first, and then like lightning the ground notes u or o, to end with ee.

I must thank Mr. Shepley for his kind remarks as to our judges, and with him opine that the soft hovering Bell with the G., is no more or less than a B.G., and no one will be more pleased than I to hear when we have reached that stage when we can say we have the real thing.

Mr. Shepley remarks on the excellence of the article translated by Mr. Gutierrez. I agree, and admit the difficulty of putting the bird's song to music. Under such a task is it any wonder that an error should have crept into the pitch given of the rendering of a good H.R. by the author. The average reader knows little of the time, the labour, the correspondence, and the trouble incurred by the translator in his praiseworthy efforts for the benefit of our hobby.

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Correspondence.

A Recipe Wanted.

Cake for Canary Rearing.

SIR,—Could any reader of CAGE BIRDS give me a receipt how to make a cake to rear young Canaries without the trouble of making egg food with eggs and biscuits, as I have not the time just now.

T. MCLEAN.

[Recipes have many times been given in our columns, but perhaps someone will oblige again.—Editor.]

An Ancient Method of Catching Larks.

SIR,—In a volume of old songs, dated 1749, I come across allusions to an old method of catching Larks by means of a looking glass. "Gaping (as Lark with looking glass) is by its likeness caught." Another reference to the same thing reads: "The nimble squirrels we cudgel we chase, and the little pretty Lark betray with a glass." Can any reader of CAGE BIRDS explain the method adopted by these old-time bird-catchers?

A.J.B.

Norwich.

How to Make a Square Mesh Net.

Working Instructions.

SIR,—Start with two stitches and add one stitch every row till you get the size wanted. Then cast off a stitch in every row till finished. This will make a square net and square mesh.

If an oblong net is required, start the same and keep on till you make the required width, and then on one row cast on an extra stitch at the end; next row take one off, so that there is always the same number of stitches on the stick till you get the required length, and then take off a stitch at end of each row till finished. The added stitch is always made at end of row.

T. HEBBLEWHITE.

The Reputed Goldfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid.

It's Rejection by the National British Bird and Mule Club Committee.

SIR,—I was not at all surprised to know that the committee of the N.M.B. and M.C. did not accept my Hybrid hen as genuine seeing that the gentleman that judged her at Clapham Show, or rather passed her, was chairman of that committee. When he once makes a mistake he sticks to it, and has never been known to give in. He does not seem to mind the injustice he is doing to other people.

It will make very little difference to me, for I know the bird is genuine, although a rather poor specimen of the cross perhaps. I wonder how many members besides Mr. Robson were at the meeting, and how many Hybrids they have bred between them, including the Chairman. I have bred six different crosses of Hybrids in the eight years I have gone in for it, also several kinds of Mules, including 14 Greenie Mules in one season, and ten Siberian Goldfinch Mules, and a Goldie-Bullie Hybrid from the same Siberian Goldfinch.

T. W. WREN.

A New British Bird Club.

Standard Cages for British Birds.

At a meeting held in Hamilton Town Hall, Jan. 27, the Lanarkshire British Bird, Mule, and Specialist Club open to Scotland, was formed, and office bearers were appointed as follows:—Pres., Mr. Geo. Martin; vice-pres., Alex. Davidson; sec. and treas., Wm. P. Campbell, Muir's Cottage, Larkhall; also representatives for the following districts: Motherwell, Alex and Andrew Henderson; Cumbusdang, Alex. Crawford and Alex. Davidson; Larkhall, Allan Thomson and Alex McAlean; Glasgow, M. B. Wallace and J. Crone; Musselburgh, C. and J. Sykes. Agreed that the membership fee be 2s. 6d. per year and that the committee and representatives meet at some future date to make the rules of the society. A discussion took place on the size of cages for different species of British birds, and this will be decided by committee and representatives of the different districts at a meeting at an early date. The aims and objects of the club will be found printed in book of rules which will be issued shortly and a copy of same will be given to each member. A hearty vote of thanks to chair ended the business.

WM. CAMPBELL, Hon. Sec.

A Fancier in Distress.

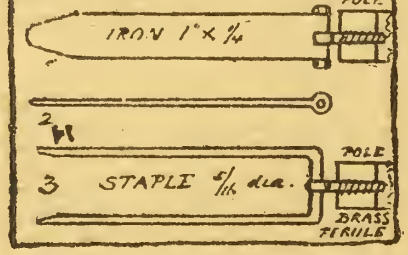
SIR,—Mr. McLaughlin, of 10a, Penville Road, Earlsfield, London, last year underwent a very serious internal operation in St. Peter's Hospital. He is now able to get out, but will not be able to work for some time, if at all. He wishes to get two or three pairs of Yorkshires, but has not the means to purchase them. I therefore desire to ask any fancier with surplus stock whether he would be disposed to give assistance either by giving a cock or hen; if so, they would be doing a very kindly act, and it would be acknowledged with grateful thanks. Mr. Robson has kindly consented to give a Yorkshire hen, and I personally will contribute 5s. towards a small fund with the object of purchasing say three pairs for a start. Mr. McLaughlin does not like asking you and the fancy for assistance, and this, therefore, is my excuse for asking the favour through the Press on his behalf.

W. LILLEY.

Poles and Irons for Bird Nets.

Their Construction Explained.

SIR,—Perhaps the accompanying sketches will give "Springburn" some idea of what is required in irons for nets. Sketch No. 1 shows a good type of iron. It is made from 1in. by ¼in., the top being turned after the manner of a hinge, or what is known to smiths as a "she" hinge, i.e., the centre part of the eye being cut out. The hole is large enough for a ¼in. bolt to go in easily. The bottom end is thinned down wedge shape, as shown in No. 2, which is the edge view of No. 1.



The pole is shown attached, and is connected to the iron by a good strong screw-eye such as used in picture frames, only stronger, and big enough for the bolt to pass through.

No. 3 is a more simple type, being made from 5/16in. round iron about 2in. wide; the ends are pointed, so as to drive easily into the ground.

Poles should be of riven ash, free from knots, and about 2in. diameter. The bottom ends should have a brass ferrule to prevent them splitting. The top end has a V piece sawn out for net line, which should fit tight in the V.

The length of the poles should be to suit the nets. Sometimes poles are cut in two and jointed with a brass pocket for convenience in packing and carrying. I trust the above will be clear to "Springburn," and wish him luck.

W. D. K.

The Disqualified Hawfinch at Bristol.

The Owner Again Denies Trimming.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. House's letter in last week's issue, I may say if he made himself and the matter a little clearer I should perhaps have been able to understand him. His statement to me seems "absolutely ridiculous." If he will look up the report of Bristol Show he will find the words. "In this class Mr. House left out a Hawfinch on the ground that it had had its bib trimmed." No mention here of feathers missing.

There were no feathers missing when the bird left here for Bristol, and none were missing at Bristol, or someone put them in when the bird was coming home. This show was held Dec. 2, and I think Mr. House knows it would be impossible for new feathers to grow and be perfect in 23 days. Mr. House put this bird first at Northampton on Oct. 25, and he disqualified him at Bristol five weeks later. Mr. Robson put him first at Northampton, and gave him special for best British bird in show three weeks after, and I think if Mr. House had taken a little more time over the class he would have seen the bird has disarranged the feathers around his bib, and that there were none missing or trimmed. It is no pleasure to write on this matter, but it wanted clearing up.

W. ANDREWS.

What is a Ticked Bird?

Another New Term Suggested.

SIR,—I hope you will allow me another few lines on this controversy of a ticked bird. After seeing the splendid illustration in Jan. 27 issue by Mr. Norman, I withdraw instantly any previous remarks I have made. The bird is a splendid type of a Norwich Canary, and I quite agree with Mr. House. The word (splashed) I spoke of I instantly cancel, and now, after seeing the bird properly depicted by Mr. Norman in our paper, my humble opinion and quick decision will, no doubt, be greatly criticised. The bird is purely and simply a "spreckled" one, for which there is no class stipulated at any show to my knowledge as yet. A bird with these markings is not qualified to compete in either ticked or marked section. Apart from the "spreckles" the bird is a splendid type of the Norwich. If I possessed the same I should feel very proud of such a bird, and make, I think, wonderful use of it, and its downfall on the bench would not trouble me one jot.

J. H. JOWETT.

The Wording of the Schedule.

Sir,—Judging by the sketch in this week's CAGE BIRDS, I consider that, according to the present day general ruling of ticks and marks, Messrs. Stubbs' bird should be shown in the marked class (even if some of the minor ticks have failed to show themselves in the process of printing.)

I do not know if the schedule of the Port Talbot show was drawn up differently to the usual. Perhaps the secretary will kindly oblige by sending to CAGE BIRDS the portion referring to the section in which this bird was shown, so that we can all read it. I do not think the same has been given during the controversy.

With respect to Mr. Kershaw's letter (Jan. 20th issue), suggesting to do away with ticked classes altogether, and show ticked birds with uneven marks, this would not be a bad idea from one point of view. It would dispense with the "doubtful" ticks, but I am afraid that at some shows where the judge might not have a fancy for marked or variegated birds, the latter would not stand much chance against a bird with only one "tick."

With respect to the new definition of a "tick," the following is my suggestion. That a ticked bird can have one solid dark mark, which must not be divided in the slightest way. Such mark not to be larger than a sixpence. By this definition a grizzle marked bird, however small the grizzle might be, could not be a ticked bird, because the mark would not be solid, and, further, all technical marks, for ticked birds, would be done away with.

When I first started in the Fancy, grizzle marks and technical marks were a great stumbling block to me; I was never sure of them, and I think they are "puzzlers" to many novices to-day. If a new definition is decided upon, the same should apply to every variety of Canary, and be universal throughout the United Kingdom.

Bromley, Kent. W. FOXEN.

SIR,—In my letter I sent a few days since, I asked if the Secretary of the Port Talbot show would favour us with a copy of the schedule, but I see in this week's issue of CAGE BIRDS that Messrs. Stubbs have given it, so there is no need now for the secretary to send same.

According to the wording of the schedule I still consider that the bird is a marked one, and was shown in the right class. I do not think the wording "Uneven or Variegated" is so clear for a schedule as "Marked or Variegated," because the word "uneven" can be taken two ways; some fanciers might think it means that the mark is to be unevenly balanced, and others that it refers to uneven technical marks.

I can see Mr. T. Johnson is of the same opinion as myself and no doubt many others, viz., Let us be up-to-date. I have a book myself which I bought only twelve years ago, and in it are several drawings of winners. In those days these birds were considered champions, but to-day if they were mine I should be pleased if I got songster price for them.

I find that in my previous letter I omitted from the last paragraph the following four words: "In which Ticks occur." The paragraph should read "If a new definition is decided upon, the same should apply to every variety of Canary in which Ticks occur," etc., etc. W. FOXEN.

Nothing New Under the Sun.

SIR,

"If there's a hole in a' your coat,
I rede you tent it;
A chiel's amang you takin' notes,
And faith, he'll prent it."

That is pure plagiarism, and will be familiar to Mr. House, for it is taken from the columns of "Fur and Feather" for Jan., 1897. But the significance of the quotation did not seem apparent to me until I happened upon a correspondence relating to the very same subject as the above; then it seemed to suggest many things. It means that when one says a thing in print he has to be careful, or it may be dragged from its musty shelf in the hereafter and pushed before his eyes, and the reminder may prove distasteful. It means that when one lives in a glasshouse—or, rather, it means that one shouldn't live in a glasshouse. It means that cage bird judges and journalists should live in bomb-proof shelters.

But what has all this to do with the above subject? I will tell you. At Manchester Show, Jan. 20, Mr. Sam Cook handed me a volume of "Fur and Feather" for 1897, just 20 years ago, at the same time telling me that I should find something in it that might interest me regarding Canaries and the fancy in general. So I did. I found many things of interest. Curious causes and remedies for soft moult; the correspondence which resulted in the formation of the N.P.C.; the photograph of the present editor of CAGE BIRDS; the signatures of many fanciers who were writing then and are writing to-day in CAGE BIRDS (a fact which surprised me), including Mr. Bastock, Barker, Clegg, Spillman, C. E. Silk, and C. A. House.

But the one thing which arrested my attention at the moment was the controversy under the heading, "Is an evenly-marked bird a variegated bird?" It appears that Mr. House had disqualified a bird at some show for being in the wrong class. The bird was an even-marked Norwich, and he held that the bird should have been shown in the class for "ticked and variegated," and, if it is any satisfaction for him to know it, I believe he was right. An even-marked bird is a variegated one. To quote Mr. House of 20 years ago: "Evenness of marking is the perfection of variegation." I do not think even Blakston could have put it better or plainer than that.

Now, the correspondence of 20 years ago is singularly similar to that of to-day. The arguments are fundamentally the same. In two cases at least the same signatures follow the letters. The writers may recall that controversy. Of course, Blakston figured largely in the correspondence, spiritually, of course, for he was dead then. The Yorkshire Union was also in it, under the signature of the then sec., H. W. Naylor.

In the issue of Jan. 7, 1897, Mr. House wrote defending his action, and he said: "I hold the opinion that a bird broken in colour is variegated." Please read that carefully, and notice the word broken. The class at Port Talbot read "marked or variegated," and "a bird broken in colour is variegated." Is Messrs. Stubbs' bird broken in colour? Further on Mr. House says: "I may be entirely wrong, but it is an opinion I have held for a great many years, and was held by so great an authority as Blakston." Even Blakston held that "a bird broken in colour was variegated." In the same letter Mr. House adds: "It would be well if we had some central authority to whom all such knotty points could be referred. This is not the first time unpleasantness has been caused by the different ideas of the meaning of the term variegated."

And that is 20 years ago. Well, it might have been yesterday, for we are still bemoaning the want of a central authority. Who said we weren't conservative?

It will have been noted that Mr. C. E. Silk has stated that he believes with Mr. House that Messrs. Stubbs' bird was in its wrong class. On Jan. 14, 1897, Mr. Silk says, "any two colours make variegation." The Port Talbot schedule said "marked or variegated." Is Mr. Silk right or wrong? Mr. H. W. Naylor, sec. of Yorks. Union, says on Jan. 29, 1897, quoting from Blakston, "It is, therefore, manifest that any pied Canary is variegated, and, therefore, what is known as a marked bird is as much a variegated as any other." In the same issue Mr. J. Nason, the well known Northampton fancier, says, "The word variegation I have understood to mean a mixture or distribution of any two natural colours over any part of a specimen."

But the most significant quotation I have to make is one from Mr. J. H. Scothern, the noted Crest-man, in Feb. 18, 1897, issue. He says: "It should be understood that the word mark, when used in reference to Canaries, is a technical term, and has not it's usual signification, but is merely used to locate variegation, the precise position of such location being the eyes, wings, and tail. The word mark, therefore, denotes located variegation."

What can we say after all these men, including Mr. House, and even Blakston, saying that any two colours mean variegation? We can only say that Mr. House was wrong in disqualifying Messrs. Stubbs' bird, and my sentence last week is worth recalling when I asked if Mr. House studied the wishes of the Port Talbot Society. Was the word "marked"

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used in a technical sense as laid down by Blakston? Or did they mean it to be used in the sense of any two colours making a marked bird?

Fifty years ago marks were the rage, and these laws were laid down to suit the exhibiting world of that time. But one never meets even marks anywhere now except in the Border Fancy. In my 15 years in the fancy I have not seen a really even marked Norwich that would pass muster, yet we have the same rules exercising the actions of judges. It is not right. It is no use appealing for the academic theorising of Blakston, with his technicalities. His book was written when markings were in fashion, when markings were judged rather than type. Fortunately, judges to-day pay more regard to type, and markings are only of secondary importance.

I am very grateful to our friend Sam Cook for the volume of "Fur and Feather." I am sure that nothing was further from his mind when he gave it to me than this controversy, but it has been the means of telling me that any two colours make variegation, and I know that Messrs. Stubbs' buff cock is a two-coloured bird.

T. Johnson.

A Practical Classification Outlined.

Sir,—I am unwilling to come into this controversy, and am only induced to do so by the hope that I may be able to help to put the whole matter on a sounder basis.

Logicians tell us that the sub-divisions of any subject to be real must be "mutually exclusive," i.e., it must be impossible for anyone (exhibitor or judge) to be in any doubt as to what sub-division (or class) any particular bird should be in, and in the first place Committees are sinners in this matter, and not unfrequently put out schedules which are not precise enough.

I note from the correspondence that there is a conflict of definition between the Yorkshire Union and the Southern Border Fancy Club. This should not be, and the definition of a tick should be exactly the same all over the Fancy and in every variety.

In a full classification I find ticks mentioned in Norwich, Yorkshires, Lancashires, Borders, and Hybrids, and with regard to Scotch Fancies I find a classification as follows:—Yellow cock, ditto ditto piebald, ditto ditto foul, ditto ditto green, etc. This is not precise enough, I should say.

Mr. Lugton speaks as if a foul bird meant a ticked bird, while a flaked bird meant a variegated bird. May I ask Mr. Lugton what a piebald bird is? Also what birds are eligible in the first of the above four classes?

The use of "foul" in this connection should, I think, be dropped. May I ask our Scotch Fancy friends to come into line with the others by dropping "foul" in this connection, and also by dropping "piebald," which I think must mean much the same as variegated.

Then again a good deal of confusion has arisen in the Fancy from the use of the word "mark" or "marked," and in future I think these words should be used in no other than their natural sense, and that when technical marks are meant they should be described as "Technical marks."

One correspondent blames another for using the word "Marks" to describe "patches of colour on the body, apart from the technical marking points." If these are not to be called marks, what are they to be called? I think the word was properly used in this case, and that as said above we should use the expressions "Marks" and "Technical Marks" to express different things.

I have said that the sub-divisions of our subject should be "mutually exclusive," and I suggest the following comprehensive scheme as comprising all the sub-divisions possible from clears at the one end to selfs (Greens or Cinnamons) at the other.

1. clear or invisible ticked.
2. visible ticked.

A tick being understood to be one solid Green (or Cinnamon) or grizzled green (or cinnamon) feathering, of not more surface in all than a sixpence, but the shape of the surface to be unimportant, or two such marks, near or apart, as long as together they are not of more surface than a sixpence.

3. Technically even marked, say four technically even marks (both eyes, both wings), or 6 technically even marks, both eyes, both wings, both sides of tail. Technical markings—wings for exactness, decreasing in value as the marking extends beyond the secondary flights.

4. Technically uneven marked, a bird may have two or three or five technical marks, on eyes, wings, or tail separately, or in addition to any other variegation on its body. A bird with 4 or 6 marks, if variegated on head or body, is also considered a technically uneven marked bird.

5. Slightly variegated, say not more than half Green (or Cinnamon).

6. Heavily variegated, say not more than half Green (or Cinnamon).

7. Foul Green (or Cinnamon), say Green (or Cinnamon), all but one or more light feathers in wings or tail.

8. Self Green (or Cinnamon).

It will be noted that I avoid the words "points" and "pointed" as describing technical marks: I consider them unnecessary. Strictly speaking the "Visible Ticked" should probably be followed by the "lightly variegated," but I have preferred to put down the sub-divisions in the above order.

A bird with a small grizzle cannot compete as a clear, so a bird with a large grizzle, say larger than a sixpence, should not compete as a ticked, but as a lightly variegated.

I do not suggest than any society can (in view of sub-divisions on other points, such for instance as "unflighted" and older birds) give classes for all these sub-divisions in any variety, but after having clearly defined the sub-divisions it is easy again to amalgamate two or more together.

I am much obliged to Mr. Midgley for giving us the Yorkshire standard as regards technically even marked and uneven marked birds, and it will be noticed that in my scheme I have adopted the substance of their wording. I should be glad if Mr. Midgley would give the Yorkshire Union's definition of a tick. He will excuse me saying that to my way of thinking his first letter (in your issue of 31st Jan.) is rather vague on this point.

I am surprised to find that the four or five specialist Norwich Societies have not defined a tick, and I think the secretaries of these societies should, with, say two or three committee men from each society, have a joint conference (say by correspondence) to settle "What is a Tick," also what is "Technically Marked."

I am not in favour of the suggested revival of the Cage Bird Union or something similar. I think that would lead to nothing, especially in these times, when it is so difficult to find a man with ability enough, and at the same time with leisure enough, to carry such an undertaking through successfully.

I do not put my scheme forward as complete or final, but rather as a basis for Specialist Societies to take up and make perfect. I am aware that some of my ideas may be considered almost revolutionary, and that some of my expressions may be called clumsy, but I may remark that brevity and simplicity are not advantageous if they override clearness and precision. Expressions which have been like household words in the fancy are no doubt difficult to eradicate.

As my idea is that my scheme should be treated on its merits my identity is immaterial. I therefore subscribe myself,

Old Hand.

Work for a Norwich Plainhead Council.

Sir,—If the Port Talbot decision of Mr. C. A. House is so very correct, it is difficult to follow why he has attempted to shift the onus of responsibility upon the shoulders of other judges, who, he says, "have chosen the line of least resistance." Why not name these judges, and furnish specific incidents where this line was chosen, or withdraw the suggestion, which, as it stands, is not only a breach of professional etiquette, but is as unfortunate as I believe it is unwarranted.

In the days of Blakston, and even to-day, so far as the Yorkshire and Border Fancy varieties are concerned, for the simple reason that such are still bred and catered for in those varieties, a definite ruling obtains, not only as to what is a "tick," but also an "unevenly" and "evenly" marked bird.

With the Norwich Plainhead variety we have no rule governing all three descriptions, and our classification, apparently by common consent, has degenerated into merely a reflection of what is now found in the bird-room, which, broadly, is a process of easy stages from the green to the clear, which produces the fouls, variegated, lightly marked, ticked, and the clears, and neither expects or encourages the true unevenly and evenly marked birds as of old.

This is to be deplored, I know, but, nevertheless, it is a fact, and although I am fully aware it was quite within the purview of Mr. House to apply the ruling of Blakston and the ruling of the Yorkshire Union, as he did, yet in applying those rulings he failed to grasp the fact that a Norwich Plainhead was concerned, and not a Yorkshire.

I heartily disagree with his decision, not from the point of view of a judge, but as a fancier, and I also heartily disagree with his suggestion that chaos will result if a universal rule is not applied to the "tick." If Mr. House has been for forty years in our fancy, and yet does not appreciate that the traditions, sentiments, and interests of the Border Fancy man are not those of the Yorkshire or Norwich men, and that the rulings of the one Fancy are not the concern of the other, then he has missed the soul and charm of each variety of fanciers.

We Plainhead men admire the cohesion and ways of the Yorkshire Fancy, and can enthuse with them upon general matters of policy; but even if we have no rules, for any judge to thrust the Yorkshire rules down the throat of the Plainhead Fancy may seem right in principle, but is utterly wrong in practice.

So far as the Plainhead Fancy is concerned, I believe I am right when I say a "ticked" bird is one with a single mark, not larger than a sixpence, appearing anywhere upon otherwise clear plumage. Whether boldly defined, or faintly grizzled is of no consequence. A "marked" bird is popularly accepted to be a bird a stage between the "ticked" and "variegated," or heavily marked, as witness the classification that sometimes reads "ticked or lightly marked," or more generally "marked or variegated." Here again, whether the mark should be confined to one patch, or may consist of several patches, is not challenged, for both types of markings have been accepted without let or hindrance. With these unwritten and unchallenged views in mind, I accepted the bird at Llanelly as a "marked" bird coming within the fence of the Norwich Plainhead Fancy.

To say I agree with a situation that is governed by common consent, rather than a hard and fast rule is wide of the mark, because I do not.

Why we Plainhead fanciers have not a council representative of the United Kingdom to steer our ship to greater interest and progress is not easily explained. Under its guidance we might develop purely Plainhead shows, increasing the classification to resuscitate not only the unevenly and "even marks" proper, but also the cinnamon marks. This is no new thing, for the Yorkshire Fancy often have a Yorkshire show, and an all-British show nearly materialised in Liverpool last season.

In a letter of this nature I cannot, of course, pursue this phase, but, finally, will say that if the decision at Port Talbot has precipitated the consummation of the wishes of many fanciers, has hastened the day when we of different interests and sentiments, though all fanciers, are gathered within our own fold, controlling and developing our own needs, then Mr. C. A. House shall go down to posterity as one greater than Blakston. Long ago he earned my full appreciation, and even the brothers Stubbs, whose bark is worse than their bite, would readily thank him for the decision if it has quickened the Plainhead Fancy into progress.

E. W. Allsopp.

The Judge Defends His Position.

Sir,—Mr. Lane's suggested classification has been tried and found wanting. When classes were first introduced for Crestbreds the terms lightly and heavily marked were used, but frequent disputes arose as to where the one ended and the other began. Thus it would be with "c" and "d" classification. There would be birds near the border line over which men could dispute. Myself I cannot see that any other form of classification is needed than that which is used at all shows held under the jurisdiction of the Yorkshire Union. The Yorkshire Union is not a specialist club, but a federation of C.B. societies, and all varieties come under its sway. By the Yorkshire Union classification, or any other of which I have knowledge, Messrs. Stubbs' bird which I "wrong classed" at Aberavon is a "ticked" bird.

I appreciate Mr. Cook's remarks. Those referring to Blakston I recommend to those who would have us believe Blakston was a mere theorist, Mr. Cook is quite right. Far too many of our judges take the line of least resistance. They like to avoid the brick-bats. Messrs. Stubbs told me at Aberavon that they would never show under me again. That does not trouble me. I have never believed in judges touting for entries, and have never indulged in that habit, as some do. I only want support from those who desire a fair and unbiassed decision on the merits of their exhibits, and who are willing to take a judge's decisions in a sporting and fancierlike spirit.

This latter point is rightly put forward by Mr. Spink, I agree with what he says about the growling. But why should there be this growling? One seldom hears of such a case as this in the North of England, because fanciers and judges know what constitute "ticks" and "marks," and when a mistake occurs it is the result of the fallibility to which all men are liable.

There is no hesitation about the opinion expressed by Mr. Collins. He is right in saying exhibitors should study the schedules.

Can I learn from Blakston Mr. Johnson asks, and then answers the question for me in his own way. I may say I have learnt much from Blakston. He was the first great judge I ever had the pleasure of meeting, and even now do I remember his kindly advice and criticism on that occasion, thirty-five years ago. I learnt much from Blakston personally, and I also have learnt much from his writings. Certain I am that had we a man of his learning writing for Cage Birds week by week, as Blakston used to write for the Live Stock Journal our fanciers of to-day would be more logical in their ideas. Further, if every fancier read, marked, learned, and inwardly digested Blakston's monumental work "Canaries," there would be more real and less superficial knowledge floating about. Whatever Mr. Johnson or others may say or think I am proud to say I have learnt from Blakston.

It will amuse Yorkshire fanciers to be told that their ideas are not up-to-date. The very fact that they have the advanced Specialist Clubs which Mr. Johnson mentions is proof they must be up-to-date. But the standards were not drawn up by the clubs themselves. They adopted those which had been drawn up by the Yorkshire Union on whose Council there have been from the beginning breeders of Norwich, Crests, Yorkshires, Cinnamons, and keepers of British and Foreign birds. It is no one man show, but a wide all-embracing authority.

Can Mr. Johnson be serious when he asks if I ascertained the wishes of the Aberavon society? I was the judge appointed by that society. When they elected me, I presume they considered I was capable of interpreting the schedule upon which they had sought the patronage of exhibitors. Whether they did or not, I was there to place my interpretation on the wording they had drawn up, and I did it. I had no doubt about the position. I had no doubt about my duty, and I did it.

Suppose for one moment I had gone to the stewards and asked them if Messrs. Stubbs' bird was ticked or marked. What would they have thought of me? They had engaged me to make such decisions. Again some of them may have been exhibitors, and their reply would have been influenced by that fact. Even were they not they would know to whom the bird belonged, which I did not, and that knowledge might have swayed their decision. No, when I am judging, I judge, I do not ask the stewards to do it for me. As a judge I am there to see that exhibitors receive a fair run for their money, and as long as I am entrusted with the confidence of the Fancy, so long will I endeavour to render that fair and unbiassed judgment which every judge should give.

We have been given a portrait of the bird, and, as one who is an expert in such matters, I would like to compliment artist, engraver, and printer upon the result of their labours. That result was far better than I expected.

As I read Messrs. Stubbs' letter I thought of those lines of Tennyson: "A lie that is a lie can be met with and fought outright, but a lie that is half a truth is a harder matter to fight." Messrs. Stubbs quote the wording of the class in which their bird was exhibited, they say nothing about the previous class. I will give it later on, and ask a plain question.

The quotation from Wallace's book is not new to me, I read it many years ago. I had the acquaintance of both Blakston and Wallace. I know only too well the feeling that Wallace entertained towards Blakston, I have had it from him personally and in letters. But it never influenced me. There was no comparison between the mental calibre of the two men. Wallace was the older fancier, but he had not Blakston's ability, and that was the cause of Wallace's jealousy. Messrs. Stubbs possibly have heard it said that some men can see further through a brick wall than others can through a sheet of tissue paper. Blakston was one of the former, and his rapid and brilliant success in the Fancy caused Wallace to be envious.

In 1867 it is quite possible that Wallace knew more than Blakston, but nine years later when Blakston wrote his great work it was the other way about. All this is very interesting, but it does not help us to settle the question as to whether my decision at Aberavon was right or wrong. Several gentlemen have kindly said my decision was right, and I would ask readers of Cage Birds to note that no member of the Aberavon committee has yet said I was wrong. Further, of all those who, according to Messrs. Stubbs, at that show, and Birmingham, said I was wrong, not one has come forward to say so in Cage Birds. Why are they silent?

Now for the question mentioned above. Readers have seen Mr. Norman's reproduction. Messrs. Stubbs have thanked him for it, so I gather they are satisfied as to its truthfulness. At Aberavon, class 55, read, "Clear or Ticked," class 56 "Uneven or Variegated." In which class should the bird have been? Messrs. Stubbs say 56, I say 55. Who is right?

C. A. House.

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An Early Robin's Nest in the New Forest.

One Species Nesting while Winter Kills Another.

Sir,—Whilst in the New Forest last week I was shown a Robin's nest containing two eggs, incubation was in progress. The nest was built inside of an old woodman's hut in a very wild part of the forest.

Close by I picked up the frozen body of a little Golden Crested Wren that had dropped from a hoary pine in its vain endeavour to find food. S. A. Reynolds.

Mistakes in Judging.

All's Well That Ends Well.

Sir,—If friend Walter had stated the exact case in the first place, a "lengthy and exhaustive letter" would not have been necessary; in fact, I should not have written at all.

Seeing he so readily vacates his former position, and drops the idea of re-judging classes and re-judging "ad lib," and now admits to merely a clerical error, I am quite prepared to end the matter as far as he is concerned.

I think it, however, quite a nice point whether the judge's book is not on a par in importance to the judge's slip, seeing that the book is the original, and the slip is a re-written copy of it, and re-written copies are a very prolific source of errors generally. Further, the tear-out slips, being so small and narrow, are very liable to be mislaid either by the judge or steward, or at the secretary's office, much more so than the book, which is generally in stiff covers. In fact, I should say it is a frequent occurrence for the judge's book to be requisitioned, and this is not an isolated case by many. The general consensus of opinion of the fanciers who exhibited at the show is, I feel thoroughly satisfied, that the judge did the reasonable and obvious thing, and, as you remark, the best bird appears to have won, and no harm has happened to anyone, so "vivo la fancy."

J. A. Greenslade.

Birds in Winter.

An Appreciation and a Suggestion.

Sir,—I was very interested in the article which appeared under the above heading in Cage Birds of Jan. 27th, written by a reader who lives in Canada, and of course it concerned birds of Canada in winter time. I think it would be interesting if readers of Cage Birds who live in different parts of Great Britain would send in a short account of their observations during the past month of the wild birds of their neighbourhood.

As I live in the country, and spend practically all my time outdoors, **being a farmer,** and interested in birds, I have a better opportunity of seeing and noting the different wild birds than those who live in the towns, so I thought the following stray notes might be of interest.

Last Sunday morning, while I was feeding and attending to my own birds, which I keep in an outside bird house, I noticed through the window the following birds visit my garden, all within the space of an hour:—Sparrows, Hedge-Sparrows, Chaffinches, Robin, Blackbird, Thrush, Tits (ox-eye, blue, and long-tailed), Bullfinches, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Common Wren, and Pied-Wagtail, and about one of my meadows, which runs by the river, I could see flocks of Sea Gulls, Peewits, Golden Plovers, Starlings, Skylarks, Linnets, a covey of Partridges, and several Moorhens, and also a Kestrel, hovering, while several Rooks and Jackdaws, and some Wood Pigeons flew overhead, at least twenty-six different varieties of birds in less than an hour. I have also seen a Tree Creeper at a certain spot several times lately.

My general observations and conclusions concerning common wild birds of this district during the last few days are summed up briefly as follows:—Blackbirds and Thrushes, a large number about, and seem to be getting hard up for food. Sparrows, too many, and a great nuisance. Bullfinches, several about, and in lovely condition; weather does not seem to have affected them in the least. Goldfinches, very few indeed round here during the last two or three months; saw plenty in September; don't think they have been caught; I know they have not been caught in this neighbourhood. Redpolls and Linnets, not so many as previous year. Siskins, Bramble-finches, and Hawfinches, have not seen one. Chaffinches, very small flocks, getting hard up for food. Greenfinches, have not seen many. Starlings and Skylarks, very large flocks, but Peewits and Buntings very few. Wood Pigeons very large flocks reported round the woods about 3 miles away; have only seen a few on my fields.

West Suffolk. S.J.G.

Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH.

Pairs show, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard St., Jan. 27. Mr. J. Dougall judged and gave entire satisfaction. Nor.: 1, sp, Carstairs; 2, Mrs. Banks; 3, 4, 6, Crawford; 5, Cuthbert. Scotch Fancy: 1, sp, Carstairs; 2, Smith. Bord.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Smith; 4, Carstairs; 5, Banks; 6, Cuthbert. Yorks.: 1, sp, Gunning; 2, 3, Johnston. Muling or Hybrid: 1, sp, Mrs. Banks; 2, 4, Cuthbert; 3, Miller; 5, Robertson; 6, Fraser. Brit.: 1, sp, 5, McPherson; 2, 3, Robertson; 4, Mrs. Banks; 6, Miller.—Wm. Gunning.

HULL C.B.S.

Meeting and show for Canary hens, Goldfinch and Linnet, headquarters, Oddfellows' Hall, Feb. 3. Mr. Geo. Harland judge. The strong feature was the large number of entries in Yorks. novice classes. Mr. Freeman won in the buff class, and Mr. Fellowes in the yellow class, both birds being splendid type; in fact, the quality in these classes was the best that had been out upon the bench for some time, and it looks as though we shall have some keen competition in these classes during the coming season. Great credit is due to the novice Yorks members for the way they come up with their entries. Next show and meeting, March 3, 2.30; Canary cocks and Brit. birds. Judges, Nor. and Brit., Mr. W. T. Pepper; Yorks, Mr. W. E. Sowden.—W. Furnandiz, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESBRO' & TEES-SIDE.

Annual pair show, Jan. 27, Princess Alice Hotel. Classes were well filled and competition keen throughout. Messrs. Cook and Wilcox judged, and their awards were well received. Yorks Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 3, vhc, Atkins; 2, 4, Taylor. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Atkins; 2, Taylor. Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1 spl, 3, hc, J. Carr; 2, Amison; 4, c, Bibby; vhc, J. Firth. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Carr; 3, 4, Bibby; vhc, Amison. Crest Ck., C.B. Hen: 1, 2, Hugill; 3, hc, c, Gibson; 4, Thomas; vhc, Nelson. C.-B. Ck., Crest Hen: 1, Appleyard; 2, 3, 4, Gibson. A.O.V. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, Deans. Pairs: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Mrs. Hind; hc, Cumber; c, Watson. Muling: 1, Carr; 2, 3, Wright. Hybrid: 1, 4, Stothard; 2, Wright; 3, Cumber; vhc, hc, Mills. Gold. or Bullf.: 1 Wright; 2, Stothard; 3, Deans; 4, vhc, Smirthwaite; hc, Burnett. Linnet: 1, Wright; 2, Smirthwaite; 3, Stothard; 4, Burnett; vhc, Mills; hc, c, Deans. Green.: 1, 4, Deans; 2, Mills; 3, Wright; vhc, Nelson; hc, Stothard; c, Smirthwaite. Siskin, etc.: 1, Wright; 2, vhc, Smirthwaite; 3, 4, Deans. A.O. Brit.: 1, Smirthwaite; 2, Burnett. F.-M.: 1, vhc, Wright; 2, Stothard; 3, 4, c, Smirthwaite; hc Mills. Nov. Brit.: 1, 4, ho, Hind; 2, Watson; 3, vhc, c, Cumber.

DURHAM CITY C.B.S.

First annual show Co-op. Hall, Claypath; 39 members showed 367 birds. The birds were nicely staged round the hall and made a grand display, many good birds being staged by well-known exhibitors. Special winners: Three nominated birds, a tie between Mr. R. S. Bewick, J. Lowerson and C. Mitchell, with 3 winners each; best bird, Bewick; best Nor., Bates; Yorks, Stanger; Crest or C.B., Bewick; Border, Mitchell; H.M. Linnet, Boyd; F.M., Farrow; Nov. Can., Mitchell. Judges, J. Hands, Haydon, and J. Risseborough, Sunderland.

Nor. Ck. Yell. (9): 1, Briggs; 2, Bailes; 3, Bates; vhc, Lawson; hc, Bailes; c, Stanger. Buff (9): 1, Bailes; 2, Stanger; 3, Bates; vhc, Briggs; hc, Lawson; c, Briggs. Hen Yell. (8): 1, 2, Bates; 3, Lawson; vhc, Briggs; hc, Kendall; c, Bushby and Atkinson. Buff (7): 1, 2, Bailes; 3, Forster; vhc, Bates; hc, Kendall; c, Lawson. Yell. Ck., 1916 (14): 1, Briggs; 2, c, Dodds; 3, Kendall; vhc, Roddam; hc, Forster. Buff (8): 1, Briggs; 2, Dodds; 3, Bates; vhc, Forster; hc, Lawson; c, Freeman. Yell. Hen (8): 1, 3, Dodds; 2, hc, Brigge; vhc, Longstaff; c, Bailes. Buff, 1916 (11): 1, Lawson; 2, Briggs; 3, Dodds; vhc, Forster; hc, Stanger. Nat. Col. (4): 1, Clarkson; 2, Bailes; 3, Alderson; vhc, Gillespie. Cock, Nov. (8): 1, Kendall; 2, Priest; 3, Basey; vhc, Kendall; hc, Robson; c, Whyatt. Hen (6): 1, Kendall; 2, Halliday; 3, hc, Coates; vhc, Whyatt. Crest Ck. (6): 1, Basey; 2, Stanger; 3, Bewick; vhc, hc, Gillespie; c, Robson. Hen (3): 1, Bewick; 2, 3, Gillespie. C.B. Ck. (7): 1, Bewick; 2, 3, Forster; vhc, Jobling; hc, Stanger; c, Bainbridge. Hen (3): 1, Forster; 2, Stanger; 3 Bainbridge. Crest Cock, 1916 (4): 1, Bewick; 2, Stanger; 3, vhc, Gillespie. Hen (4): 1, Forster; 2, Stanger; 3, Gillespie; vhc, Jobling. C.B. Ck., 1916 (4): 1, Bewick; 2, Basey; 3, Shtanger; vhc, Gillespie. Hen (1): 1, Bewick. Crest or C.B. Nov. (8): 1, 2, Basey; 3, Jobling; vhc, hc, Farrow; c, Robson. Yorks Yell. Ck. (4): 1, 2, Ward; 3, Bates; vhc, Robson. Buff (3): 1, Stanger; 2, Stobbs; 3, Whyatt. Yell. Hen (3): 1, Blake; 2, Stanger; 3, Stobbs. Buff (2): 1, Bates; 2, Stanger. Yell. Ck., 1916 (7): 1, Blake; 2, Stobbs; 3, Bates; vhc, Towers; hc, Ward; c, McNay. Buff (7): 1, Stobbs; 2, Towers; 3, vhc, Stanger; hc, Robson; c, Blake. Yell. Hen (3): 1, Towers; 2, McNay. Buff (1): 1, McNay; 2, Stanger. Nat. Col. (3): 1, McNay; 2, Stanger; w.c., Clarkson. Cock, Nov. (13): 1, Whyatt; 2, McNay; 3, Robson; vhc, Whyatt; hc, Blake; c, Halliday. Hen (8): 1, 2, McNay; 3, Robson; vhc, Halliday; hc, Farrow; c, Clarkson. Bord. Yell. Ck. (4): 1, Lowerson; 2, Mitchell; 3, Towers; vhc, Lowerson. Buff (5): 1, 2, Mitchell; 3, Lowerson; vhc, Towers. Yell. Hen (3): 1, Lowerson; 2, 3, Mitchell. Buff (4): 1, vhc, Lowerson; 2, Mitchell; 3, Towers. Green (4): 1, Towers; 2, Clarkson. Cinn. (2): 1, 2, Ward. Bord. Nov. Yell. (5): 1, 2, 3, Mitchell; vhc, Blake; hc, Coates. Buff (4): 1, 2, 3, Mitchell; vhc, Blake. A.O.V. (5): 1, Stanger; 2, Stobbs; 3, Priest; vhc, Whyatt; hc, Freeman. Light Mule or Hyb. (3): 1, Stanger; 2, Bates; 3, Boyd. Dark (3): 1, Stanger; 2, 3, Priest. Linnet, H.M. (10): 1, 2, Boyd; 3, Swinburn; vhc, Priest; hc, c, Freeman. F.M. (11): 1, vhc, Farrow; 2, Whyatt; 3, Boyd; hc, Blake; c, Huggins. Green. (8): 1, 3, Boyd; 2, vhc, Coates; hc, Towers; c, Robson. Redpoll (10): 1, Lawson; 2, Ward; 3, Forster; vhc, Towers; hc, Huggins; c, Farrow. Siskin or Twite (2): 1, Towers; 2, Farrow. Hen Brit. (6): 1, 2, Boyd; 3, vhc, Ward; hc, Swinburn; c, Whyatt. Goldf. (7): 1, Bates; 2, c, Stanger; 3, Blake; vhc, Bushby and Atkinson; hc, Priest. Bullf. (2): 1, Bushby and Atkinson; 2, Boyle. Bramble or Chaffinch (3): 1, Boyd; 2, Towers; 3, Swinburn. Bunting (5): 1, Towers; 2, vhc, Boyd; 3, Ward. Softbill (1): 1, Bates. Por. (2): 1, Briggs; 2, Ward. Sell., £1 (1): 1, Stewart. 15s. (4): 1, 2, Stanger; 3, Lawson; vhc, Blake. 10s. (7): 1, 2, Priest; 3, Briggs; vhc, Stanger; hc, Huggins; c, Stewart.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Second of a series of table shows, Feb. 6, T.M. Halls. 4 classes Norwich, 6 classes British. Entry was not so good as at previous show, Norwich being poorly represented, but the usual good quality of F.-M. British was present. Mr. Tom Kerr judged very satisfactorily. Points spl. Nor., Rundell; Brit., Thomson. Points: Thomson 19, Rundell 10, Clark 8, Perrie 7, Lockhart 7, McLean 5, Campbell 4. Meeting held after show, Mr. Kennedy presiding. Six new members were enrolled. Decided to have five classes at next show, Feb. 17: Yorks., Common, Siskin, Mealy Redpoll or Twite, A.O. Cock or Hen. Decided to have two judges at pairs show, March 3. —Allan Thomson, Sec.

WAKEFIELD O.S.

Annual members' show, headquarters, Dec. 26. Keen competition ensued for various specials. G. Holroyd won cup for most points with star birds, and other specials with 1, 2, 3 birds in Yorks classes. H. Hough runner-up. Most points throughout season and most points and specials with Norwich, Hough. 3rd and spl. most points Brit., Alexander; 4th and 2nd most points Yorks, Talbot; 5th, Cousins; 6th, Burnell. Class 1 (7): 1, vhc, c, Holroyd; 2, 3, Talbot; 4, hc, Cousins. Class 3 (6): 1, 3, Talbot; 2, vhc, Holroyd; 4, Rolling; hc, Cousins. Class 4 (6): 1, vhc, hc, Cousins; 2, Hayley; 3, 4, Holroyd. Class 5 (7): 1, 2, Holroyd; 3, 4, Hayley; vhc, Bedford; hc, Rolling; c, Midgley. Class 7 (7): 1, 3, 4, vhc, c, Hough; 2, Hayley; hc, Alexander. Class 9 (8): 1, vhc, hc, Hough; 2, 4, Alexander; 3, c, Hayley. Goldf. (3): 1, Midgley; 2, 3, Burnell. Linnet (6): 1, 2, Alexander; 3, 4, Burnell; vhc, Isherwood; hc, Midgley. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Alexander; 4, hc, Burnell.—T. H. Alexander, Sec.

Please see note at head of members' shows.—Ed.

BLAENAVON C.B.S.

Match Pair Show, Jan. 14, Crown Hotel Rooms. Nor. Yell., Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Broome; 4, Gilbert; hc, c, Pitt. Buff Ck., and Yell. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Broome; 4, Pitt; vhc, hc, Gilbert Yorks., Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, 2, 3, 4, Latham. Buff Ck. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Latham. Bord., Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, 2, Lapworth; 3, 4, hc, c, Broome; vhc, Thomas. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, 2, 4, Broome; 3, Thomas; vhc, hc, Lapworth; c, Godfrey.

Members' Show, Feb. at the same rooms. Nor., Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Broome. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Broome. Hens: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Broome. Yorks., Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Latham; 4, hc, Daniels. Buff: 1, vhc, Daniels; 2, 3, 4, Latham. Hens: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Latham; c, Daniels. Bord., Yell. Ck.: 1, 3, 4, Broome; 2, Thomas; vhc, Lapworth; hc, Evans. Buff: 1, vhc, Broome; 2, 3, Lapworth; 4, Evans. Hens: 1, vhc, Lapworth; 2, hc, Thomas; 3, 4, c, Broome. Brit.: 1, 2, 3, Thomas and Durham. Chas. Broom judged and gave entire satisfaction.

Best match pair, most points in both shows, Latham; sp. winners, Nor., Broome; Yorks., Latham; Bord., Broome; winners of judging competition: 1, Broome; 2, Lapworth; 3, divided between J. Thomas and Latham. W. J. Lapworth will judge members' shows for next year. Next meeting Mar. 1, when we shall fix up classes, etc., for N.F. Show, and prizes won at these shows will be paid out.—Geo. Broome, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER AND N.C.O.S.

Annual members' show, Jan. 20, Bennett Street Schools, Oldham Street; just on 200 birds staged. There was a grand entry in Norwich, most of the champions being staged in their respective classes. Messrs. Sam Cook and W. N. Turner put down strong teams. The old buff again did the trick, and he looked much better after his few weeks' rest from travelling. Mr. Turner headed the yellow cock class with a rare big clear which, through having a late moult, has not been shown before, the same owner's Manchester winner being vhc. Mr. Cook's two clear buffs stood 1st and 2nd. Hens were moderate, most of the champions having started another moult. The unflighted classes were also not great. Mr. Turner was first with a variegated yell., possessing rare head, size, and shape, but his wings were not so good. Sam Cook came 2nd with a monster, one of those who jump from perch to cage-floor with a "wallop," but he was nearly half-natural colour on back. Mr. Cook headed the buffs and also the buff unflig. hens with birds possessing classical points.

Yorkshires were not strong in number, but some good stuff was there. Some of the leading exhibitors were not represented. Perhaps they had paired up. Mr. E. Dooley staged a beautiful clear buff cock possessing all the essentials of a true Yorkie, but is just a little too small for a champion. Another extra good one was a buff hen, a big one, full of quality and style, staged by the Sec. Novices' classes were strong both in Norwich and Yorkshires, and special for best novice exhibit went to a clear buff hen belonging to Mr. A. Eastwood. The runner-up was a clear buff Norwich hen of Mr. Warburton's, a bird which has done well in the shows. British made a fine show, some of the best in the country being put down. The first three Greenfinches were real good ones, any of the three being fit to win. The winning Twite is also a "knockout," and was run close by the 3rd Redpoll. Goldfinches were also good, the two first being hard to separate, but the first got home on expansion of blaze and buttons; Mr. T. Johnson (Southport) judged.

Yorks. Ck.: 1, 3, Dooley; 2, vhc, Burke; 4, Green. Hen: 1, Burke. Yell. Ck., 1916: 1, 2, Dooley; 3, Green. Buff: 1, Green; 2, Green; 3, Burke. Nov. Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, Lane; 2, Bottomley; 3, Wilson; vhc, Eastwood. Buff: 1, Radford; 2, vhc, Eastwood; 3, Bottomley; 4, Lane. Yell. Hen: 1, Wilson. Buff: 1, Eastwood; 2, Lane; 3, Wilson; 4, Bottomley. Yell. Ck., 1916: 1, Bottomley; 2, Lane; 3, Radford. Buff: 1, Bottomley; 2, 3, Wilson; 4, Eastwood; vhc, Radford. Yell. Hen 1916: 1, Lane; 2, Wilson; 3, Radford. Buff: 1, Lane. Yell. Nor.: 1, vhc, hc, Turner; 2, 3, Cook; 4, c, Green. Buff: 1, 2, Cook; 3, Smith; 4, vhc, Green; hc, Hubbard; c, Raynes. Yell. Hen: 1, Turner; 2, Green; 3, Mitchell. Buff: 1, Turner; 2, Green; 3, 4, Smith; vhc, Bruce. Yell. Ck., 1916: 1, 4, Turner; 2, Cook; 3, hc, Smith; c, Hubbard. Buff: 1, vhc, Cook; 2, 4, Mitchell; 3, Raynes; hc, Green; c, Hubbard. Hen, 1916: 1, 2, Cook; 3, vhc, Mitchell; 4, Green; hc, Smith. Green Nor. Yell.: 1, 3, Raynes. Buff: 1, 3, Raynes; 2, Bruce. Hen: 1, Turner; 2, hc, Hayward; 3, Raynes; 4, c, Bruce; vhc, Mitchell. Bord. Yell.: 1, 2, Coldbeck. Buff: 1, Coldbeck. Hen: 1, Coldbeck. Dark Can. Hyb.: 1, Shaw; 2, Middleton; 3, 4, Hubbard; vhc, hc, Jones. Light: 1, 3, Hubbard; 2, 4, Shaw. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Dooley; 2, Burke; 3, Fairhurst; 4, Green; vhc, Middleton; hc, c, Hubbard. Green.: 1, 2, Fairhurst; 3, Smith; 4, Hubbard. Siskin, etc.: 1, 3, Fairhurst; 2, c, Middleton; 4, Smith; vhc, hc, Hubbard. Linnet: 1, Fairhurst; 2, Burke. Hen Brit.: 1, Middleton; 2, 3, Hubbard. A.O.V.: 1, Hubbard. Foreign: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Hubbard.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Tenth annual pair and British show, Jan. 27. Entries totalled 100. Mr. H. Norman judged and gave general satisfaction. Norwich, as usual, were very good, Mr. W. H. Wills' pair taking special best in show, with Mr. A. Knight a close second. Yorks made a fine show, the novice classes having nine entries, and the quality comparing well with the higher sections. The Hybrid classes attracted much attention, containing Canary-Bullfinch, Yellow-hammer-Canary, Hawfinch-Greenfinch, in addition to usual pairs for muling. British were splendid, though down in numbers. The winning Goldie was claimed at 30s. Its owner, Mr. H. Bell, and Mr. F. C. Knight captured all the British specials. Nor. Champ. Yell. Ck., B. Hen: 1, 3, W. H. Wills; 2, hc, F. C. Walmsley; vhc, c, H. Bailey. Buff Ck. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, W. H. Wills; 3, vhc, H. Bailey; hc, c, F. C. Walmsley. Amat. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, hc, Dr. Huggins; 2, A. Knight; 3, vhc, I. C. Knight. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 3, A. Knight; 2, F. C. Knight Nov., Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Etherington; 2, vhc, Hardcastle; 3, Bell; hc, c, Shearer. Buff Ck., Yell Hen: 1, Shearer; 2, Hardcastle; 3, M. Bell. Yorks. Champ., Yell. Ck., B. Hen: 1, 2, Johnston. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Johnston. Amat., Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, Dr. Huggins; 3, F. C. Knight; vhc, A. Knight. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Dr. Huggins; 3, vhc, A. Knight; hc, c, F. C. Knight. Nov., Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, hc, Shearer; 2, Dyer; 3, c, Saunders; vhc, Fisk. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Fisk; 2, Shearer; 3, Stoten; vhc, hc, Dyer; c, Saunders. Goldf. and Can.: 1, Carrington; 2, Bell; 3, M. Bell; vhc, Hyde. Linnet Can.: 1, A. Knight; 2, 3, Carrington; vhc, Etherington. A.O.S. British and Canary: 1, Hyde; 2, vhc, F. C. Knight; 3, Shorter. Hybrid Pairs: 1, F. C. Knight; 2, Hyde; 3, A. Knight. Goldf.: 1, H. Bell; 2, Shorter. Bullf.: 1, Shorter. Green.: 1, F. C. Knight; 2, Kent; 3, Hyde. Linnet: 1, 2, Shorter; 3, Beckling; vhc, Kent; hc, c, Carrington. Siskin, etc.: 1, F. C. Knight. Chaff.-Bramblefinch: 1, F. C. Knight; 2, A. Knight. Buntings: 1, F. C. Knight. Hens: 1, 2, F. C. Knight; 3, A. Knight. Blackbird: 1, A. Knight.—F. C. Knight.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Capital show of pairs of Canaries and British birds, Church Institute, Marylebone, Jan. 31; entries totalled 160, and among them were many well-known winners. The three popular varieties made the bulk of the exhibits, although the pairs matched for Mule or Hybrid breeding came up well. Spl. best champion pair was won by the Sec., Mr. F. J. Martin, with a well matched couple, a buff cock and yellow hen, this pair also securing spl. for best pair of Norwich. Mr. Sanders won the Yorks. spl. with smart typical exhibits. Best amateur went to Mr. Runchman's pair of Yorks. Mr. Marks secured the novice prize with typical Norwich, and the Border special went to Mr. Pegg for a charming pair, a yellow cock and buff hen. Mr. Martin once more filled the post of secretary and manager in very efficient style, and the thanks of the members are greatly due to him for the success of the exhibition. Mr. J. Robson judged.

Nor. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, 2, Martin; 2, hc, Wills; vhc, Burt; c, Bailey. B.C. and Y. Hen: 1, Martin; 2, Burt; 3, vhc, Wills; hc, Bailey. Yorks, Y. Ck. and B. Hen: 1, vhc, hc, Sanders; 2, 3, Ayres; c, Rumble. B. Ck. and Y. Hen: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Sanders; 3, Ayres; c, Rumble. Bord. Y. Ck. and B. Hen: 1, 2, Pegg; 3, vhc, Last. B. Ck. and Y. Hen: 1, 2, Last; 3, vhc, Pegg. Amat.: 1, 2, Marks; 3, Robertson; vhc, Overman and Elliott. Crests: 1, Southern. Yorks, Y. Ck. and B. Hen: 1, c, Raine; 2, Humphries; 3, Hirst; vhc, Brock; hc, Mabey. B. Ck. and Y. Hen: 1, 2, c, Brock; 3, Hirst; vhc, Raine; hc, Mabey. A.O.V.: 1, Humphries. Goldf. and Can.: 1, 2, Overman and Elliott; 3, Burch; vhc, Newbury. Linnet and Can.: 1, Overman and Elliott. A.O.S.: 1, Knight; 2, Offord; 3, Runchman. For.: 1, Runchman; 2, 3, Newbury. Hybrids: 1, vhc, Newbury; 2, Sanders; 3, Overman and Elliott. Goldf. and Bullf.: 1, Bernard; 2, Bloomfield; 3, Mabey; hc, c, Humphries. Linnet: 1, Bernard; 2, Knight. Redpoll, etc.: 1, Knight; 2, 3, Offord; vhc, Newbury. Green.: 1, etc.: 1, Knight; 2, vhc, Humphries; 3, Knight. Yellow-hammer: 1, 3, Offord; 2, Knight. Hens: 1, 2, Knight. Sell.: 1, 3, Wingate; 2, Runchman. A.O.V.: 1, Burch; 2, Wingate.

MANCHESTER JOINT CLUB.

Members' show, Jan. 27, Lord Nelson Hotel, Salford. Societies represented were: Rochdale Good Intent, Openshaw, Gorton, and Stockport and Hazel Grove. Entries, 71, 70 and 24 respectively. Judge, Harrison, of Altrincham, gave every satisfaction. Each society raised a team of four birds, and Rochdale came out winners with full prize money and two spls.; Green, two spls. best bird and most entries; Hopwood, best novice. Best bird each section, Messrs. Collinge, Hordern, Howarth, Green, Sykes, Garbutt, Hopwood, Vaux, Newton, Woods. Amat. Lancs. Coppy Ck. (4): 1, Collinge; 2, Blincoe; 3, 4, Newall. L.P. Ck. (3): 1, 2, Newall; 3, Collinge. Hen (4): 1, Blincoe; 2, Newall; 3, 4, Hordern. Unflig. (4): 1, Newall; 2, 4, Hordern; 3, Collinge. Lizard (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Hordern; 4, Francis. Yorks Cl. Yell. Ck. (6): 1, Howarth; 2, Potts; 3, Fletcher; 4, Edwards; vhc, Collins; hc, Gilbert. Buff (4): 1, Taylor; 2, Fletcher; 3, Green; 4, Collins. Tkd. or Var. Yell. Ck. (5): 1, Taylor; 2, Beddall; 3, Butterworth; 4, Edwards; vhc, Jackson. Buff (2): 1, Green; 2, Mingham. Yell. Hen (4): 1, Butterworth; 2, Collins; 3, Jackson; 4, Howarth. Buff (5): 1, Beddall; 2, Edwards; 3, Taylor; 4, Mingham; vhc, Jackson. Yell. Ck. Unflg. (5): 1, Green; 2, Butterworth; 3, Taylor; 4, Fletcher; vhc, Jackson. Buff (4): 1, 3, Potts; 2, Gilbert; 4, Jackson. Hen Unflg. (9): 1, Taylor; 2, 4, Green; 3, Butterworth; vhc, Potts; hc, c, Edwards. Nor. Cl. Buff Ck. (5): 1, Stafford; 2, vhc, Green; 3, Peters; 4, Richards. Yell. A.V. Ck. (4): 1, 2, Green; 3, Peters; 4, Leach. Nor. Yell. Hen (2): 1, Stafford; 2, Green. Buff (3): 1, Green; 2, Richards; 3, Leach. Yell. Ck. Unflg. (3): 1, 2, Stafford; 3, Leach. Buff (5): 1, Sykes; 2, Green; 3, Richards; 4, Peters; vhc, Leach. Hen Unflg. (6): 1, Peters; 2, vhc, hc, Green; 3, Richards; 4, Sykes. Nor. Green Ck. (1): 1, Sykes. Bord. Ck. (5): 1, 2, Newton; 3, vhc, Garbutt; 4, Slater. Yell. Hen (2): 1, Garbutt; 2, Newton. Buff (3): 1, Garbutt; 2, Newton; 3, Slater. Nov. Yorks Ck. (6): 1, Torkington; 2, 3, Jc, Hopwood; 4, Blinston; vhc, Alderson. Hen (4): 1, 3, 4, Hopwood; 2, Blinston. Nor. Ck. (6): 1, 3, Vaux; 2, hc, Alderson; 4, vhc, Wood. Hen (2): 1, Vaux; 2, Wood. A.O.V. (1): 1, Alderson. Goldf. (3): 1, Newton; 2, Bamford; 3, Francis. Bullf. (3): 1, Wood; 2, 3, Green. Green. (3): 1, Blinston; 2, 3, Newton. Linnet (3): 1, Bamford; 2, Slater; 3, Newton. Siskin, etc. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Newton; vhc, Green. A.O.V. (4): 1, Fletcher; 2, 3, Bamford; 4, Newton. Hen (2): 1, Bamford; 2, Newton. Mule, etc. (4): 1, 3, 4, Newton; 2, Bamford. Pair (2): 1, Collins; 2, Newton. Sell., 25s. (3): 1, Sykes; 2, Blincoe; 3, Green; 4, Newall; vhc, Blincoe; hc, Mingham. 15s. (3): 1, Newton; 2, Blincoe; 3, Mingham.—A. W. Newton, Hon. Sec.

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Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN

CAUSE OF FAILURE.

Will Pill.—You do not mention the size of your bird house, so I cannot tell whether there was any overcrowding to contribute towards your non-success in the second year. But whatever the size, if you mean that you started the season with five cocks and seven hens, one factor in your failure was having too great a proportion of cocks. Two strong, lusty cocks would have been quite sufficient to ensure the maximum of fertility, and three should have been the maximum number used in any case. The disproportion of clear eggs last season over the previous one may also have been partly, perhaps chiefly, due to the character of the past season, and another point is that if your bird house is of good size you might be more generous in the diet with advantage. In addition to the canary and summer rape staple give a large teaspoonful of the following mixture between every three birds three days in every four during very cold weather, which may mean almost continuously according to the outlook at time of writing, and on the fourth day give about the same quantity of bread and milk, or any other soft food you may use. For seed mixture mix together equal parts, by measure, of hemp, niger, white millet, and broken groats, half parts of black rape and teazle, and add to the bulk just a sprinkling of linseed and mustard. When the weather gets a little milder towards the beginning of the breeding season reduce the frequency of the mixed seed to twice a week, and give the soft food as often. During the nesting season you should see that there are plenty of nesting sites, preferably all of the same type, and give a greater variety of green food, and when young are in the nests give a supply of fresh soft food in moderate quantities each morning and afternoon. For further details about breeding in colonies you should get a copy of the forthcoming "Cage Birds Annual." I take it you supply gritty sand in a tin as you use sawdust on the floor. If not, you should do so.

BREEDING CAGE.

S. W. Mitchell.—The cage is very small for a double breeder, but if the wire partition is fitted so that it can be easily taken out I suspect it is what is often described in the trade as a double breeding cage with movable partition, to enable it to be turned into a flight cage at the end of the season by taking out the partition and allowing a group of three or four birds of the same sex have the whole space to fly in for the autumn and winter, so that all get more real exercise than if confined in the separate halves. For fair-sized birds, such as Norwich, it would be best to devote the whole cage to one pair, keeping the cock and hen separate in each end until it was time to mate them, then run them together, and if the cock should prove too worrying to the hen after she begins to sit, he can be again confined to the one end compartment, whilst the hen is sitting and rearing the young, and on the other hand if the pair agree well together the one end comes in very useful to separate the brood of young from the parents when the hen starts nesting again or if it should become necessary to remove them on account of the hen plucking them. In either case the parents would probably go on with the feeding of them through the wire partition, so that this compartment serves the same purpose as a nursery cage. Otherwise, I would rather advise you to run a hen, preferably of the smaller breeds Borders or Rollers, in each compartment, and run a cock with them alternately, using the one cock for both hens, and keeping him in a separate cage when not engaged in putting the hens to nest. In this case you would remove the cock from each hen as soon as she had completed her clutch of eggs and commenced to sit.

ATTACKS OF PROSTRATION.

Mrs. J. B.—As the bird is usually bright and active and shows no signs of cold or bronchial trouble I am strongly inclined to think that these attacks are simply the result of a kind of nervous hysteria, probably occasioned by the appearance of some object that is alarming to it, though it may appear simple and harmless enough to you. The appearance of a strange dog or cat, or sometimes very much less insignificant and innocent creature, some unusual article of dress, particularly headdress, or some unusual object in the street when the bird is near a window, from which it can see into the street, will often give rise to similar symptoms. Such birds need dealing with quietly and methodically to avoid any sudden alarms, and to win their confidence, or a catastrophe may occur with them at any moment. Birds in an overfed condition, or temporarily out of sorts are apt to develop the trouble, though in their case it will generally pass off with a return to a normal healthy state. You should act on these hints by seeing that there are no alarming objects allowed to remain about when the attacks occur. A little careful observation will soon reveal what they are if this is really the cause. In addition, if the bird is not in an overfed condition, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight or so, and on the alternate days during the first week add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, After the first week give 20 drops of ebemical food in the water every second day for a fortnight. If the bird is evidently in a fat condition give the medicines in the water, but omit the bread and milk.

PULLING THEIR FEATHERS.

A. Frost.—I am inclined to think that there is nothing more seriously wrong than the birds being in a much too forward breeding condition. You omit to say how you feed them, or whether they are caged together or separately. You may keep the two hens together in a flight or a double breeding cage with the partition removed so that they may have the whole space for exercise, and cage the cock separately, preferably out of sight of the hens. Allow the cock's diet to remain unaltered, but limit the hens to a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape, with just a pinch of mixed seed twice a week, and a morsel of bread and milk or other soft food once a week only. For three consecutive days add to the water of all three, ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after an interval of three or four days repeat the dosage again. Stick also a morsel of the rind of boiled pork or bacon at the end of the perches for them to nibble at for a week or so, then replace it with a piece of raw carrot. Offer the bath two or three times a week on the brightest and mildest days, but you need not worry if they ignore it for the present. Do not allow any nesting arrangements or material to remain about the hens' cage, and if any more stray eggs appear throw them out at once.

GROWTH ON ABDOMEN.

B. S.—Considering the locality of the substance, and the possibility of it being due to some internal displacement, it is quite too risky to advise any interference with it without first seeing it. It is just such a case as really needs a personal examination before one could tell whether any such interference should be attempted. Consequently, I will only advise you to try the effect of painting the substance with a small feather dipped in tincture of iodine four times, with an interval of three or four days between each application, and if this does not cause the substance to be absorbed, your best course would be to show the bird to a veterinary or your medical man and ask his advice about it. It is not unlikely that the case may be amenable to slight operative treatment, but to advise such measures blindly may easily lead to disaster.

MAKES SNEEZING NOISE.

Novice, Ciren.—The bird is probably afflicted with bronchial trouble, and possibly the real reason the treatment you have given it has failed is due to the fact that you have not taken the precaution to remove the exciting causes of the condition. See that the bird is not exposed to direct cold draughts, rapid extremes of heat and cold, irritating fumes, or impure air, such as will occur in the near vicinity of burning lights in the evenings, or when hanging high up near the ceiling. Keep it in a fairly comfortable temperature, though it need not be a very high one, and let it be as equable as you can manage it. Then give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar twice a week for a month. Also get a chemist to mix you the following mixture: One drachm each of tinct. of nux vomica, tinct. squillæ and sweet spirit of nitre, 30 grs. of chlor. ammon., and one ounce liq. ext. of liquorice. Give 20 drops of this mixture in the drinking water every second day for a fortnight. If the symptoms have not quite disappeared in that time discontinue the mixture for a week and then resume and give it again in the same way for another fortnight.

SEED SAMPLE.

H. R.—The sample consists almost entirely of kibbled wheat of very poor quality, probably screenings, with a small proportion of weed seeds, bindweed, knot grass, etc. I do not consider it of any practical use as a food for Canaries, unless it is to throw a little into flights or aviaries to help to occupy the birds in picking it over. I doubt if they would consume much of it as long as they had a staple of canary seed available.

DOES NOT SING.

J. D. F.—It would have been useful had you given some clue as to the probable age of the bird. However, try the following treatment, and if not better in the course of a month or so, write again and repeat particulars. First of all, see that it is kept in a bright and cosy place, not necessarily very warm, but free from direct cold draughts and sudden extremes of heat and cold, and that it is not exposed to the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. In addition to your present dietary give every third day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. In the drinking water during the first week add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea two days in every three. After this give instead 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together in the water every second day for a fortnight. Stop giving suet, and occasionally stick a piece of raw carrot in the wires for him to peck at instead. In his case there is no need to worry about the moult, as it will probably take place in the early spring.

BREEDING ROLLERS.

C. H. M.—At the present time you would get just fair ordinary singing Rollers at the prices you name, but quite good enough for your purpose. Colour does not count much in this breed, and the birds you have will match nicely for breeding variegated young, with just a sprinkling of clears and a stray green. It is not possible to say whether you would get better results from the aviary than from separate cages, as this depends so much upon the birds, and also upon the breeder. The only certain thing is that the aviary would economise time and labour most. Possibly, the aviary might with advantage be subdivided into two sections, but that I could only be sure about by seeing a diagram of it. In this event three hens and one cock would suffice in each section, and in the whole aviary two cocks, or one strong healthy cock might succeed better, and five hens would be enough to stock it. The hens may with advantage be turned into the aviary now, but the cocks should be caged separately until time to mate next March, or beginning of April. No, you are quite incorrectly informed about the Rollers being indifferent breeders. On the contrary, they are among the easiest and best breeders.

STILL LOSING FEATHERS.

R. Aitken.—You ought to have given more details of your diet, as a diet consisting of "summer rape, canary and hemp, with soft food once a week," does not sound an altogether suitable one. See that the bird is protected from direct cold draughts or sudden extremes of heat and cold, and then treat as fellows. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. In addition to this give separately every second day for the next two or three weeks half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and brokeu groats, and also a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water, every second day until the feathers cease dropping, give six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and four of tincture of steel. Offer the bath three times a week, on bright sunny days for preference, and always early in the day.

SEEMS OUT OF BREATH.

E. R. N.—Thanks for report. Continue the treatment previously advised with the following little alterations for a few weeks if necessary: Stop the bread and milk with cod liver oil aud twice a week give instead about the same quantity of plain bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, or the equivalent in crusbed sponge cake. Also stop the chemical food and give instead 20 drops of the following mixture, which any ebemist will make up for you. One drachm each of tincture of lobelia and sweet spirit of nitre, two drachms of tincture of squills, ten grains of iodide of potassium, and four drachms of liq. ext. of liquorice. Give this two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another fortnight afterwards. If you place this bird in the one end of a double breeder, with the partition between them, it will not in the least prove harmful to the bird in the other end, but I doubt if the change would be of any benefit to the ailing bird, which would doubtless be better in a moderate-sized cage, and kept in a cosy and bright corner of the room, until quite recovered.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD.

Novice, Tickle.—(1) I am not very clear what you mean by open wire division in a double breeding cage, but if you mean that the partition dividing the two compartments is all wire, or nearly so, and the cage itself of the usual box type, there is very little objection to your running a separate pair of birds in each compartment, and using nurseries for the young if necessary when they have to be separated from the parents. It depends very much upon the disposition of the birds themselves; some will agree very well under such conditions, others will fall to quarrelling through the wires, or devote too much attention to their neighbour's affairs than is good for their own. If the cocks were of that disposition you would probably find it a much better plan to keep a hen in each compartment and use one cock only to send them both to nest, mating him with each hen alternately, and removing him when each hen began to sit, then remove him to a separate cage by bimself and leave each hen to hatch out and rear the young by herself. (2) It is really months too soon to have hens sitting, but I trust you will have success with yours. It will be quite often enough to give fresh sand twice a week whilst sitting, or even once a week for hens that are nervous and show signs of disturbance when you clean out the cages. A morsel of egg and bread or biscuit food once a week will also be sufficient whilst bens are sitting. A pinch of hemp in the egg drawer two or three times a week would also be beneficial during incubation whilst this weather lasts. (3) Give a morsel of pure yolk of egg for one day only after the young are hatched. After that add a little bread crumb or biscuit, and gradually bring it up to the usual proportions of two parts bread or biscuit to one part egg. When the young are ten or twelve days old you may also use the white of the eggs finely chopped, to economise the eggs, if you wish.

GONE INTO MOULT.

Novice, Tufnell Park.—I take it you do not know whether the birds moulted at the proper season in the autumn, so you would be best advised not to adopt any immediate stringent measures to stop it. See that the birds are not kept where they are exposed to rapid extremes of heat and cold, such as being near a hot fire during the day, or cooking operations, which is extinguished at night, when the room becomes correspondingly cold. Also see that they are protected from cold direct draughts, and keep a light cover, such as a piece of muslin or thin calico, over the cage fronts until the feathers cease dropping. In addition to the staple diet of plain canary seed, give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana or boiled carrot every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats, and a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. In the water add 20 drops of chemical food every third day for a fortnight. At the end of the first fortnight dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add 30 drops of syrup of buckthorn, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the water two days to every three for a fortnight. By this time the moult should have ceased and the birds coming rapidly into condition again. They will probably be quite ready for mating when the proper season arrives, say, at the end of March or the beginning of April. Certainly there will be a good chance of breeding successfully with them this year.

A FEW MORE QUESTIONS.

Wm. Lowe.—Certainly, am always pleased to be of use. (1) It depends somewhat upon the circumstances under which the birds are kept, whether it is wise to put two hens to one cock. For instance if you put them into an ordinary sized breeding cage all together it would not be wise, as the probability is that they would simply make a hash of breeding in those circumstances through being too much crowded on each other's nesting arrangements. But, on the other hand, if you had a good sized aviary with, say, ten or twelve square feet of floor space, into which you could turn them, and where they would have plenty of elbow room, and you could fix up comfortably at least your nesting sites, they would doubtless succeed well. If you have only breeding cage accommodation you could still keep a hen separately in each of two single breeding cages, and mate the same cock with them alternately, putting him with the most forward hen first, and when she has laid her clutch removing him and mating him with the other. When the second hen has laid her clutch, remove the cock and cage him alone, leaving both hens to hatch and rear the young by themselves, which they will do quite well. (2) Answered in No. 1. Quarrelling is the real stumbling block of success with a group of birds confined in a small space for breeding. (3) If free from draughts and damp I see no reason why the room should not be quite suitable for breeding. If warm enough for humans it is certainly not too cold for Canaries. (4) You give no idea as to the health and condition of this bird. There is no reason why it should not recover its song, because it was used for breeding two seasons ago. If apparently in good health, give a morsel of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of two parts each hemp and niger, and a half part each of maw, gold of pleasure and sesame, and on these days add to the water as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon-juice. It might help to bring it out if you could let it hear another free-singing bird for a week or two.

NIBBLING FEATHERS.

M. Dodman.—You should have said how you fed the bird. Try the following, and if not quite effectual write again in a fortnight and give full particulars of your feeding and general treatment. See cage floor is kept strewn with clean grit and sand. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed, and broken groats, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. A small strip of the rind of boiled pork or bacon fixed on the end of a perch for him to nibble at for a few days would be beneficial. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week, and in the following week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day,

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

CHAFFINCH MULES

Chaffinch-Canary.—A hen that will eat mealworms and ants' eggs is certainly valuable for rearing purposes, but do not overdo the mealworms, they are somewhat indigestible, and would probably cause the hen to be too forward, even if they did not harm her in any other way. (2) No, the Chaffinch-Bullfinch cross is still one we are looking for. (3) The cock Chaffinch is in breeding condition when he is well up in colour and in full song. The birds usually go to nest in April, having a second nest in June, but, of course, their first nest is regulated by the climatic conditions; like other birds, they require warmth and sunshine to get into breeding condition.

WILD SEED SAMPLE.

H. G.—Your sample is not at all a bad one, and very useful for Linnets to pick over; among it is charlock, hardheads, corn marigold, and a few others. Do not mix it with the stock food; give them a spoonful every other day, and let them take which they like. Your two birds have probably got insects; take one in the hand and examine it carefully. If it has any you must get rid of them, either by hand-washing or frequently dusting with insect powder. If it is not this, you are probably not supplying them with enough green food. If you cannot get any just now, soak some rape and teazle and put a few drops of lemon-juice in the drinking water.

SOFTBILLS WITH SORE FEET.

E. R. C.—Foot trouble in softbills is rather a common ailment, and no doubt arises from unnatural diet and the conditions under which they are kept. When one has, say, half a dozen Thrushes, all fed on the same food, one is surprised when perhaps a couple of them have sore feet. "What is one man's meat is another man's poison," and the same thing applies to birds; their digestive organs are not all alike, and consequently the same food does not suit all. It is the careful keeper's business to study his stock and feed them according to their requirement. At the first sign of trouble the birds should have an aperient, and a complete change of diet, with fruit, green food, etc. The perches of softbills should be made of soft pine or pear wood and so placed that the birds do not have a long drop from any of them to the floor of the cage, this latter item is frequently responsible for foot trouble. Cleanliness of cages and perches is

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very important. I have never heard it suggested that it is contagious, and I fail to see how it can be.

FIRST ROUND.

J. L. Preston.—As a rule Canary hens are ready to go to nest before the Finches, and instead of keeping them back it is a good plan to run a cock Canary in with them, then take him right away as soon as she commences to sit. By doing this one not only gets an extra brood, but should the hen throw light Mules one has then a good start in working up a muling strain. Young hens bred this way can be used to Finches the following year, and a young cock can be paired back to its parent; this gives three-quarters of the light muling blood. You cannot utilise the cocks this year after the first nest unless you have hen Finches to breed with; of these the Bullfinch and the Greenfinch are the most reliable nesters. The Bullfinch cock is not generally of much use for breeding purposes, but if you have one and a steady hen Greenie you could let them go together.

LINNET MOPY.

G. B.—There are so many kinds of worms that infect birds that it is rather difficult to advise you with the best cure, but, anyway, try the following: Give him daily just a pinch of common salt on the tip of your finger, placing it on the front bar of the cage, or on the sand at the bottom. Watch him and see if he eats it; if not, mix 5 grains in an oz. of water, and give him to drink. Clean his cage out thoroughly daily, and watch the result, and continue the remedy as required. The salt also aids digestion and improves the general condition of a bird.

HYBRID BREEDING.

G. Robson.—The cock Greenfinch is not as a rule, a difficult bird to manage, but sometimes he takes a dislike to his intended partners, and then is either sulky or spiteful, but I think the cause is frequently the injudicious way in which the birds are put together. If you intend to try them put them in separate cages, and hang them near each other, so that they can strike up a friendship, then later on run them into the same cage while you are in the room, and after doing this a few times let them be for an hour or so. If they agree, they can be put together permanently.

BULLFINCH GOING BALD.

A Regular Reader.—Give your hen an aperient of glauber salts, as much as will cover a sixpence in 1oz. of water. Let her have this to drink for one day, then repeat three days later. Take a small quantity of rape and teazle, and pour some boiling water on it, and let it stand for a couple of hours on the hob; pour off the water and dry in a cloth

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and give her a good spoonful to eat daily, and see that she eats it. Let her have a slice of apple every morning, and put a few drops of lemon juice in the drinking water. Just smear the bare places with a little vaseline, if quite smooth, but if rough and white put a little of the lemon juice on.

BREEDING CANARY-BULLFINCH HYBRIDS.

Miss J. H. Hodgson.—Yes, you can try with either of your cock Canaries. I would advise you to try her first with the yellow one, and see if she takes to him; if not, then try the buff. You must not put them together straight away, but let them get used to each other first, and then, when they are on good terms they can be allowed to fly in the same cage permanently. In April give a nest-box with some moss and cow hair, or an old Finch nest would be better if you could get one. (2) The cock Goldfinch and hen Canary cross is frequently bred, so there is no reason why your birds should not mate. When the hen lays it is best to remove the Goldie over night, or he might break the eggs. When she sits place him in a separate cage, until he is required for the second nest. Have you seen our book on "The Secrets of Hybrid-breeding"?

PARTNERS FOR HEN GOLDIES.

W. R.—It seems to me that you have just the birds required for your venture in Hybrid-breeding. Both crosses are good, particularly the Linnet and Goldie, and as all your birds are steady and used to cages, I certainly would not get other partners. Cage breeding as a rule is the most successful; try to get the hens to build and lay in the nest, but anyway keep the perches low and have a good covering of moss or some soft material over the cage floor when you expect them to lay, as they sometimes drop them from the perch. Your wild seeds are splendid samples, and you cannot do wrong in using them. If you give a spoonful of, say, the four combined every other day, it should be sufficient to bring them into condition. Do not hurry the cock birds, give them rather less, and remember Goldfinches are not early nesters, and

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ABOUT BLACKBIRDS.

Kelly.—I am rather surprised to hear that your Blackbirds usually fall in wing carriage, because wild birds as a rule are good in this point. Perhaps you are expecting a little too much perfection in the carriage of wings. When we say a bird has good wing carriage, it means that the wings are mostly in the correct position, and meet each other evenly; it does not mean that they are never out of place. I presume you have exhibited your birds; if so, how do they compare with the others for size, shape and density of black colour? You should have had a chat with the judge and found out from him something about them. After the young ones can feed themselves they should certainly be kept in separate cages. Your bird will probably be all right with another moult, and possibly improve in wing carriage as well as steadiness; sometimes one influences the other. A wild bird is very apt to cross his wings when excited. (2) Most exhibitors prefer a young cock caught during the winter for exhibition purposes the following season. Yours should be satisfactory by careful handling, and giving insects and titbits from the fingers. (3) My stock cages for freshly caught Finches are not quite so large as yours, they measure 14 x 10 x 7. I consider they do not knock themselves about quite so much as they do in larger ones. As they become tractable they can be run into a larger one; do it first at cleaning out time. (4) The only method is by repeatedly whistling or playing the same tune on a pipe or flute. This training should commence as soon as they leave the nest, although I have known cases of success that were started much later; they are good mimics.

FEEDING WADERS.

Chas. Greenwood.—These birds are eaters of insects, small shell fish, and the many little grubs and creepy things found in the sand and shingle, therefore you would have to treat them off in the same manner as we do Nightingales and Warblers, and get them on to insectile food as a staple diet. They have not in the past been much in request for cages and aviaries, and I fear any book dealing with the subject would not have much sale. (2) The aviary could be either inside or out, and should have a slab of slate or stone in one corner with about half an inch of water on it. If this is arranged to be running so much the better. (3) I am unable to give you information as regards the legality of trapping, but you could easily find out at your local police station. You could try the net trap, although I believe the majority of these birds are caught by the flight net—that is, one set to take them as they skim the surface of the sea near the shore. (4) You can safely use the sand you mention for your birds, providing there is no sewer refuse or anything of that kind running over it.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BUDGERIGARS AND COCKATIELS.

H. T. Hobday.—(1) Keep a tin of white oats in the aviary, and count greenfood, cuttlebone, and grit as part of the daily menu. (2) The shallow water pan will answer all purposes. These birds mostly sip what water they require from the dew or rain-laden herbage; nevertheless, there must always be water for them to partake of at will. (3) There are a number of hoppers which hold several days' supply, the seed sliding down by its own weight keeping the lower trough full of seed so long as the supply lasts. (4) So far as adults are concerned, the sexes should be equal, or in nine cases out of ten trouble results. (5) Odd unmated birds would appear to be the cause of so many broken eggs; probably the Cockatiel not having a mate, and consequent housekeeping duties of his own, finds occupation in upsetting the nesting arrangements of the Budgies. (6) Amid present uncertainties, secure a hen Cockatiel as opportunity offers, and if it is from an outdoor aviary, put it in your aviary at once. There is always temporary disturbance, not serious as a rule, from the introduction of fresh pairs, but between now and April

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Coges, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

there should be no serious result from adding to your stock as opportunity offers. (7) By the aid of a long-handled rake and scraper the floor of shelter can always be cleaned without adversely affecting nesting birds, providing you are quiet and steady in your movements while doing it. (8) Unless very old, galvanized netting does not readily become rusty. Make good the breakage and give the whole of the wirework a coat of Brunswick black, repeating this whenever the rust shows through again. It can be done while the birds are there. Painting and distempering should be done at once, as at this season disturbance does not matter.

BREEDING BUDGERIGARS IN CAGE.

H. R. Skipper.—See also our reply to F. H. Hodgson in this issue. I do not think it is any use separating the sexes when the eggs are hatched; in fact, I rather doubt if any would be reared if you were to do so—though some hen Finches will rear a brood unaided, I am not referring to domesticated Canaries: There is no accounting for such mishaps as you mention; they occur at times in the aviary as well as with birds in a cage, and presumably they are the result of a domestic squabble. There are some pairs, though this is not usual, which will not feed their young if they are under too close observation, and as soon as they are dead eject them from the cage. It is also possible that the young birds died of cold during the night, and were then thrown out of the husk. There is only one course open to you; let them try another couple of broods, and if they continue their unnatural behaviour then you must get rid of them. They will probably do much better later in the season when you can supply liberally seeding and flowering grass; this is their natural food, and wild in Australia, their breeding habits are dependent upon the supply, i.e., they only breed when fresh grass in the ear is abundant.

GREEN AMAZON WITH COLD AND IN MOULT.

J. R. Rees.—If you had told me how you were keeping and feeding I could have given you a more helpful reply. I take it you have the Grey Parrot Nutshell. The diet given there will meet the requirements of this bird, plus a little boiled maize, if it has been accustomed to it. This latter is not a necessity. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into its drinking water, and on the intermediate days half a teaspoonful of the following mixture, so long as the cold lasts. Mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts. Also give daily a piece of bread, biscuit, or plain cake thinly spread with cod liver oil emulsion. When the cold disappears substitute chemical food for the mixture given above, and continue the fluid magnesia for some considerable time. Ripe fruit and nuts (shelled and unshelled) can be given freely. Grit (not sand), cuttlebone, and a chunk of wood (for it to exercise its mandibles upon), should be continually in the cage.

BREEDING BUDGERIGARS IN ALL-WIRE CAGE.

F. H. Hodgson.—There is no reason why your Budgies should not breed freely in your cage, though, being a gregarious species, they are usually most prolific when several pairs are kept together. Many years ago, in a Midland dealer's shop, I saw a pair in a 12in. square all-wire cage, with a brood of five in the coconut shell, and saw the family again in a larger cage after the young had left the nest. Single pairs often take longer to settle down to nesting; sometimes they make no attempt the first season, but once they have done so they should breed freely and regularly afterwards. The best inducement you can give them is to keep them supplied with a small patch of seeding grass daily as soon as this is obtainable, about the same size that is usually given to Larks; half-a-dozen such turves would last a long time if laid on a patch of loose soil and watered freely when not doing service in the cage. The cage should be kept where the birds will not be too freely disturbed, yet at the same time it must be where they will get light and air without draught. And if they are kept in a room where they can have an occasional fly round it will all be to the advantage of their health and make success more probable.

IDENTITY OF PARROT.

H. W. B.—I do not think the bird you describe is an Amazon, as only two or three species of Chrysotis have red or reddish beaks, and your description of the plumage does not fit in with either of these species. Your description is incomplete; you do not say whether its tail is long or short, and you give no idea as to its size. The Indian Ringneck, particularly the Alexandrine, comes nearest to your bird, and if it has a long tail then there can be little doubt that it is a female of that species. I regret having to give you an inconclusive answer, but if you can increase your details I can probably give you a definite answer in a later issue. The females of the various Indian Ringnecked Parrakeets have no ring round the neck; only the males possess this distinguishing feature.

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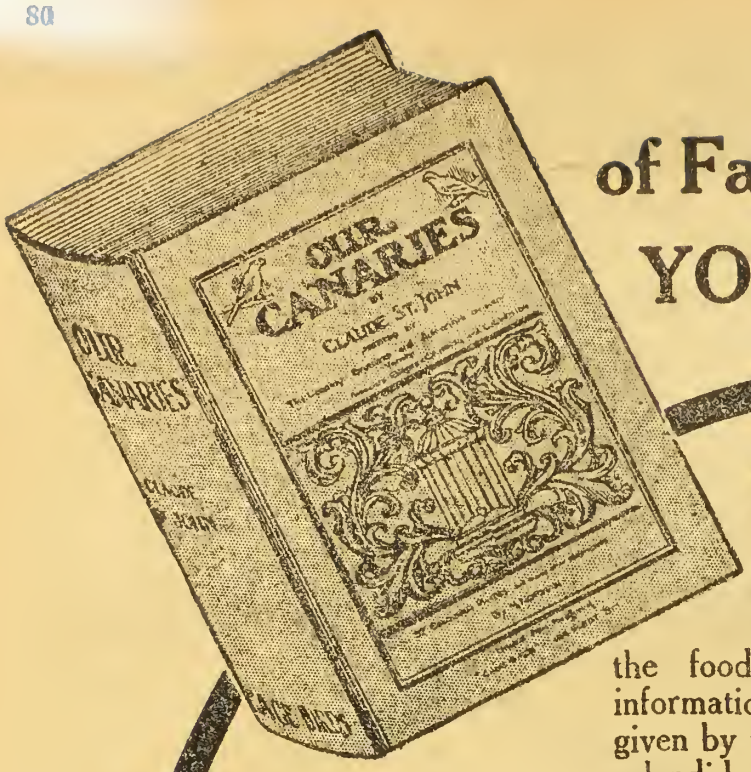

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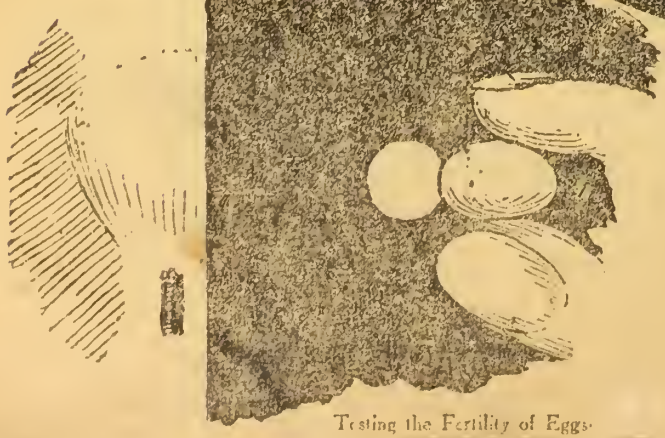
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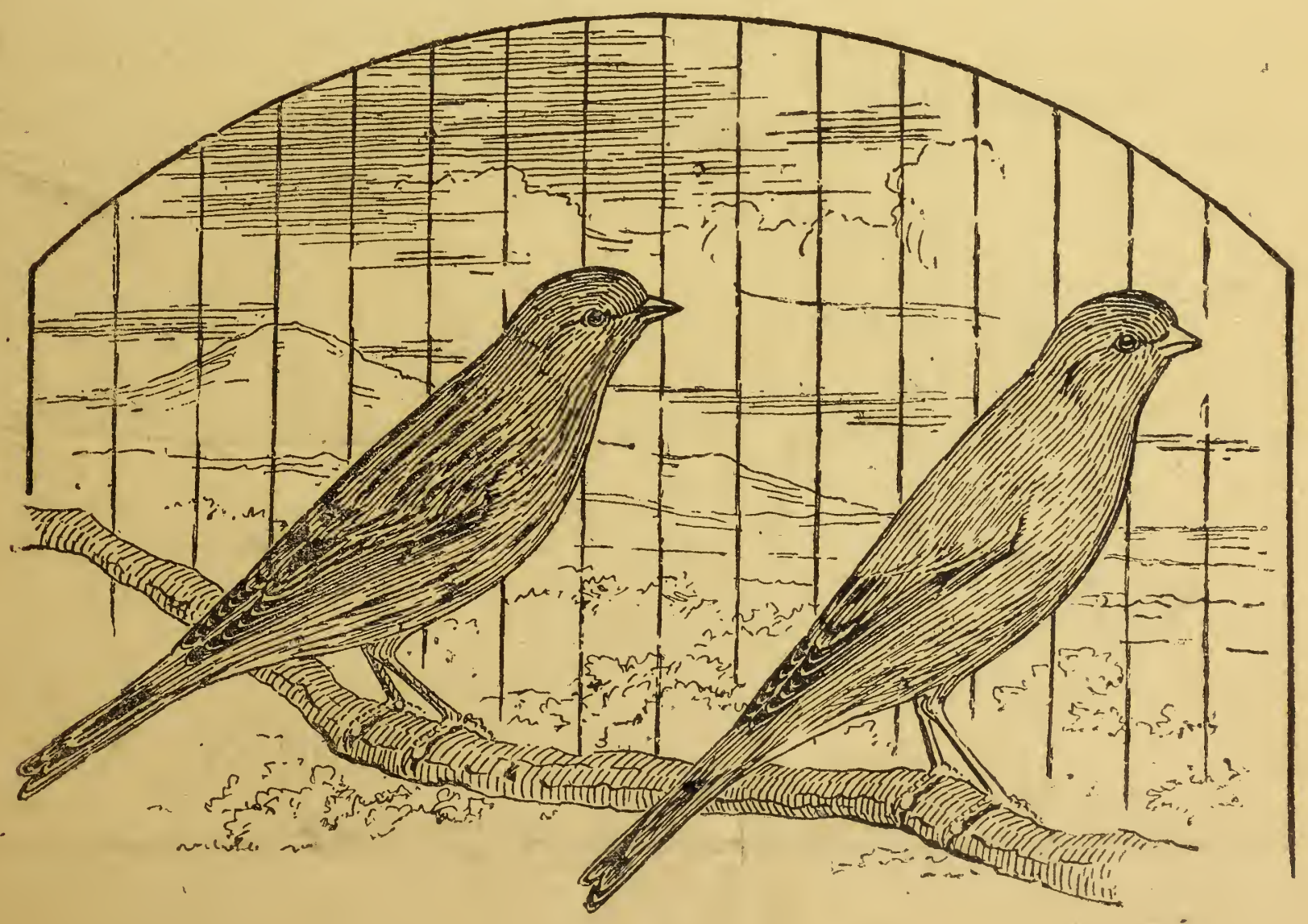

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F. WEAVER, Paget-st., Wolverhampton, offers well-bred Norwich, large buff mark cock, 35/-; ditto hen, 17/6; yell. mark cock, 15/-; buff green, 15/-; buff mark, 10/-; several useful hens from 7/6; bargains. (814)

HIGH-CLASS stock, typical unflighted, slightly marked buff hen, bred from winning strain, cold-room, in first-class condition, 7/6 each; approval; stamp reply: Paterson, "Kelvinside," Harrow-rd., Upper Warlingham, Surrey. (806)

VAR. buff cock, large head and neck, exceptional quality, flighted last moult, 17/6; buff hen, feathered like silk, head and neck splendid, 7/6: approval; wanted big headed stock yellow cock, must be large: Gerrard, Hougoumont, Christleton, Chester. (807)

REAL good Norwich from exhibition stock (see wins Dulwich and Peckham, Clapham, etc.), can offer 3 good novice pairs, 17/6, £1, and 25/- per pair; nothing further for disposal; call any time: H. Clemence, 151, Lordship-lane, East Dulwich. (817)

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CHAMPION Norwich, grand yellow cock, valuable stock bird, £3; buff cock, plenty substance, particularly short, £2; both unflighted; can win in good company; approval; Norwich All England show, 2 firsts, 3 seconds; wanted, large unflighted variegated hen, must have substance, on approval: Chas. Keymer, 34, Blackwell Reach, Gorleston-on-Sea. (811)

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COMPULSORY disposal; monster 1915 Clear Buff hen; rare head and neck, 30/-; large unflighted Ticked Yellow cock (bred from above), make grand stock bird, 35/-; good Unflighted Clear Buff hen, 20/-; 1915 bred Ticked Yellow hen, grand head and neck, fine quality; 25/-; also Clear Buff cocks from 10/- upwards; approval cash or deposit: Lupton, Botany Cottage, Galashiels. (817)

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FRANK CULSHAW, 188, Anlaby-rd., Hull, breeder and trainer, British Rollers (Randall's); member Hull R.C.C.; state wants, full particulars, stamp; approval. (711)

ROLLER cocks, warranted, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (739)

TWO pure Randall cocks, in perfect song, 15/- each: Hiller, 111, Petre-st., Sheffield. (818)

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ROLLERS; ten hens, 4/- each; four cocks, 12/6 each offers lot: 20, Co-operative-st., Stafford. (819)

1916 HIGH-CLASS Rollers, hens, cold-room bred, 4/- each: John Thomas, 19, Albert-st., Cardiff. (811)

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NOTICE, grand lot Rollers, day and gaslight singers, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (787)

CHAMPION Rollers, Glucke, Water Glucke; few cocks for sale; hens, 6/-, 7/6 each; approval: Thos. Walton, 6, Cross-green-crescent, Leeds. (801)

FEW Randall and Rhodes strain hens, cold-room, healthy and strong, 4/6 each; singing cock, 10/6: Bentham, 12, Thornton-st., Darlington. (814)

EXCHANGE unlighted buff cock, 2nd Llanelly, 3rd Paignton, for unflighted yellow or buff hen; no rubbish: Jenkins, 71, Argyle-st., Swansea. (815)

1916 Glucke and Water-glucke Rollers, Randalls and Rhodes strain, cold-room bred, cocks 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; hens same strain, 4/6, 6/6; a few specials 7/6, seven days' approval at my risk; cash or deposit; cage birds carriage paid both ways if not satisfactory: Cotdough, Lake House, Stone-rd., Longton, Staffs.

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HENS, Randall's pure Glucke strain, 1916 ring, better blood impossible to get, 4/6, 5/-, and 7/6 each; approval: Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham, Cheshire.

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SCOTCH Fancies; Yellow cock, Buff cock, Pied cock: McLean, 67, New-rd., Ayr. (817)

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YORKSHIRE cocks, 5/-; hens, 6/- up; approval, cash or deposit: Cargill. (816)

YORKSHIRE cocks, warranted, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (763)

YORKSHIRES, yellow and buffs; cocks 12/6, hens 7/6: Nason, 19, Mysore-rd, S.W. (815)

T. C. CRAWHALL, 121, St. George's-terr., Newcastle-on-Tyne, can spare few good Yorkshires. (812)

WANTED, Yorkshires, any number, highest price paid: Mr. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury.

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G. SIMESON has some typical Yorkshires for sale; marked pairs from 25/-; cocks from 15/-: 63, Beaconsfield-st., Acomb, York. (794)

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires, prices reasonable, easy payments taken, approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (787)

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NOTICE: Some exceedingly typical youngsters and stock cocks for disposal; winners: C. Woolley, 88, Stephendale-rd., Fulham, S.W. (793)

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THIRTY reliable typical Yorkshires, cocks from 15/-, hens 6/6, matched pairs 20/- upwards: Harper, 21, Hanover-rd., Kensal Rise, Willesden. (787)

PRIZE bred Yorkshires, unflighted buff cock, 15/-; 1915 buff cock, 20/-; approval, deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (815)

CHITTENDEN for Yorkshire hens, with type and quality, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; they will suit you; approval: 53, Carlisle-st., Manningham.

EXHIBITION Yorkshires, few good 1916 cocks for sale from my winners; see reports Glasgow, Ayr, and Irvine shows: Macready, Jeweller, Stranraer. (795)

EXCHANGE, buff Scotch Fancy cock, young, for good yellow Yorkshire cock, must be good; approval both ways: J. Hainey, 236, Armbank-by-Ayr. (817)

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YORKSHIRE Greens, two good pairs, 50/-, £1; exchange either for first-class unflighted clear buff stock cock; mutual approval: Wakem, 16, Clifton-rd., Birkenhead. (816)

HENS, cold room, 1916, on small side; clear buff Yorkshire, variegated yellow Yorkshire, clear buff Norwich, 5/- each, 13/6 the three: Childers, 56, Clifton-rd., Peckham. (813)

FOUR yellow and four buff cocks, £1; hens, 10/-; bred from my winners; all unflighted; grand typical birds: Radford, 128, Sandy-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (802)

FOR sale, splendid pair long, clear Yorkshire Canaries, yellow cock, buff hen, bargain, 20/-; cock alone worth the money: Getty, Ferryquay-st., Coleraine, Ireland. (810)

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YORKSHIRES, 20 typical birds, yellows and buffs, same strain as my Edmonton cup winner; also a few grand Norwich, own breeding; call or write: Olley, 99, Huxley-rd., Silver-st., Upper Edmonton.

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THREE grand unflighted yellow Yorkshire cocks, 30/- each; three long yellow hens, 20/- each; unflighted buff marked cock, 30/-; all in pink of condition; approval, cash or deposit: W. Ormond, 17, Aberdeen-terrace, Lidget Green, Bradford. (811)

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Annual meeting, 10, Brook Street, Feb. 5. Report and balance-sheet submitted by the sec. showed a balance in hand of £8 17s. 1d., which was considered eminently satisfactory. All officers were re-elected, excepting vice-chair and treas. Mr. Davis was elected vice-chair, and Mr. Bagshaw treas. Subs. for 1917 will be as last year, 2s. 6d., entry fee 1s. Syllabus is in course of preparation, and we are assured of an instructive season. Will fanciers who intimated their desire to join please communicate with me?—J. Glover.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.

Meeting, Feb. 6th. Final arrangements made for Pair and Finch show, Feb. 28th. Schedule was compiled, stewards appointed, and specials allotted. Sec. reported that Mr. J. Robson had kindly promised to judge the show free of charge in view of the Association's straitened financial condition. Arrangements have been made with the landlord of the Clock House Hotel which enable us to receive birds on the evening before the show. Members who are unable to bring their birds before 6 on Feb. 28 may deliver them on Feb. 27 before 9.30.—A. R. Coe.

L.C.B.A.

Annual meeting, Feb. 8th, "Red Lion" Hotel, York Street, St. James's, Mr. Robson chair. Meeting night was changed to third Thursday in the month. Balance-sheet was read and passed, showing a total in hand of £42. Officers elected:—Pres., Mr. Crisp; chair, Mr. Robson; auditors, Messrs. Sayers and Goymer; treas., Mr. Trower; Press correspondent, Mr. Wallington; asst. sec., Mr. Johnston; sec., Mr. Watcham. Committee: Messrs. Shepherd, Leech, Pretty, Offord, Burt, Neighbour, Mugford, Wright, Thurley, Rooke, Thynne, Soper.—A. Wallington, asst. sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Meeting, Oldham Hall, Feb. 6; our worthy President being present; Mr. Bunner chair. Correspondence was read from Messrs. Minoprio, Compton, and Lonsdale. Decided to hold Nest Feather shows June 23 and July 28. Will local secretaries kindly note? At next meeting an egg food competition for novices will be held, three good specials being promised. The year has started well for the Association; 11 new members were elected, Messrs. Johnson, Compton, Barnes, Farley, Fitzsimmon, Baker, Wakeman, Barr, Pendleton, Douglas, and Sinclair. The officers beg to thank those members who came from outlying districts for their attendance at the meeting.—T. R. Jones, sec.

CHESTER-LE-STREET C.B.S.

Meeting, Jan. 21, only five or six members present owing no doubt to the day being Sunday, some of the members being there on Saturday night. Please note date next time. Balance-sheet was read and adopted. Decided to give 2s. cash as special to make a special for each member; there are eight short. Prize money was paid out to those present at the rate of 11s. per class, which I think will be hard to beat for a 6d. entry fee; and five entries making a full class. Specials were drawn for. Decided that Mr. J. Marron get 15s. for his services in connection with the social, and the Sec. £1 for his year's work. Members kindly look for next notification of meeting, as there will be some special business to bring forward.—R. Ward, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting, Feb. 8, Mr. L. Havenhand presiding. Balance sheet for 1916 was unanimously passed. Eight new members enrolled. Table show for Canaries and British was held. Mr. G. Browning judge. Yorks: 1, 2, vhc, Exton; 3, 4, c, Hutchby; hc, Coldwell. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Brady and Stokes. Nov. Nor.: 1, 2, Coldwell. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 3, D. Havenhand; 2, Walker and Son; 4, Green and Wilks; vhc, Stamp. Greenf.: 1, vhc, Walker and Son; 2, 3, 4, Green and Wilks; hc, Gillott. Linnet: 1, Walker and Son; 2, 4, Green and Wilks; 3, Hammond Bros.; vhc, D. Havenhand. Less. Redpoll: 1, Hammond Bros.; 2, vhc, Green and Wilks; 3, c, Grainger; 4, D. Havenhand; hc, Brady and Stokes. Siskin or Twite: 1, 2, Hammond Bros. Chaff. or Bramble: 1, 2, D. Havenhand; 3, Green and Wilks. A.O.V.: 1, Green and Wilks; 2, 3, Hammond Bros. Softbill: 1, 2, 3, Darlow; 4, Green and Wilks. Hyb. or Mule Pairs: 1, 3, D. Havenhand; 2, Green and Wilks; 4, hc, c, Brady and Stokes; vhc, Grainger.—D. Havenhand, sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Annual tea, concert, and prize distribution, headquarters, Griffin Hotel, Mr. H. J. Mennard chair. About 60 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea, and a fine musical programme was gone through. Special mention must be made of Miss Nellie Gough, whose rendering of "Farewell in the Desert," "Love's Garden of Roses," "Idle Words," "A Perfect Day," and "A Long Trail," as an encore, was highly appreciated, and Mr. Fred Bucknall, who fairly brought down the house with "When you come Home," "I hear you calling me," and "Mother McCree." Amongst those who also largely contributed to the pleasure of the evening were Misses Blythman and Blore, and Messrs. Britton, Thompson, Ted Wrightson, and J. W. Goldthorpe (ventriloquist). Our esteemed President and Host presented the prizes to the winners, after expressing pleasure at seeing so many happy faces. After a vote of thanks to the President and the artistes, the singing of the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.—W. A. Wilson, hon. sec.

BARROW C.B.A.

Meeting, Feb. 10th. Weights and Measures Office. Mr. McFarlane, late sec., was presented with a beautiful timepiece in recognition of services rendered as sec. Mr. W. Crosby made the presentation, thanking Mr. McFarlane for the able way in which he had conducted the business of the society, and saying that the society was sorry to lose the services of such a capable secretary. Mr. McFarlane thanked the members for the generosity shown to him, and thought Mrs. McFarlane would be pleased to share the present with him, as she had always been ready to assist him with his work as sec., and to attend to his birds when his time was taken up with society work. He would still keep to his birds and be a member of the society, and would always look upon the present as a mark of appreciation shown to him by the members of the Barrow and District C.B.A. Prize money was paid for members' show; any member who has not received his prize money kindly communicate with the sec. On Jan. 24th there was a washing exhibition and competition for novices.—T. A. Croft, hon. sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting, Jan. 20, ante-room, Drill Hall, Mr. M. Smith chair. Agreed to hold general meeting Feb. 17 in the same place, and to have a social on March 3; also a washing exhibition by W. Grewar, G. Raith, and J. Anderson; also a competition open to 1916 members, W. Grewar giving a gold-centre medal for best washed bird, 3d. per entry, competitors to supply their own birds.—W. Grewar, Sec. pro tem.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Judging competition of pairs, matched for breeding, Feb. 6. A class each of Norwich and Yorkshires was arranged, and Mr. Geo. Sands was final judge of Yorks, and Mr. J. Hazell Norwich. Three special prizes were offered and 20 members competed. Mr. Hodson secured the first prize; Reeks, second; and Gilbert, third. An interesting discussion followed on the pairs shown, and members present expressed themselves freely on the various points of them, according to their judgment. A vote of thanks to Mr. Sands and Mr. Hazell closed an enjoyable meeting.—W. Hodson, hon. sec.

BLAYDON ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Annual meeting, Feb. 3. The balance sheet shows a substantial balance in hand. Decided to have annual show this year on the old dates, Nov. 9 and 10; local societies please note, so that there may be no clashing of dates. Hon. Pres., Col. F. B. Simpson, Esq., J.P., re-elected, also vice-pres. Mr. G. Dolson was re-elected chairman, and Mr. P. Lynn vice-chair. Mr. G. Simpson was elected treasurer, and a strong committee was formed with power to add to their number. Decided to get another room, so that there can be exhibitions of washing birds, etc. Mr. J. Humble and Mr. J. Ivison were elected members.—Geo. Harver, Sec.

STOCKTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Feb. 1, Little Regent Hotel, Mr. Yates chair. Decided to hold pair show, March 1. Mr. J. Carr, Middlesbrough, to be asked to judge. A protest was lodged against Mr. Burnett, British Sec. Cup winner, for having shown birds contrary to rule. This was upheld by the society, and he therefore forfeited all prize money and claim to cup, which was handed over to runner-up, Mr. G. Saville. Classification for pair show: Yorks, Yell. Ck., Buff Hen; Buff Ck., Yell. Hen; Nor., Yell. Cock, Buff Hen; Buff Ck., Yell. Hen; A.O.V. Can., Muling Pairs. Hybrid Pairs, Goldf. or Bullf., Linnet, Greenf., A.O.V. Seedeater. New members elected: Messrs. Stothard, Mills, York, Ford, and Kitchen; and there is every prospect of the society forging ahead.—T. Carlisle, hon. sec.

ALFRETON C.B.S.

Meeting and table show, Red Lion, Feb. 10, a good number present, Mr. J. Adnitt chair. Decided to hold a table show of Mules and Hybrids, one class for each, March 10, with special in each class. Mr. W. Evans judged. Mr. J. Adnitt judged table show of stock pairs and gave satisfaction. Mr. H. Parkin won judging competition. Specials were won by Butler and Barlow, A. Spencer, T. Cope, and Sewer Bros. Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Butler and Barlow. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Butler and Barlow. Nov. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, Spencer; 2, Evans; 3, Newton. Nov. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Spencer. Nov. Yorks. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, 3, Sawer Bros.; 2, c, Abbott; vhc, Andrews; hc, Cope. Nov. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, c, Sawer Bros.; 2, 3, Cope; vhc, Abbott; hc, Newton. —G. Sawer, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Feb. 6, Mr. W. G. Fellows, chair. Hon. Sec. was instructed to write thanking Mr. E. Holliday for kindly consenting to give a lecture on Yorkshires this season. Letter read from the treasurer, Mr. A. G. Washer, stating that he was joining up shortly, and resigning his office. It was decided to retain Mr. Washer in his position. Mr. W. G. Fellows kindly undertaking his duties during his absence. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Washer (who is the original treasurer of the society), with all good wishes for his career. Schedule was arranged for table pairs on Feb. 28, seven classes. Mr. Fellows to judge Yorkshires, Mr. Melnuish remainder. A judging competition to follow show, prize 2s. 6d., given by Dr. Weekes. Mr. H. Norman was elected judge for the annual show. —G. J. Slade, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held after the annual members' contest, Mr. E. Peel chair, and a crowded attendance. Sec. was pleased to report that the Birmingham Club have decided to join the Federation, and he had good hopes to include another two clubs amongst the Federation clubs. Decided to provide another silver cup to be sung for at annual contest for the novice, and that the winner be presented with a gold medal as a memento. The following were elected members: Messrs. Jones, Bedford, Vernon, Hopkins, Jack Tomlinson, Best, McGafferty, Wainwright, Brettell, Inman, Cotterill, Cookson, Lipman, Britton, Dexter, Midgley, Alexander and Gower. A hearty invitation is given to all to see how the newly-elected judges go to work, for our next meeting, Mar. 3, at the Griffin Hotel. Intending members please let me have their names so that they can be inserted in the rule books. A hearty vote of thanks to the judges terminated a good day.—H. Best, Sec.

GLASGOW AND WEST COUNTIES

Meeting and annual pairs show, Good Templars Halls, Ingram Street, 3rd Feb. Mr. Wm. Dinwoodie presided over a good attendance. Specials won at annual show were handed over by the donors to winners present. The Committee would thank those who were unable to be present kindly to hand in their specials, ticket money, etc., to the treasurer as early as possible, as they would like to have the financial statement read at a special meeting, 24th Feb., when Mr. J. H. Adam will lecture on Canary Breeding, Moulting and Colour Feeding. New members admitted: Messrs. W. Wilson, J. Hamilton, W. D. Fraser, G. McColl.

The entry for pairs show did not come up to former exhibitions, the cause no doubt being that the show was held a week after the annual show, and it is to be hoped that this will be rectified in another year. Cl. Nor.: 1, spl, Blair; 2, Cassells; 3, 4, Findlay; 5, McGowan. Variegs.: 1, spl, 2, Findlay; 3, Cassells; 4, 6, Bannerman; 5, Pettigrew. Cl. Bord.: 1, spl, 2, Findlay; 3, Johnstone. Var.: 1, spl, Findlay. Green or Cinn. Bord.: 1, Findlay. Cl. Yorks: 1, spl, 2, McMillan; 3, 4, Eccleston; 5, Steel. Crest: 1, spl, 2, Findlay. Classification for next monthly show, 3rd March: Hybrid Pairs, Bullfinch Hen, gross; A.O.V.: Goldf. Muling Pairs; Linnet do.; A.O.V. A good attendance is desired on March 3rd, as it is the annual meeting and election of officers. Messrs. Alexander McFarlane and James Dick judged, and were cordially thanked, as also were the donors of specials.—J. H. Adam, Hon. Sec.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

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Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Feb. 20, St. Thomas's School, 8. Arrangements for social, selection of club card, and general business.—A. E. Thorpe.

Birmingham Roller Club.—Feb. 21, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 8. Rules, etc. Birds will be present.—W. Taylor.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Feb. 20, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Open meeting.—Geo. Morton.

Bradford East O.S.—Feb. 20, Park Chapel School Rooms, 8. Special business.—J. Spencer.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Social Club, 7. Elect officers for 1917, and take in new members.—T. Sauderson.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Feb. 20, Godfree's Dining Rooms, 8. Nomination of officers for next year; entries taken for pair show.—E. Thomas.

Croydon F.A.—Feb. 21, Ruskin House, W. Croydon, 8. Pair show and lecture; Mr. H. Norman judge. Fanciers heartily invited.—F. B. Roberts.

Clay Cross C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Angel Hotel, 6.45. Business pair show, balance-sheet for 1917, and general business.—F. Harrison.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.C.—Feb. 20, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E., 8. Annual pair show; judge, Mr. J. Robson. Fanciers invited; admission free.—W. Hodson.

East Ardsley.—Feb. 17, Bedford Rooms. Annual tea, social, and prize distribution; tea at 5.—A. Walton.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Sec.'s residence, 8. Arrangements for pair show, schedule, and other business.—J. Alderslade.

East Ham F.S.—Feb. 22, headquarters. Concert in aid of military members; medals for 1916 will be presented.—E. Whiser.

Garston B.B.A.—Feb. 21, Rechabite Hall, Seddon Road, 8.15. Pair show; usual classification with muling and hybrid pairs.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Halifax O.S.—Feb. 17, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. To consider holding open show and other business of importance.—J. J. Dunn.

Hornsey and Wood Green C.B.S.—Feb. 20, Nightingale Hotel, 8.30. Annual general meeting and distribution of cups and specials; election of officers. —P. Brooks.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., 8. Norwich table show and judging competition; final judge, Mr. J. Hodder. 50 first-class birds on view.—F. C. Knight.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Lockhart's Cafe, 7. General business and election of officers.—W. Ayers.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Feb. 20, White Swan Hotel, 8. Table show; five classes.—Day and Roberts.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Feb. 17, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street. Pairs show open 6.30, judge, Mr. J. Robson. Admission 2½d., including tax.—W. Gilbert.

Leigh C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Special business.—R. Charleson.

Midland Roller C.C.—Feb. 22, "Seven Stars," John Street, Wolverhampton, 7.30. Glucke tours explained, birds present; selection of novice cup, and other important business.—J. W. Thomson.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 20, St. Stephen's School, Conran Street, 8. Important business.—A. Colley.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—Feb. 21, Shield's Cafe, 7.30. Presentation and supper; tickets, 1s. 6d. A hearty invitation to friends.—Wm. Mather.

Reading C.B.S.—Feb. 21, London Tavern. Pair show; birds to be ready at 6 for judging.—O. C. Smith.

Richmond (Surrey) C.B.S.—Feb. 26. Pair show.—C. Parmiter.

Stanley Empire F.F. and C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Club Hall, 7. Judges for next show; presentation.—R. Hutchinson.

Shipley O.S.—Feb. 21, Co-op. Hall, 7. General meeting; election of officers, specials for members' shows and arrangements for members' shows 1917.—Long and Craven.

South Shields "Always Ready."—Feb. 21, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road, 7.30. Election of two trustees; arrangements for pair and British show; other important business.—J. W. Watson.

Warrington C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Question night. Each member is asked to submit two questions.—H. Warburton.

West Stanley F.F. C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Victoria Hall, 7. Important business.—R. Hutchinson.

Wakefield O.S.—Feb. 21, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7. Pair show; other important business; members bring as many pairs as they please.—T. H. Alexander.

FINE SHOW AT GOUROCK.

A grand show, under the auspices of Greenock, Gourock and Port Glasgow O.S., in aid of the Red Cross Work Party, was held in the Gamble Institute, Gourock, on Feb. 2, 3. The show was under the patronage of the Provost, Magistrates and Town Council of Gourock. Lt.-Col. Darreck and Mrs. Darrock opened the exhibition. Mr. Park judged Canaries, and Mr. Jamieson, Brit., and their opinions were well received. The staging was nicely arranged round the four sides of the building, with a row of tables up the centre of the hall, which left great space for the public comfort. Well on in the evening, however, the rush of visitors was so great that the space at command was packed beyond one's liking. Great interest was displayed in the well-known team of Hybrids belonging to Mr. Jas. Crong, Glasgow, who so kindly placed his specimens in the hands of the officials for exhibition only; this was greatly appreciated, and lent much to the interest of the show. The selling by auction of the gift birds created much amusement, and very good prices were realised. The show was a great success, and we expect to hear of a good round sum being handed over. Mr. Molloy makes a fine president, and Messrs. Watson and Smith as vices, are good seconds, while the general sec., Mr. Dooley; show sec., Mr. Campbell, and treas., Rollo, are all of standard quality; enthusiastic fanciers and very popular. They were ably backed up by a hard working committee Messrs. Brown, McDermid, Rodden, Allison, Campbell, Wyllie, Craig and Best.

SCOTS FANCY CK.: 1, Gillies, good clear buff, fine top-end, grand shoulders and reach, nice side and depth, well staged; 2, 3, Rollo, former, light tailed green, close up in size and cond., barely the shoulder or reach; 3, cl. buff, good type, stylish, neat, smaller built; 4, McAleese. HEN: 1, Gillies, cl. buff, real good model, fine shoulder, grand reach and droop, thick through, fine drive, best in the section; 2, cl. buff, quite up for size and cond., not so thick; 3, McAleese, yell. pied, good feather; 4, Rodden. YORKS. Ck.: 1, 2, sp, Mount, fine col. and qual., lengthy, neat well braced, in fine bloom; 2, Wyllie, good broken green, fine qual. feather, not just so shapely or perfect in carr.; 3, McCarthy, fine lengthy var. yell., nice feather, inclined to lift at front, unsteady; 4, Best. HEN: 1, sp, 4, Mount, leader cl. buff, top qual. feather, but open, neat carr., style, looked little soft; 2, Best, cl. yell., lengthy, fine type and qual., staged to disadvantage; 3, McCarthy, cl. buff, good length, type, well tapered, close up. CL. or VAR. YELL. BORD. CK.: 1, Dooley, sweet var., neat, shapely, clean cut, fine head and neck, correct carr. and style, we fancied best in section; 2, McKendrick, cl., fine stamp, neat head, wings and tail, just a bit hollow between wings; 3, Gillies, head tkd., nice qual. feather, A1 cond., neat and shapely, falls very little to 2; 1, Wyllie. BUFF: 1, Gillies, nicely mkd., fine type, grand qual., neat, well rounded, in top order; 2, Fleming, neck mkd., droops wing, and fails staging; 3, Murray, wing mkd.; 4, Wyllie. YELL. HEN: 1, sp, 4, Dooley, in grand order, neat type, fine qual., shapely, stylish; 2, Gillies, top col. and qual., clean cut, neat and typical, wee shade longer in head, close run for top; 3, Murray, nice qual., good carr. BUFF: sp, best in section, Gillies, good cl., grand type and qual., neat, clean cut, in the pink; 2, Fleming, neat, jaunty type, compact build, lacks the cond. of leader; 3, Wyllie, grizzle cap, nice type and qual.; 4, McKendrick. GRN. and CINN.: 1, Campbell, fine jonque Cinn., grand type qual., neat, well rounded and drawn, perfect carr., A1 col. and pencilling, nice win; 2, 4, Gillies, former, yell.-green, good grassy cl., well pencilled, fine type, neat carr and style; 3, Galbreath, buff Cinn., good cl., nice type, not so perfect in feather, wee bit unsteady. CREST: 1, Best, even wing, D.C., good col. and feather. YELL. CK.: 1, McLean, grand check, neck, grand subs. and type, full, shapely, well braced; 2, Allison, heavy var., lovely col. and qual. of feather, falls head and body subs.; 3, Yuill, non-fed, short, cobby body, nice col., well braced; 4, Wyllie. BUFF: 1, sp, 4, Park, leader, cl., short, well filled, cobby build, fine qual., neat carr, and style; 2, Allison, hot col., wing mkd., throughout, could have gone up. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, good size, neat head, neck, lacks the breadth of Park, heavily var., good head and col.; 2, McLean, barely so hot col., full size, A1 type and qual., well braced, clean cut, might have been top dog; 3, Allison, cl., well up in size, fine level col., grand feather, wee shade longer in build. BUFF: 1, 3, sp, best bird in show, McLean, well known, cl., in her usual form, often described, needs no further comment; 2, 3, 4, Allison, former, good undli., cl., nice size, col. and qual., fine top end, grand front, shade long behind, will fill out yet; 3, well up for size, good col. and qual. feather. COMMON or SINGER: 1, Porter, heavily var., of the Bord. persuasion, nice feather, bit lucky; 2, Turner, good cl. buff Bord., well staged, excels leader all round 3, Wise, fine cl. Nor., nice size and type, might have won. We liked No. 12 fine yell. Nor., in grand order. SELL.: 1, 2, Wyllie, nice buff Linnet Mule and Goldf. Mule. GIFT: 1, 3, Allison, leader cl. buff Bord.; 3, Cinn. Nor.; 2, Campbell, nice jonque Greenf. Mule. LIGHT MULE or HYB.: 1, 2, Campbell, even mkd. Goldf., nice col. and marks, perfect feather, well staged, steady; 2 jonque Siskin, nice size and col., perky, neat, fine order. DRK.: 1, 2, Campbell, fine jonque Greenf. in capital order, nice level col., good size, steady well put down; 2, jonque Siskin, warm col., steady perfect feather; 3, Young, looks like Siskin, Redpoll, perfect feather, steady; 4, O'Donnell. GOLDF.: 1, sp, best Brit., Gillespie, good Finch, quickly claimed at catalogue price, £2, fine size, rare col., pure markings, full square blaze, nice moons and tans, good wings, well coloured and buttoned steady, in the pink; 2, McDermid, shade smaller, but all there for col. and mks., falls a trifle in size; 3, Trotter, similar in size, falls in blaze; 4, Laird. BULLF.: 1, McCartney, fine size, good col. and markings, sound cond., steady; 2, Kerr, not quite up in size, excels in depth and purity of col., fine expansive cap and well defined wing bars, close up; 3, Trotter, topper for purity of col. and markings, falls in size only; 4, Molloy. H.M. LINNET: 1, McDermid, not large, nice level ground col., distinct pencilling, typical, well benched, 2, Campbell, quite up in size, cond., closer, but very distinct pencilling, right up on leader; 3, Trotter, fine size, grand buffy colour, beautiful pencilling, nice type, perfect feather, steady, we fancied; 4, Laird. F.-M.: 1, McDermid, fine size and type, grand col., markings, steady, well shown; 2, 4, Gillespie, former well up for size and cond., nice shape, falls breast work; 3, Trotter, shade smaller, but better in col. and pencilling, we preferred for a step up. GREENF.: 1, sp, McCartney, nice jonque, good size, sound col., hard cond., steady, well put down; 2, 3, McDermid, former buff, lovely feather, not quite so massive, but in creditable order; 3, similar in size and cond., steady, perfect feather; 4, Campbell. SISKIN LTC.: 1, 2, Fleming, leader with nice Twite, in good cond., nice pencilling, steady, perfect order; 2, jonque Siskin, good cond., nice col. and marks, fine cap and bib; 3, 4, Trotter, former Twite, nice size, grand level col., distinct pencilling, steady, our choice. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Campbell, little beauty, in the pink, good size, col. and cond., neatly pencilled, fine poll and bib, steady; 2, Wyllie, not just the size or subs. of leader, scarcely the col., well staged; 3, Mount, fine size, grand cond., nice poll and distinct bib, well shown; 4, Gillespie. A.O.V.—CK.: 1, McDermid, fine Hawfinch, capital size, col., markings rich, and well defined, very steady, in the pink; 2, Urquart, Yellowhammer, fine size, nice body col., head lines not quite so pure and well defined as might be, 3, Campbell, good Chaffinch, fine size, nice cond., richly and distinctly mkd., steady; 4, Molloy. HEN: 1, Martin, fine Bullf., lovely feather, nice tone of col., neat fittings, broad, jet cap, perfect bars, steady, well benched; 2, Campbell, good Greenf., lovely feather, nice size and cond., steady; 3, McIntyre, Bullf., good size, col. and marks, not quite the condition of leader; 4, Molloy. VOR.: 1, Campbell, fine Goldf., grand size, pure col., rich markings, fine blaze, expansive and square, lovely wings, well buttoned, good moons and tans; 2, Fleming, Goldf., nice size and top order, not just so pure in col.; 3, Jones, Indian Ringneck Parrot, in lovely feather; 4, Campbell, nice Australian Cockatoo.

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Twitterings.

Nine of the 45 members of the Southampton C.B.S. are serving with H.M. Forces.

A melanistic specimen of the "Black-headed Gull is to be seen daily in St. James's Park, London.

At Paisley Show, writes W. Mossie, in Border Fancy Yellow cock, I was 2nd, not Brooks as reported.

Mr. R. Spiby writes that he has changed his address from 21, Queen Street, to 52, Devon Street, Farnworth.

Owing to pressure of business, writes Mr. J. T. Smith, I am compelled to resign the office of Secretary of the Provincial Roller Club, which has been taken over by Mr. E. Hibbert, 27, Pendlebury Road, Swinton, near Manchester, to whom all correspondence should be addressed.

Wedding Bells.

A wee bird whispers that wedding bells will be ringing in Kirkcaldy on Friday, Feb. 16, as that popular fancier, Mr. George Arnott, is then to take unto himself a partner. Hearty congratulations, George.

A Correction.

Kindly publish correction of my recent report, writes Mr. R. Garnett, Sec., C.M.Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C. open competition. 1st, Dr. Craig, 229 points; 2nd, L. Dykes, 176; 3rd, C. Morrison, 173; 4th, H. H. Towers, 163.

Coventry's Show Date Fixed.

The date of the show of the Coventry O.S. has been fixed for Nov. 14 next. I am pleased to state, writes Mr. J. Kent, hon. sec., that we have again booked the Corn Exchange, a hall which last year delighted those who attended the show.

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An Address Wanted.

Will the Galashiels gentleman who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS kindly communicate, as I have mislaid his address, writes Mr. A. Barrett, 25, Becho Road, Cambridge.

Another Tame Seagull.

A Seagull has recently been captured at Cardigan, writes Mr. W. J. Thomas, bearing a ring marked "Vogel Warte Rossiten Germania, 28538 E." Hundreds of Seagulls are seen here daily, actually feeding on the street, driven by the stress of hard weather we have experienced of late.

"Two Grand Books."

I have received the British Bird Manual and Birdrooms, Aviaries, and Cages, writes F. W. Stone, and I must say they are two grand books. I can highly recommend them to novices. Knowing what British birds require, I have no hesitation in saying they are indispensable to any British fancier.

Prize Money at Penygraig.

Will those exhibitors who so kindly patronised Penygraig Open Show and have not yet received their prize money please have a little patience, as we have had a difficulty or two, writes Mr. G. Padfield. I am pleased to announce that we have got things in going order again, and all prize money will be paid in the course of a few days.

OBITUARY

Mr. J. H. BAILEY (Wimbledon).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. G. Griffiths, I have to record the death from influenza of Corporal J. H. Bailey, a well known member of the Wimbledon C.B.S. Mr. Bailey joined up soon after the outbreak of war, entered the A.S.C., and had served in France for the past two years. Mr. Bailey was home on leave in December, and returned to France on Christmas morning in the best of health and spirits. I am sure all fanciers will deeply sympathise with Mrs. Bailey and her three daughters in their great sorrow.

Mr. W. W. CORKHILL (Wavertree).

I enclose advertisement of the stock of the late W. W. Corkhill, who died very suddenly from neuritis and paralysis on Jan. 29, writes Mr. R. T. Lonsdale. Though only in the fancy for two years, Mr. Corkhill spared no expense in trying to get a team of exhibition and stock birds together, and the birds advertised include some of his winners at our local shows. It is to be regretted that such a promising fancier's time in the fancy has been cut so short, as he was a most energetic worker in any hobby in which he became associated, and his loss will be felt not only in the bird fancy, but in local cricket, bowling, and hockey circles. He held office in several associations, and I am sure that all fanciers who came in contact with him will always remember his genial and sporting disposition, and tender to Mrs. Corkhill deepest sympathy in the sad loss which she has sustained after only five years of married life. Mr. Corkhill died on the fifth anniversary of his wedding.

"A Fancier in Distress."

I beg to thank you for putting in my appeal on behalf of Mr. McLaughlin (writes Mr. H. Lilley), but I notice you have made an error in the name of the road—it is 10a, Penwith Road, and not Penville Road.—[Penville Road was the best our printers could make of the word as written.—ED.]

In connection with this deserving case we have received the following generous offer from Mr. J. P. Lloyd, 84, Chichele Road, Cricklewood, N.W.:—"In response to Mr. Lilley's appeal on behalf of Mr. McLaughlin in last week's CAGE BIRDS, I shall be pleased to send him a smart unflighted yellow or buff Yorkshire hen, and trust that other fanciers with surplus stock will come forward and assist a brother fancier in distress."

A Novel Travelling Box.

Mr. F. Thomas, of Ramsgate, has sent for our inspection a box intended for the conveyance of live birds by rail. It is of very solid construction so as to afford complete protection for the inmate. At each end of the front a small pane of glass is inserted to give light into the interior, and the glass is protected by strong cross wires which would prevent the escape of the bird even if it were broken. A perch runs across the middle of the box close to the bottom, so that the bird may rest upon it rather than on the bottom of the box. A seed trough is at one end, and at the other is a drinker from which the water cannot be spilled in transit, a bottomless cone which is easily removable for cleaning, reaching almost to the bottom of the drinker. In such a box a bird should take no harm upon the longest journey, and as it would last for many journeys only the cost of returning the box as an empty has to be considered as a set-off against the humanity of its use.

A Redwing in the City.

Last week a Redwing was to be seen among the Sparrows in Lincoln's Inn Fields, and the severe weather has made them quite plentiful in the London Parks.

Birds and the War.

It is interesting to learn that some of the sea-birds that were originally plentiful on our coasts, and then declined in numbers until they were in danger of disappearance, are now beginning to respond to the efforts made to protect them. The Great Skua, for example, is increasing in the Shetlands, though whether these Huns of the great Gull family will be popular with their relations is at least unlikely. We have yet to learn the result of increasing the numbers of predatory birds. It remains to be seen, too, what disturbance in the old order of distribution will be effected by the war; we may rest assured that it will be considerable. The number of Gulls and Terns nesting on our coasts in the spring of 1916 was apparently quite abnormal, and one hears of comparatively rare birds having been seen inland, though the evidence is not as conclusive as one might wish. But it is clear that changes of habitat have been imposed upon many species by the war, and it may be that the protective orders now current may avail to bring over here certain birds that came here of old time.—"Illustrated London News."

With the Wild Birds in the Snow.

In and Around the Newark District.

By W. LIDGETT, Hon. Sec. Newark C.B.S.

SURELY a true bird fancier's heart must go out in pity to our feathered friends in such very severe weather as has been experienced during the last five or six weeks.

As my home is situated in the suburbs of the town I have many opportunities of which I do not fail to take advantage, and as I am a keen observer of all that takes place, I have seen many strange visitors not only in the suburbs but right in the heart of the town also. In a main thoroughfare of a busy part of Newark I saw on one day the following species: Jackdaws, Starlings, Chaffinches, Thrushes, Robins, and a Pied Wagtail. The latter caused quite a mild sensation, even among ordinary passers-by, who stopped to look at the bird, which, with his stately walk, accompanied with short, jerky flights, seemed to all a stranger indeed in a street of a town.

I have also seen in my own garden many visitors which are rarely found so near to houses. The Tits and the Robins were, of course, in the majority, but it was nothing strange to see Thrushes, Blackbirds, Starlings, and Sparrows all feeding together in the steeped dog-biscuits I put outside for them.

While out walking in the country the effects of the weather could also be seen evidenced by the way the birds congregated in flocks around the farm buildings. It was a pleasure to a fancier to be able to see the birds at such close quarters, and it is a marvel how tame many were, but no doubt the want of food had much to do with this.

I picked up a Seagull almost frozen to death in a valley of the River Trent, and it tends to show how very severe the weather must have been that a bird of so hardy a species found its way so far from its usual haunts to be picked up nearly dead. I took the bird in my hand and breathed on it, and then walked over two miles with it tucked under my overcoat. I then let it go, and it took a short laboured flight over a field and settled. I watched it walk about, and I think it would be able to get away—the great difficulty it would find would be to get food so far from water.

Large flocks of Linnets and Starlings were also seen, and the Rooks seemed to monopolise the fields. The air was black and white in another place with Plovers on the wing. I also saw Greenfinches and Yellow Buntings in another place, and a walk taking me five miles from home to the place where I knew Goldfinches were to be found (having had a day with a catcher there on one occasion), I had the pleasure of seeing quite a score of these beautiful Finches on the wing. They did not look so sprightly as when the weather is milder, but, all the same, they seemed to be standing the hardship of existence well.

Those who love birds and Nature in its wild state have had ample opportunity these last few weeks to get their fill in the study of them, and although I like the fireside, I do not fail to get the most out of anything when there is so much to learn outside in the doings of our birds of the country.

A Roller Canary Club for Radcliffe.

It has been decided to form a Roller club in Radcliffe, writes Mr. C. Ollier. We shall hold a meeting at the Boar's Head on Feb. 21 at 8, and all intending members and those interested are invited to attend.

The Need of a Grain of Salt.

"The Schoolmistress" in a "lesson" on the Sparrow, after giving the valuable information that it has "three toes in front and one behind," and that when it rests on a tree or branch the three toes bend round from the front, and the other from the back, says: "The story is told of some farmers who, tired of the sparrows' thieving, made up their minds to destroy them all. This they did with guns and traps until there were practically none left. The next year, however, their crops suffered so from insects that they were willing to buy sparrows to let them loose in the fields."

A Thrush as a Camp Follower.

Our friend, Mr. T. H. Trower, of Trower and Co., the well-known seed merchants, has kindly brought for our information a photograph of his nephew and four of the cooks of the military camps at which he is stationed. On the hand of one of the cooks sits a Song Thrush, and the bird displays as much consciousness of being part of the picture as any of the five soldiers in the group. Mr. Trower tells us that the Thrush is in absolute freedom, and is entirely without fear. It goes in and out of the camp kitchen as it will, and is often to be seen sitting on the head or shoulder of one or the other of the cooks as he goes about his duties. We regret that the interesting photograph is too small to permit of satisfactory reproduction.

Mr. Allen Silver Wounded in Action.

The many friends of Mr. Allen Silver, whose name is known, of course, to every keeper of foreign birds in our country, and whose cheery and obliging personality has made him a universal favourite with those who have the pleasure of his personal acquaintance, will be shocked to hear that he has been dangerously wounded in action, and has had to have a leg amputated. The army chaplain, writing to Mrs. Silver, the widowed mother of our young friend, at The Laurels, 7, Bampton Road, Forest Hill, says that although the wound is dangerous, and the operation has been a serious one, Mr. Silver, so far, is going on well. Mrs. Silver is prostrate with the shock of the news of what has happened to her only son and her sole support, and we are sure that all our readers will join with us in the hope that she will soon hear that her beloved is out of danger. Mr. Silver had been for less than two months in France, and our personal knowledge of his character leads us to conclude that he was doing more than "his bit" when he received the injury which has at least put an end to a promising career.

BIRDS' NESTS IN THE FIGHTING LINE.

In the course of a long and very interesting article in the London "Times," describing a second year's observation of birds at the Front, A. Buxton writes:

"In 1915 I failed to see a single Wood-wren, but last winter I noticed a wood which seemed to me a typical Wood-wren covert, and I was not disappointed, for three pairs of them came to it, and no doubt nested, but I never could find a Wood-wren's nest and only know one man who can.

"It was a noisy wood in the summer, being full of Golden Orioles and other songsters of various sorts and sizes. The only nest of a Golden Oriole I saw last summer was in an alder, and very easy to see, though I confess I walked under it and stared at it many a time before I saw it, and then had to be shown it by a man who had never seen one before. The nest is at least one size too small for the bird, and must be very uncomfortable to sit in.

"On this same lucky day, while I was plodding through the marsh, a little rich-brown creature raced away from under the tussock I had stepped on. It seemed to run too fast for a mouse, and in the base of the tussock were the perfect nest and six rich-coloured eggs of a Grasshopper Warbler—the first I had ever seen, though there are many Grasshopper Warblers in this world who must have cursed me for my inquisitiveness about their homes.

"Some day no doubt, in times of peace, crowds of all nationalities, among them many who have fought, will visit the battlefields of the Western Front, but if I come back I shall avoid the ruined towns and battered trenches, and refresh pleasanter memories of birds that I have known and trout that I have failed to catch."

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THE GOLDFINCH.

By S. A. REYNOLDS, Stourbridge.

An appreciation by a birdlover of England's most beautiful Finch, and a story of a Goldfinch which voluntarily returned from freedom to captivity.

ONE cannot *write* the full beauty of our English Goldfinch, even the cunning hand of the artist fails to portray all the wonderful charms of this little gem. To everyone he is pretty, but to a few he is the essence of all that is most beautiful in Nature. The very shape of its body is a perfect type of symmetrical form, the red blaze a sparkling ruby reflecting the roses of June or the bashful poppies that hang their heads in waving corn, the streak of gold that flashes from its wing the bloom of April's gorse promising the sunny days to come, its actions sweetness itself.

"P, seet," "P, seet," it calls to its mate, or if you happen to have been one kind enough to understand and enter its little world it will welcome you thus, and ofttimes curtsey with "P, o; seet, o;" with such charm that you will love a Goldfinch even as a friend, and what better friend can we have than one that is the soul of cheerfulness, keeping our hearts fresh and our eyes ever observant to Nature's law?

In the Goldfinch's Haunt.

To appreciate the Goldfinch fully you must see him in his native haunts. I have in my mind a field in autumn, a day when the sun shone through a haze of mist and the world looked golden. In the field a few cattle lounged among the coarse herbage. Hardheads grew in abundance, and as it was early the greater part of them were in flower, dots of blue among them showed the blue bottom and spurts of soft white thistle down carried on the breeze reminded me I was approaching Nature's table spread for her feathered kind.

"T. Check," warned a Blackbird, and a score of Starlings glided up, wavered, and then dropped twenty yards ahead. "Look up," shouted a cock Pheasant, whereat a rabbit sat up on its haunches, still nibbling a blade of grass, and eyed me closely a few seconds. "Oh, its only him," thought the rabbit. "Let's get on with breakfast," and forthwith he proceeded to enjoy the "spread." Anxious not to disturb this little family, I took advantage of the thick, bushy hedge, and on a hazel stump I sat and watched. What a glorious garden for the birds! Sheltered on one side stood the forest primeval.

"The murmuring pines and the hemlocks,
Bearded with moss, and in garments green,
indistinct in the twilight."

A tinkling stream sang on its way on another side, affording drink and cool, clean water wherewith the birds could bathe and preen their dainty garments. Here, far from the smoke and dust of the city, grasses grew green, and the pods of the seedlings were bursting with wholesome food, no clanking of engines, bare pit heaps, and the huddled dwellings of man to mar the scenery. Nature had been left alone, and lovingly she had clothed the earth with wild, luxuriant beauty. Was it to be wondered that I heard the music. "P, seet; P, seet?" Up from the stream they came calling and singing to greet the morn.

Feathered Jewels.

Streaks of gold, patches of grey, flashed in the light, and as they swerved nearer the rubies shone, they dropped quite near my hiding place, a few alighted on the tall thistles and began to dig for the seeds, sending clouds of white down to the breeze; others preferred to hunt for ripe hardheads, and on finding would perch upon the slender stalk and weigh it down to the grass, then with one foot on the pod, and its long slender beak soon made short work of the seeds. "P, seet," came from a score of little throats as they flitted from plant to plant.

Then a most handsome bird mounted the topmost thistle, "P, seet," "P, o; seet, o" came forth his challenge; it was taken up by our of the leading musicians, and the field rang with such exquisite music that even the proud Pheasant stopped in its feeding to listen. Was there ever such charm, such inspiring beauty in the teachings of man? This was no forced performance, they sang because they could do no other, their little hearts overflowed with the joy of life, the mystery of the meadows, the sunlight and the stream. What a refreshing scene for the tired toilers of our cities, they whose eyes are weary of dusty streets and discordant sounds.

All of us more or less have the love of the beautiful implanted in our hearts, and there is much honour due to the city worker, whose love of bird life overcomes the many other alluring temptations. Who shall deny him his hobby of bird-keeping? It unfolds pages of natural history that broadens his outlook on life and gives him joy which he could never have known. Every bird that is staged in our shows is the finest tribute to the heart of the working man.

The Escape of the Captive.

Two seasons ago I took my favourite Goldfinch into a wild country place in the South of England. On hanging up its cage one evening I forgot to secure the door. Next morning I was surprised to hear a Goldfinch singing close to my bedroom window. "And jolly tame, too" I thought as I peeped out with sleepy eyes. I dressed with frantic haste and was soon outside in the crisp morning air, and then I saw it was my own bird.

My thoughts flew to an old landing net I knew of, and when this was procured I crept up very cautiously and, made a dash, but only with the result that a frightened bird circled round and then made for the top of the tallest pine tree.

Whilst I was pondering over the many suggestions that crowded my mind of how to capture him, he evidently took my predicament as a joke and curtseyed "P, o; seet, o" with much warmth. From up aloft there came many more "P, seets," and looking up I could see a flock of birds turn in flight, hover, and then vol-plane down into the very pine from which my own Goldfinch sent forth his clarion call. I dimly remember such music, but more so my feelings, for what I dreaded most came quickly; the flock soared high up into the clouds and my little friend with them.

Exactly five days after this happened the keeper hurried down in the afternoon with the news that he had my Goldfinch in his garden, and added "the missus tried to throw her hat over it several times, but he is too blamed stubborn for her."

The Wanderer's Return.

Taking all the nets, etc., we could lay our hands on, also the cage to put him in, we started in high spirits. In the garden true enough we saw him, there was no mistaking the familiar call note from yonder apple tree. Nets were being put down with all possible speed when the keeper shouted out. "Blamed if that old bird ain't perched on top o' his cage," and to my surprise it was so, he was even trying to get inside. Leaving the nets, we went towards the cage, and the Goldfinch flew back to the apple tree.

I opened the door of the cage thinking he might be induced to go inside, and we had not got more than half-a-dozen yards away before down he came again, making straight for the open door, and was feeding inside, all within a few seconds. He made no attempt to fly out as I approached him to shut the door; it was evident he was glad to be home again, though strange to say this cage was not his usual home, for previous to this visit in the country he had been flying in a large aviary.

This little incident is by no means a unique occurrence, I have had several such brought to my notice recently; but it shows how happy and contented our captive birds can be with the kind attention bestowed on them by all true bird lovers. Let the pessimist hear the song of the Goldfinch, show him the rubies and the bloom of yellow gorse, and "P, seet;" sweet "P, seet" will come to him as summer's rain after the heat of the day.

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The Essentials of Aviculture.

By J. W. N.

(Continued from page 789, Dec. 30 issue.)

A Series of comprehensive articles, embracing the proper management of all kinds of birds in captivity, their housing, feeding, general management and diseases, and the breeding of species, Mules and Hybrids.

IT is not every birdkeeper who has the knowledge and experience necessary to breed a number of prize birds each year, but everyone delights in the young bird whatever its pedigree may be. It is the purpose of this chapter to set forth clearly the underlying principles, and so to ensure a more or less successful result even to the most ignorant novice, with the possibility that one or more of his birds may be looked upon with a favourable eye on the show bench.

Although all sorts and conditions of birds are bred in captivity, perhaps the commonest to propagate its species in cages is the Canary. Of Canaries, there are many varieties, and each has its devoted band of enthusiasts. British birds are not as a rule successful if confined to cages, but in the aviary there is hope of a gratifying result. The same remark holds good for the many varieties of imported foreigners, although a few of the more prolific will breed almost equally well in cages.

The breeding of Mules and Hybrids is always popular amongst the more experienced breeders, and this I shall deal with later on. Perhaps the great fascination of the latter type of breeding is the glorious uncertainty which gives even the beginner a chance of breeding a bird which will bring him fame at one bound.

In the Beginning.

As a preliminary to breeding operations the birds must be properly paired. By this is meant that the birds are so chosen that the bad points of one will be neutralised by the correspondingly good points of the other. To do this one must have a clear mental picture of the perfect bird of the species.

A great aid is to get a life size picture well drawn and correctly coloured, and to become thoroughly conversant with every feature of it. Then see as many birds as possible of this species, and note their agreements with and differences from the standard of comparison. A visit to any show will be a useful completion to a novice's education in the appreciation of the many points which tend to produce the perfect specimen.

The mind and eye having now been trained to criticise with a certain degree of freedom, take all the birds from which breeding is intended and cage them off separately. With notebook in hand, examine each carefully, noting the excellences and deficiencies at every point. Devote a page to each bird, having the points, such as size, shape, colour, position, etc., in a column down the left half of the page, whilst on the right the remarks of the same are entered.

It is impossible to give a list of all the points for every bird that may fall into the hands of a birdkeeper, but the following should always be noted:—

Points that Matter.

First of all the size, whether the bird is bigger or smaller than the standard picture. Then the colour, which can never be too rich. With the colour should be noted the markings, whether clean cut and of good colour, or ragged and dirty in hue. The size and shape of these are important; to mention only a few examples in illustration there are the blaze of the Goldfinch, the cap of the Bullfinch, and the bib of the Hawfinch.

The condition of the legs and feet, although not so important as many other points for breeding purposes, may be conveniently noted here, along with the position on the perch, i.e., whether the bird stands well up or crouches over it. This latter is a fault that is almost certain to be handed down to the offspring, and should be carefully watched for.

A more detailed examination can now be proceeded with, the beak and head coming in for a full share of attention. The two curves of the body, from the beak to the vent and of the back are of great importance. A hollow back should have a definite black mark against it, while a bird that has the space between the wings well filled in and nicely rounded is one to take special notice of. In a good bird the wings should fit nicely to the sides, and the tips just meet.

A very important factor, especially in the pairing up of Canaries is the feathering. The plumage should fit tightly to the body, giving rise to the show reporter's phrase, "like wax." It should be soft and silky, and, although the sheen on it is not an anatomical point, yet the fact that it shows the bird to be in good health is an indication that the young bred from it will have brought into the world a fair share of stamina, which is a very important quality indeed, especially in forming a strain.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

Birds Stolen During Transit.

Carriage Charged on the Empty Box.

SIR,—I am sorry to inform you that the above method of obtaining birds still appears to be in vogue by some unscrupulous persons. On Jan. 3, I had despatched to me from Mr. Andrews, the well-known breeder of Weston Olney, a house-moulted hen Bullfinch, but on arrival at Thirsk the box was empty. Notwithstanding that this was observed by the N.E. Company's servants at Thirsk Station, the box was delivered at my house, and carriage collected just as if everything was in order, the person delivering the box even signing the delivery sheet himself, but before he had got five yards from the door my wife discovered that the box was empty, and informed him of the fact.

On returning home about an hour later I went to make inquiries, when I learned that it was known that the box was empty before being delivered. Under the circumstances I think the least they could have done was to have drawn my wife's attention to the fact on delivery, when it is certain she would have refused to pay carriage on same. I think it is quite time something was done to detect and make an example of the person or persons responsible for the many cases lately of birds being stolen during transit.

E. W. HUMPHREY.

How to Strafe the Red Mite.

Petrol Does the Trick.

SIR,—As "Red Mite" asks for a way of exterminating that pest without injuring cages, I would, without hesitation, say use petrol. I have used nothing else for a number of years, and have found it most successful; it evaporates quickly, and leaves no smell, which is more than can be said of most remedies. One does not quite like having the smell of camphor, paraffin, creosote, etc., hanging about their birdroom for months on end, as it is doubtful which is most detrimental to the health of the birds, the mite or the smell.

I use a camel hair throat brush, dipped in hot water to take out the twist, then it can be inserted into the neck of any bottle; keep the bottle properly stoppered when not using it, as petrol soon loses strength if allowed to remain any time exposed, and see that the room is well ventilated when applying same. I have often, during the breeding season, given the cages a light run over without removing the birds, which took no bad effect. All the bird fanciers I know who have tried it say it is the most effective, cleanest, and most easily applied, likewise the cheapest. Get the best grade "Shell" if possible. I may add I have not seen a Red Mite for two years, and we breed about 50 birds every year.

W.R.

Fir-tree Oil and Hollow Perches.

SIR,—Add a wineglassful of fir-tree oil to half a gallon of rain water (warm), and give the cages a good wash inside and out. There will be no need for re-painting, and the birds can be put back as soon as the cages are dry, which only means a few minutes. I myself use bamboo perches for about two days per week (not regularly, as they are too hard for the birds' feet). The surface of these must be filed to take off the slipperiness, or the birds cannot grip them; also the pith must be got out and the ends wedged a bit. If there are any red mite about they will find a good hiding place in these when they have been in use for two days. Then take the perches out and tap them on a hot stove, and you will think you have joined the machine gun section. Finally, put them in a hot oven to finish those that won't come out, and then it will be "no red mite." Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

F. BENDALL.

The Value of a "Cage Birds" Recipe.

SIR,—In answer to your correspondent "Red Mite," in CAGE BIRDS of Jan. 20, I will tell him; but first I must thank Mr. Clayton, for it was an article in CAGE BIRDS, July 24, 1915, by Mr. Clayton, on "Oxalic Acid for Red Mite," that has done the trick. Why should your correspondent "Red Mite" want pretty cages? It is far better to have healthy, comfortable birds. Before using oxalic acid I tried all kinds of things, and one thing I used was ammonia and methylated spirits, with camphor dissolved in it. I soaked two breeding cages inside and out with it, put them in the cellar for a week, and there were more red mite than ever.

In CAGE BIRDS of March 11 last year you published a letter of mine asking Mr. Clayton for further details, and to this he was kind enough to reply as follows:—"I get an old wine or whisky bottle, scald about 4 ounces of oxalic acid, and fill up the bottle with water; shake well before using. I have just finished cleaning down, as we say in Yorkshire; every cage was washed with a soft brush with the acid out of the bottle; this makes the old lime boil (get well into the joints), and gives a smooth face for the new coat of lime or distemper.

"In mixing the oxalic acid with the lime I use about a breakfast cup full of the solution to half a bucket of prepared lime, and a rather less quantity for distemper. I keep the bottle of oxalic acid always charged, and when cleaning the perches from time to time I dip the perch ends into the bottle, particularly during the summer months or breeding season."

Wanting to get in order for the breeding season, I had already treated some spare cages with oxalic acid and lime. I put the birds in them, cleared the bird room out, gave it two coats of the same, and had the floor done with some in water.

I gave all the cages two coats inside and out, and, not knowing what quantity to use, I dissolved four ounces of oxalic acid and added it to a bucket of lime. That is about as much again as Mr. Clayton says, and the birds had been in it nearly a month, and were all in the pink, but I followed Mr. Clayton's instructions next time. Don't put washing soda in the water for cleaning the floor with any of the acid, for it makes it boil.

Now, Mr. Editor, my birds have been in the cages nearly twelve months. The cages were done again after the breeding season, and I have not seen a single red mite or any other insect on the birds, in the cages, or in the room, not even a spider. I have had a record year, and I have watched one or two of my old birds picking it off more than once, and they always seem in the best of health. This time I am painting the cages black outside.

G. L. B.

The Disqualified Hawfinch at Bristol.

Mr. House Goes Into Detail.

SIR,—I have not charged Mr. Andrews with trimming. At Bristol the bird in question was deficient in feathering. I considered it had been trimmed, therefore I passed it. I had no knowledge of ownership, and even if I had it would have made no difference. Mr. Andrews and myself have been good friends for many years, but that is no reason why I, as a judge, should treat him in any way different to what I would treat the greatest stranger. I handled the bird carefully before I passed it, and am absolutely certain that part of its plumage was missing from the bib. Had I not been convinced I should not have passed it. It was no question of not taking time, nor of disarrangement of plumage. I had the bird in my hands for several minutes, and examined the bib carefully and minutely, turning back the feathers, etc. Mr. Andrews was not present, so what can he know about the disarrangement of plumage, or the time I took over the class. For his own sake it would have been better had he not made these suggestions. A simple denial without suggestions would have carried more weight.

As I was judging this class Mr. A. Birch, the well-known pigeon judge, of Seaforth, was standing by me, and if Mr. Andrews needs confirmation as to the state in which I found the bird at Bristol I have no doubt he would be pleased to give it to him.

What took place at the two Northampton shows has nothing to do with Bristol. At the first the bird was staged in a dark corner under a gallery or balcony, and it may happen that I did not notice the bareness, if it existed, or it may be that it did not exist at that time.

As to the show on December 26th, I was not present, so can say nothing about the state of the bird then. But on the general principle enunciated by Mr. Andrews, I may say that it is quite possible for the feathers to have been removed, say a week or ten days before Bristol, and then for the new feathers to have been in such a state on December 26th, some five weeks later, that Mr. Robson could describe my action as "absolutely ridiculous."

I don't say Mr. Andrews did trim his bird in the way I suggest, I am only combating the theory he has himself put forth in self defence. I know nothing whatever as to what Mr. Andrews had done, or not done, but I do know that the bird was not in the state it should have been when I judged it at Bristol. Further, neither of the other Hawfinches in the class were in the same state. I handled them, and examined their bibs to assure myself on this point.

C. A. HOUSE.

The Judging at Llanelly.

Why the Judge Was Changed.

SIR,—In reply to the note from Mr. A. Hirst, in "Twitterings" of Jan. 27, re judging at Llanelly show, I beg to explain the reason why the committee changed the judge. When Mr. Hirst was appointed, he never wrote acknowledging his appointment. I wrote two letters and sent him a schedule, which he never acknowledged. I then sent a prepaid wire and got a reply: "Will come if you want me; writing to-night."

Two days later I received a letter to say that he would come if we required him, but in this he began to talk about the increased cost of travelling, etc.

I may say that Llanelly Society have always been prepared to pay good money for judges, and Mr. Hirst's fee was considerably higher than that of anybody we have written to this year, but he was adding the extra railway fare to this.

Mr. Norman, as soon as he heard about the extra cost of travelling, wrote and asked me to consult my committee with regard to this, and even suggested that he should be released of his engagement. I called a meeting of the committee, and we came to an arrangement with Mr. Norman. At this meeting I reported not having heard anything from Mr. Hirst, and I was instructed to send a prepaid wire. On the receipt of Mr. Hirst's letter I called another meeting, and the committee came to the conclusion that Mr. Hirst was not at all particular about coming to Llanelly, so I was instructed to wire several gentlemen. As a result Mr. Allsopp was engaged, and we were very glad that Mr. Allsopp was able to come. Mr. Hirst is quite right in saying it was by the desire of the committee, but hardly so when he said it was not his fault. I hope this will make everything clear.

HY. WEBSTER.

Canary Breeding and Green Food.

Green Food Not a Necessity.

SIR,—The following may be of interest and possible benefit to some of your readers. I have read for years books and papers of instruction on how to breed Canaries, and I think I am correct in saying that all of them mention a good supply of fresh green food, and most of them warn the reader of the danger of allowing any stale green food to be left in the cages, a danger which I know to be very real.

Now, to fanciers and would-be fanciers living in big towns, especially if they put up many pairs, a good supply of fresh green food is not always easy to procure regularly, whilst others who have not much time during the day to attend to their birds cannot always feel sure that there is no stale green food in the cages.

From the general run of instructions it would appear almost impossible to breed and rear Canaries without green food, whereas I have proved by several years' experience that it is not so, as for the past six years I have discarded the use of it entirely, and have bred as many and as strong and healthy youngsters as when I used it, and with no risk of losing any from the danger mentioned. They can also be kept in perfect health and show condition by the same treatment, in proof of which I have birds four years old in perfect condition that have never seen any green food.

I do not write these lines in opposition to the orthodox methods, and do not wish any reader to change them if they are doing well, but losses in youngsters caused me to experiment, which I did dubiously at first with one pair, and the experience gained proved to me beyond doubt that anyone who has any difficulty with green food can do just as well without it. In conclusion, I may mention that I use the ordinary egg and biscuit and mixed seed.

J. B. HAYTER.

The Federation of Roller Societies.

The Bell Glucke Tour and the Standard.

SIR,—Mr. Montague makes the error that I did some years ago when writing in this journal, CAGE BIRDS. In a jocular moment I used a sentence in an illjudged manner, leaving something to be inferred. Some deduced the humour, others did not, yet it taught me the lesson to write literally, saying only what I mean, and meaning only what I say.

Mr. Montague makes reference to some "intrigue which tried to wreck the formation of the Federation," and also to members with prejudiced minds, and to "some of these gentlemen who have been shouting loyalty to the B.R.C.C. from the house-tops." Am I to take any of these references as personal to myself? I asked for the rule to be held in abeyance until our house was put into good working order. To which he replies, "How much time do they want? Do as we of the Federation did this year, and ring with two rings. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander."

Exactly; I ask for no more time than he is prepared to allow in that answer, and my mind is easy on that point, for now any outstanding clubs can enter on their own free will, instead of, as I thought, being lashed to it. My idea of a time limit would be until such a time as the Federation judging standard was decided upon, and published. Cannot this standard be decided upon by circular to the Federated clubs, Mr. Best, instead of waiting for the next delegates' meeting, for I know there are those who are anxious to know whether B.G. is to find a place thereon.

In my article on the B.G., I endeavour to predict that the B.G. will have its place on that standard, in view of the rapid circulation throughout the majority of the members of the "new B.G." with its lesser propensity to fault.

It is my intention to advocate again that in justice to those fanciers having the good tour a space be properly provided to penalise any faulty rendering, and I do not think that any just-minded fancier will object to this.

I would like at this moment to correct a misunderstanding that occurs in the report of Audley annual meeting. It is my opinion that there are birds singing an objectionable sounding, highly pitched Bell Roll, and it was asked that birds with Sharp Bell, or other highly pitched tours be brought to the meeting, also Hollow Glucke, and Glucke Roll singers. This objectionable tour is not limited to any particular type of singer. This explanation will alter the meaning of the sentence as written by the Audley Secretary.

J. TOMLINSON.

The Trouble About the Exclusion Rule.

SIR,—I was surprised to find Mr. Montague stating in this week's CAGE BIRDS that the drastic rule which he says was passed at a meeting of the Federation delegates was the outcome of the date fixed by the Midland Roller Club for their last contest, and accusing the same club of discourtesy.

I was at the meeting when the date was fixed, and it was fixed to suit our own members, and them alone. A good many of our fanciers had bad luck with their first round, and it was thought that to put the show back a few days would give the unfortunate ones a chance to enter more birds. Most Roller fanciers know a week at that time of the year makes a great difference in the song of young birds. As for being discourteous to Leeds club, as far as I can remember Leeds show or club was never mentioned. Besides, the date was fixed and mentioned in Club Reports three or four months before the show, so that if it had caused so much trouble as Mr. Montague would have us believe, surely their sec., Mr. Best, could have dropped a line to us, and this would have had our careful consideration. To rake it up some six months after, and try to put the blame on us for a rule which evidently does not suit some of the federated delegates is unfair.

If Mr. Montague or anyone else thinks that such a rule will frighten the M.R.C.C. into joining the Federation they are mistaken. The matter has been thrashed out at our meetings, and we have decided not to join. Threats may frighten some clubs, but not a club like ours, over 100 strong, and mostly exhibitors. As for our clashing with the idea of smashing another club's show—well, all I can say, Mr. Montague does not know the type of sportsmen that form the Midland Roller Club. We would rather give them a lift up than a kick down, and we never hit below the belt.

As regards the paragraph referring to the B.R.C.C., I have a rule book before me dated 1914, and I cannot find Mr. M. as a member at that date, so the management of that club should be of no interest to him. He may be a member of the B.R.C.C. for aught I know. If he is, I'm sure a courteous letter to Mr. Norris, the sec., would bring a courteous reply. There is a good reason, I'm sure, why things have been left in abeyance somewhat during this terrible war; lots of things have been left undone that ought to have been done by much more important people than Roller fanciers. I for one shall be proud indeed when our club can point to as great amount of good work done to the Roller fancy as has been done by the B.R.C.C. and its sec., Mr. Norris. Now, sir, I hope you will allow me to finish in the same style as Mr. Best, and that is by saying that any fancier wishing to join a club that is not federated, and where he will not be tied down by any drastic rules or restrictions, our secretary, Mr. Thomson, or myself will be pleased to give him information. Twenty new members joined last month. Vide Club Reports last week.

J. H. WILLOWS.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 90.)

To Straighten Cage Wire.

SIR,—As a reader of CAGE BIRDS, I should be glad if any fellow reader could kindly tell me the best way to straighten wire for cage making?

B. LEWIS.

A Recipe for Egg Cake.

A Reader Obliges With a Cutting.

SIR,—I am enclosing a cutting from CAGE BIRDS regarding egg cake for feeding old and young Canaries, as asked by Mr. McLean in this week's issue.

I am enclosing also a sample of this egg food. When damped with warm water it is ready for use, and I have been giving my birds this twice a week.

G. W. GRIMSDITCH.

"I have been reading a lot of advice lately on the treatment of our pets, but I have not seen much on the saving in the cost of egg food. Some time ago I read an article in CAGE BIRDS on egg bread, and I thank the writer for his advice, which has meant a big saving to me, as eggs have been so dear this breeding season. As directed in the recipe mentioned, I used 1 lb. of finest ground whole wheat meal flour to four eggs, at the cost of 10d., mixed well together, then baked for three hours in a slow oven, then cut up and let it dry. When crushed the egg bread is ready for use. I have found that it will keep thirty-five birds for a fortnight, twenty-five young ones and ten stock birds, and from March to September this will have saved me about 13s. 6d., which I think will pay for the seed used through the breeding season.

"Then, again, I read in a letter in CAGE BIRDS that eggs were too rich a food for hens, causing them to be lazy and leave their young. My hens have not fed better for many a season, and some of my young cocks are now under training; others going through the moult finely. I shall continue to give them this food about three times a week, and I should think if this feed high-class Rollers it should prove all right for others. I have only lost two young on sticks, and if my luck continues I hope to advertise my stock later through your valuable paper."

[The sample received is certainly eminently suitable for the purpose for which it is intended. It is crushed to a fine powder, of which any desired portion may be taken for the day's supply, sweet to the smell, and pleasant to the taste. We should think that nothing better could be suggested for the proper rearing of young Canaries.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

A Black Redstart's Nest on a Railway Buffer.

And a Theory as to the Sexing Experiments.

SIR,—The controversy in CAGE BIRDS about the Black Redstart, sent me to the public library to see what my favourite book on natural history (by the Rev. J. G. Wood) had to say on the subject, and I found he told such a pretty story of a hen Black Redstart that lived so long ago as 1852, that I am copying the exact words of the author:—

"A railway carriage had been left for some weeks out of use in the station at Giessen Hesse, Darmstadt, in May 1852, and when the superintendent came to examine the carriage he found that a Black Redstart had built her nest upon the collision spring. He very humanely retained the carriage in its shed until it was imperatively demanded, but at last had to attach it to the train which ran to Frankfort-on-the-Main, a distance of nearly forty miles. The train remained at Frankfort for thirty-six hours, and was then brought back to Giessen, and after one or two short journeys came back again to rest at Giessen, after a period of four days.

"The young birds were by this time partly fledged, and finding that the parent bird had not deserted her offspring, the superintendent carefully removed the nest to a place of safety, whither the parents soon followed. The young were, in process of time, full fledged and left the nest to shift for themselves. It is evident that one, at least, of the parent birds must have accompanied the nest in all its journeys, for, putting aside the difficulty which must have been experienced by the parents in watching for every carriage that arrived at Giessen, the nestlings would have perished from hunger and cold during their stay at Frankfort, for everyone who has reared young birds is perfectly aware that they need food every two hours. Moreover, the guard of the train repeatedly saw a red-tailed bird flying about that part of the carriage on which the nest was placed."

Then, again the discussion as to sexing birds with a needle threaded on silk and a coin has interested and amused me. When I was young we often used to suspend a wedding ring on a long human hair, holding both ends with the right hand so that the ring reached halfway down inside a glass tumbler. Then somebody asked a question, and presently the ring began to sway backwards and forwards, and tap the glass at intervals, spelling out the answer.

A white hair or a cotton thread would not serve the purpose. Why? Because the fine hair was elastic and the steadiest hand could not hold it quite still for any length of time, but I am sure the mind could direct the taps.

I have an idea that silk is slightly elastic, too, and what I want to know is, in any case, why the sex of the person that holds the needle is not determined by this means as well as of the subject.

Perhaps here may be found a reason for the needle sometimes going round as well as across, as one of your correspondents experienced. It must be something like thought reading (it can't be magnetism, because there is no completed circle), and the dominant mind must be the subject. In this case it is stated that the subject, a bird or animal, rules the experimenter, and, through the holder of the thread, rules the needle. In animal magnetism you rule the subject, if it is pliant enough; if not, you come to a standstill.

I should think an old fancier would unconsciously know the sex of the bird from its shape, having handled so many, and in the case of a human being the same thing applies to the hand holding the thread. Most of us, after a few years of breeding, can tell at the end of four or five days if the eggs of a bird are fertile or no, without taking them out of the nest, and it is quite possible that one could form a very good opinion from the shape of them what sex they contain.

I am sending you a letter from France (and a stamp for its return), that you may see CAGE BIRDS safely reaches the trenches and gives pleasure, even in such surroundings. I do not know the young man, but as I saw an appeal for back numbers which you had so kindly responded to, I sent some of my own copies. Some other of your readers might just post their copies on as I do. The Editor of the "Saturday Westminster" supplied me with the address on application, and I expect he could supply many more.

(MRS.) E. M. SARGEANT.

The Proposed National C.B.S.

A Poor Response.

SIR,—I have not received nearly enough names to justify my calling a meeting for formation, so perhaps a few remarks as to what I think the chief objects of such a society should be, will be appreciated. The first should be the holding of an exhibiton worthy of the name, and one which every fancier would endeavour to win at. There should be a council to which fanciers could appeal in cases of disqualifications; we want no further proof of this than the late Halifax case. All societies could be affiliated to the National, such application to give them the right to nominate one member on the Council. Then there is the treatment he gets at the hands of the railway companies. This could be dealt with better jointly than single-handed, and there are many more things that such a society could do for the benefit of the fancy. But it is no use starting with less than 200 members, so if I do not secure that number of post-cards from fanciers who would join, I shall let the matter drop.

J. BASTOCK.

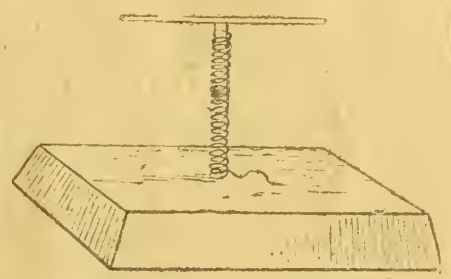
Springfield Road, Moseley.

Exercise for Cage Birds.

A Novel Appliance which Affords Birds Exercise and Amusement.

SIR,—After reading so many good hints for bird lovers contained in CAGE BIRDS, I thought a few lines about my "blind donkey," would be of interest to my fellow readers. I might mention that the name is the one given by my wife to the contrivance as soon as she saw how it operated; I named it the birds see-saw.

The first thing is to get a coil spring, one out of an old gig lamp, the spring that pushes the candle up to maintain the light answers perfectly, but of course any of the same pattern will do. Now get a block of wood six inches square, and at least an inch thick; if you have none of that thickness nail two or more pieces together until the thickness is obtained. Now fasten one end of the coil spring in the centre of the block so that it stands straight up as the block lies flat. I find the best way to make a sound job of this is to uncoil one or two turns of the spring, then bend it in a zig-zag way, and nail the part so bent fast to the block; small staples are fine for this. Next get another piece of wood of a thickness to let in the top end of the spring. This must be only about two inches long, for if it is too long it will prevent the spring from bending. Now nail another thin piece of round wood firmly to one end of this, to act as a perch, being careful not to have this piece too thick or too smooth, for the birds must be able to grasp it firmly. The wood that fits in the end of the spring should not be fastened with nails, for this, if unnailed, can be easily taken out and washed without wetting the spring, thus preventing it getting rusty; just fit it in the top of the spring, and the "blind donkey" is finished; of course, it may be enamelled if desired. My contrivance when in use stands on the floor of the flight; the birds may be shy the first day, but the second day they will fight for it.



MR. ARNOLD'S "BLIND DONKEY."

In my opinion the "blind donkey" is far before a branch or swing, or anything I have ever seen, for the amusement of the birds, for the moment the bird gets on the crossbar it begins to swing backwards and forwards, and often you can see one on each end swaying to and fro, as though they had been taught exactly what to do to make it work.

I visited a fellow breeder in Stourbridge the other day, and noticing a suitable spring in his bird room, I asked if I should make him a "blind donkey." Of course he had no idea what it was going to be, but as soon as he saw the way it operated, and the grand exercise it afforded the birds, he said: "I'll have one in all the lot."

Should any reader be unable to make the appliance from the above hints, and wishes to ask me any question on the making, I shall be glad to enlighten him, provided he encloses ½d. stamp for reply.

A. H. ARNOLD.

Clovelly, Beech Rd., Norton, Stourbridge.

New Rape Seed versus Old Seed.

Is English Rape Seed Poison?

SIR,—The notes on the Roller Canary in CAGE BIRDS of Jan. 6 supplied by Mr. F. A. Lester, and that Bell Glucke explanation by Mr. J. Tomlinson, must have been very interesting to amateurs like myself, and those who think CAGE BIRDS dear at twopence cannot have much of the fancier about them. I consider we have been getting full value for our money, and a bit more. Reading about the feeding of Roller Canaries reminded one of a discussion in CAGE BIRDS some 13 or 14 years ago. Some of the experts held that rape seed ought to be over a year old before it should be given to the birds, as it contained too much oil when new. Others said it was best when new. If I remember rightly, the discussion finished up where it began, each one holding to his own views. About that time another fancier gave us advice not to use English rape upon any account, as it was simply poison to Roller Canaries. This I doubted, as I had used a good deal of it long before this, and as an experiment I put two hens on English rape and a little Canary seed mixed, and the results were quite satisfactory. We used to get some fine translations in CAGE BIRDS in times gone by, and some of them should be worth printing over again, as Roller fanciers in those days were not so many as now.

METHIL.

To Popularise the Scotch Fancy Canary.

Surplus Birds Should be Cheaper.

SIR,—I think our friend Mr. Dunlop misunderstands the gist of my remarks re the price of the Scotch Fancy Canaries. What I meant to convey is the price of them, in comparison with either Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries, to the fancier who neither breeds or keeps birds for exhibition, but simply keeps and breeds a few decent birds as a hobby and sells his surplus as songsters.

Now all Scotch Fancies are not bred up to exhibition standard, any more than are Yorkshires or Norwich, yet one can get decent birds from the breeders of Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries at from, say, 10s. to 15s. each for cock birds and from 6s. to 7s. 6d. each for hens, but I never see any such offers of Scotch Fancies that are not good enough to exhibit.

I freely admit that for exhibition stock one can spend equally as much on any other variety of Canary as on Scotch Fancies, but for my part I neither want to make money out of my hobby nor, at present, to breed for show, but I have often remarked that any bird with the least sign of Scotch or Belgian showing is the first to be admired. I quite believe, therefore, like Mr. D., if they were better known, and if we had a few more fanciers like Mr. D., who has the welfare of the Scotch Fancy at heart, they would again come to the front.

And now, Mr. Editor, might I ask your help with a sketch or two on the front of CAGE BIRDS? We dare not ask for coloured plates while the war lasts, but afterwards who knows what we shall see. Then perhaps Mr. Jowett and I will both become fanciers of the real gentleman of the Canary tribe, the Scotch Fancy.

BIRD FANCIER'S SON.

The Pros and Cons of Inbreeding.

Pedigree Not Necessarily Inbreeding.

SIR,—The correspondence re inbreeding and its results proves that in Canary breeding, as in many other matters, people working in entirely different ways sometimes attain the same object; personally, I cannot understand that in this century any thoughtful person would question the possibility of such an occurrence, and I am convinced that the advocates of inbreeding do not for one moment intend to question such a possibility, but to point out what in their opinion is the most probable and direct way to the desired goal.

One of your correspondents, while objecting to inbreeding, stated that he was a believer in pedigree breeding, an opponent replied that pedigree and inbreeding are one and the same. In Nuttall's Standard Dictionary, however, inbred is defined as "innate or bred within," while pedigree is defined as "lineage, genealogy." Accepting these definitions as correct, it therefore appears to be quite clear that while inbreeding would include pedigree it by no means follows that pedigree must necessarily include inbreeding; this, however, illustrates the somewhat hazy and nebulous definitions and ideas respecting the term "inbreeding." With many people I have met the term conveys nothing more than the haphazard pairing together of closely-related stock (probably brother and sister), and they refer, with contempt writ large on the countenance, to its horrible effects as "proved" by the occasional medical and newspaper "special correspondent" reports referring to some remote country village where the inhabitants are said to be closely related, and where the use of crutches and spectacles is exceedingly common. If promiscuous interbreeding takes place (and as with the human race love or sentiment is frequently the sole determining factor in these matters) I can quite believe that the medical and other reports upon its evils are quite correct, but the difference between this method and the method adopted by the stock-breeder is so great that the results are as different as "chalk and cheese."

No intelligent stock breeder inbreeds merely for the sake of inbreeding; he inbreeds with a specific object; it may be to increase the tendency in his stock to reproduce, say, head points, or maintain and increase the size, type, and stamina, and a long experience has proved to me that it is possible to accomplish any or all of these objects within a comparatively short time so long as an intelligent method is followed. My experience has been chiefly gained in the breeding of fowls, my primary object being to increase size, stamina, and egg production, and the results obtained have shown a continuous improvement, and, after making allowance for what was probably suitable material to work on, I may say the cumulative results have been simply astonishing.

For several years past I have experimented with Canaries on the same lines, with a view to producing a show bird, or birds, and, although the orthodox method of pairing together the two colours yellow and buff was something of a stumbling block during the first year or two, yet on the whole the method might reasonably be said to have been justified by results.

I regret that the correspondence appears at present to be left in a somewhat unsatisfactory position, and hope that it will again be taken up by your readers.

R. GIBDIE.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 91.)

"A Thought for the Birds."

SIR,—In CAGE BIRDS of Feb. 10 I see that Mr. E. G. Fairholme, chief sec., R.S.P.C.A., is asking us to feed the birds outside during bad weather, so I have pleasure in sending you one of my poems relating to same. If you think it worthy of your valued paper I shall be pleased, as I take a great interest in feeding the birds outside my aviary.

GEORGE TAYLOR.

DON'T FORGET.

Don't forget the little birdies,
Now the frost and snow has come;
Can't you see them through the window,
Waiting for a welcome crumb?

All the berries in the woodland
Now are hard as any stone;
Forced with hunger—they are driven,
Just like beggars, to your home.

All the insects now lie dormant,
All the worms are down below,
Out of reach of all the birdies,
Sleeping underneath the snow.

Some of you who do believe in
Feeding children free at school,
Give free meals to all the birdies;
Sure this is a golden rule.

Thrushes, Blackbirds, Larks, and Starlings,
Housetop Sparrows by the score,
Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Linnets, Redpolls,
Crowd around my own back door.

If I could; but, then, I cannot,
I would just cage every one,
Care and keep them—what a pleasure—
Till the winter months had gone.

They are songless through the winter,
But the time will soon be here,
When they'll break forth in thanksgiving,
When the springtime does appear.

Then, Oh, then, you'll give them welcome,
Wandering from the busy throng,
To the woods where you will find them—
Nature's bards rapt in full song.

But I need not now remind you,
Winter time is with us yet;
Save your crumbs for little birdies,
They are hungry—don't forget.

What is a Ticked Bird?

Some Slight Corrections.

SIR,—I am sorry the printer is responsible for one or two slight errors in my letter in your last issue, which, however, would not, I think, lead to any misunderstanding.

In subdivision 5 "slightly" should read "lightly." In subdivision 6 the word "not" should be omitted.

My reference to Mr. Midgley's letter was to the one in your issue of 13th Jan. (not 31st Jan.).

OLD HAND.

Could it Go in Two Classes?

SIR,—I read in CAGE BIRDS of Feb. 10 that "a bird broken in colour is variegated," also that "any two colours make variegation." Nothing is said as to the proportions of the "two colours." Is a ticked bird, therefore, "broken in colour"? And does it possess "two colours," yellow (or buff) and green? If so, in the Aberavon Show, would a ticked bird be eligible in Class 55, "clear or ticked," and also in Class 56, "uneven or variegated"?

PUZZLED.

A Vote for the Judge.

SIR,—I have been greatly interested in the above controversy, and as Mr. House asks the question as to what class Messrs. Stubbs' bird should have been entered at Aberavon I certainly should say Class 55, "clear or ticked." How anyone could enter such a bird in class 56 "uneven or variegated," I cannot understand.

If there were more uniformity in the wording of the schedules it would make things more pleasant for exhibitors and judges alike. Nothing beats the old time reading "a class for 'clears,' or better still "clear or invisible tick," (for many a clear has been found to have a tick whilst being tubbed), and a class for "ticked, marked, or variegated." According to the Aberavon classification the even-marks could only come in the A.O.V. Bit rough this, even though they are few and far between.

If a vote were taken on the question, outside of personal influence, I feel sure that class 55 would come out on top by long odds and prove Mr. House to be in the right.

J. H. HALLIDAY.

Many Ticks Do Not Make One Mark.

SIR,—I must congratulate you and our artist, Mr. Norman, in reproducing the sketch of Messrs. Stubbs Bros.' Norwich Canary; it is a very typical bird indeed. If the drawing is anything to go by, I consider the bird ticked undoubtedly. You cannot confine yourself to one slight mark as denoting one tick. In this particular bird you have a plurality of marks (ticks), and you would not in all reason consider these marks technical. Naturally one would look for solid marks to exist on other parts of the body to classify the bird as a marked specimen. I hope in the interest of the fancy that the Norwich Plainhead Club will take the matter up and give us a definite rule once for all as to what constitutes a ticked bird.

MANXMAN.

The Point at Issue.

SIR,—The letters which are appearing do not get us any nearer the subject at issue. It is of no use being personal; this does not do any good whatever. Mr. Johnson quotes my letter in a contemporary of some 20 years ago re variegation. Let me tell him that I am still of the same opinion. But we are not arguing variegation, we are trying to define the classification of the ticked bird, and to know which class at Aberavon show Messrs. Stubbs' bird should have been shown in. Now I have read Mr. House's wording of the schedule I am convinced he was right.

C. E. SILK.

[We venture to think that the correspondence to which we have allowed so much space is directed to the solving of a much greater question than whether Mr. House was right in disqualifying the bird at Aberavon. If it results in the prevention of similar misunderstandings in the future our space will have been used for a good purpose, but if Mr. House's decision is the only point at issue the correspondence may as well be closed.—ED. CAGE BIRDS.]

Another Suggested Classification.

SIR,—Mr. House asks who is right, himself or Messrs. Stubbs. After reading the heading of classes 55 and 56 as stated in CAGE BIRDS of Feb. 10, I feel more strongly than before that the bird was in its right class. Therefore, giving an impartial opinion, I say, Messrs. Stubbs.

The bird can be fairly classed as uneven, but according to the sketch I share the same views as Messrs. Stubbs, that the bird is a lightly variegated.

Regarding Mr. Jowett's suggestion that the bird is purely and simply a "speckled" one, I think the word "mottled" as applied to pigeons would be a more suitable definition, but how Mr. House makes it a ticked bird I fail to understand. A tick is a tick and nothing more, and I would accept Nuttall's before any concocted definition, that a tick is a small mark not larger than a pin's head.

I beg to submit the following classification which I think would meet all possibilities and save disputes:

1. Clear or invisibly marked.
2. Single visible uneven marked.
3. Two visible uneven marked.
4. Three or more uneven marked.
5. Technical even marks (both eyes, or both wings or both sides of tail, or all combined).
6. Mottled or multiple ticked.
7. Self green.
8. Self cinnamon.
9. Broken green.
10. Broken cinnamon.

J. KERSHAW.

The Judge on Classification.

SIR,—The contest waxes warm, but some of your correspondents are leading us far away from the original purport of the matter, viz., "Was my action at Aberavon right or wrong?"

Mr. Jowett seeks to make confusion more confounded by suggesting "splashes and speckles." Would it not be better for us to get out of the imbroglio we are already in instead of plunging deeply into another? That is if we are in a muddle. Personally, I have never yet failed to satisfy myself as to whether a bird is ticked or marked and I cannot understand why others should.

Mr. Foxen suggests a new definition. But is it logical? All fanciers with whom I have ever discussed classification have been agreed that a bird to be "marked" must have a solid mark of some kind. It is the first time I have ever heard of "grizzle marks." Mr. Foxen should remember that all technicalities puzzle novices. A child at school does not commence with words of six or seven syllables, but with A, B, C. If novices are willing to learn and seek knowledge from CAGE BIRDS, from the many books which we now have, and from their fellow fanciers, they will in time master all the technicalities. But by whatever names you classify the different ticks and marks they would be just so much Greek to the uninitiated novice.

Mr. Johnson is not satisfied to discuss this question. He opens up another concerning my disqualification of Capt. Hamilton-Jones' even marked at Cheltenham on Nov. 18th, 1896. A case not on all fours with this at all. I had judged a class for "Ticked or Variegated Norwich," and then when I came to the "A.O.V. Canary" class I found an evenly marked Norwich, which I at once disqualified, because it was obviously a variegated bird, and should have been in the class provided for it in the Norwich section. Mr. Johnson admits I was right in 1896, so I cannot see the aptness of his quotation. Where was the hole in my coat in 1896?

But that is not Mr. Johnson's point; he seeks to trip me by my words of twenty years ago. I said then, as I say now, that "any two colours make variegation." But that does not make Messrs. Stubbs grizzle backed buff eligible for the "uneven or variegated" class at Aberavon. Had class 55 read "clear," and not "clear or ticked," my action would have been wrong.

Ticks and marks are degrees of variegation, and it is for the judge to be guided by the particular schedule under which he is judging, and the birds which are at the moment before him.

Generalities are all very well in conversation of this kind, but they are altogether out of place when a judge is making his awards. In my opinion a judge cannot stick too closely to the schedule. Exhibitors enter by the schedule, and as they are bound by its wording, so are the committee which issued it, and the judge who has to work to it.

Mr. Johnson's letter is a long one, but I cannot see that he has helped to answer the question. Every ticked bird is a two-colour bird, even as is a variegated one, and Mr. Johnson's fancy knowledge is not great if it needed an old discussion of twenty years ago to teach him this. What a happy coincidence that his friend, Mr. Sam Cook, should give him that particular volume of "Fur and Feather," just now when Mr. Johnson so much needed it to help in this discussion. A mere coincidence? Certainly!

"Old Hand" would lead us into a veritable labyrinth of classification. What we want is not terms that are more involved than those now in use, but greater simplicity. It seems simple to talk about the size of a sixpence. But should it be a modern King George sixpence, or an early Victorian sixpence? They differ in size. I agree with "Old Hand," we do want "clearness and precision." Personally, I think we have it when we stick to the definitions "clear," "ticked" "unevenly marked," and "evenly marked." But when we branch off into "Invisible ticks," and "variegated" we are courting trouble.

Mr. Allsopp charges me with attempting to shift the onus of the responsibility of my action at Aberavon upon the shoulders of others. This is news to me. So far as I know I have stood my corner right through, and have not attempted to shift any responsibility. On the contrary, I have reiterated the position I took up at the show. This is no personal matter, and I am not going to make it one. Therefore I decline Mr. Allsopp's invitation to name those judges who take the line of least resistance. They are known. By their deeds the Fancy knows them.

As to my failing to grasp the fact that I was judging Norwich and not Yorkshires at Aberavon. What does Mr. Allsopp mean? Are judges to have one standard for the ticks and marks on Norwich, and a separate one for each and every other variety? If such was the case we should indeed be in a maze, and a stock question would be—When is a tick not a tick? A Norwich tick would not be a Yorkshire tick, and a Yorkshire tick would not be a Border tick, and so we should go on through Crests, Belgians, Whites, and others. In such a case not only would Mr Foxen's novice be in a fog, but even our most experienced judges.

I should like to explain to Mr. Allsopp what he evidently has failed to grasp thus far, and that is the Yorkshire Union is not a Yorkshire Canary Specialist Club. It is a body which governs the working of the many societies which are affiliated to it. I am not a Yorkshireman, neither am I a member of any society affiliated to the Yorkshire Union, and have no wish to thrust it or its rules down the throat of anyone. But surely I have a right to quote those rules in defence of my action at Aberavon? I have been asked for authorities, I have given them, and now a new Daniel comes to judgment, and condemns me for so doing.

The position taken up by Mr Allsopp is difficult to understand. He says he disagrees with me as a fancier, but not as a judge. Yet farther on in his letter he tells us he accepts this bird as a marked bird. Here he contradicts himself. He speaks of Llanelly show, but he does not give us the classification.

It is quite possible that at some shows Messrs. Stubbs and myself would agree as to which class the bird should be in. At Aberavon we did not. Mr. Allsopp finishes his letter by saying a lot of nice things about myself; for this I thank him, and may say that so far as I am concerned in this matter I know no man. I did what I considered my duty at Aberavon, and I have since defended my action because I have been asked to do so. Because Messrs. Stubbs or anyone else differs from me there is no reason for ill-feeling. The man who cannot agree to differ with another and yet be friends is no fancier and no sportsman. We cannot all think alike, but surely we can give one another credit for being honest and sincere in the convictions we hold, even as do politicians, who often in public life are the bitterest foes, yet socially the closest friends.

C. A. HOUSE.

Judges Not Afraid of Brickbats.

SIR,—Underlying Mr. House's letter there is a current of strong feeling, and his remark that we said we would not show under him again goes to prove this. I am not in a position to say whether this is true or not because I was not at the show myself, it was my brother, and he is now in the army, but I am writing him to find if such a thing was said or not. This much I know, that whatever was said at Port Talbot the attitude Mr. House adopted when approached upon the subject fully deserved it. I have a suspicion that it is not true, because had it been said I do not doubt it would have been in print long before now.

It is amusing to see how Mr. House clutches at those men that support him. He appreciates Mr. Cook's remarks; he agrees with Mr. Spink; and he has no hesitation about the opinion expressed by Mr. Collins, but when it comes to Mr. Johnson, well, I will draw the line.

Mr. House has not yet proved that he was right in "wrong classing" our bird. He does not seem to be able to give a definition of what a tick should be; he can only quote the Yorkshire Union and Blakston. Against the Yorkshire Union rules we have nothing to say; they were no doubt passed by a vote and it is the duty of the members to go by those rules, but, as Mr. Allsopp says, we Norwich men are not going to have these rules pushed down our throats. We have our specialist clubs, and it is for them to decide what should constitute a tick in the Norwich Canary.

Mr. House says that he cannot see that any other form of classification is needed other than that at shows held under the jurisdiction of the Yorkshire Union. Perhaps not, but perhaps there are others that do, and I can assure him that at present we do not come under its sway as he so fondly believes.

Mr. House asks if it would have been right to ask the Aberavon society what a ticked bird should be. He was not asked to do so. Had he asked them what was the generally accepted tick, seeing that there are no rules, it would have been a different question altogether. The suggestion that as some of the society knew to whom the bird belonged it might sway their decision is nonsense. Why should that make any difference?

We gave the wording of the class under which we exhibited our bird, and Mr. House then quotes Tennyson. We do not think this at all brilliant. We left it to fanciers' intelligence to know that there was a class provided for ticks, or how would there have been any trouble. Of Blakston we have very little to add to our previous remarks, except to say that as regards the breeding of a Norwich Canary we could give him a few lessons; we do not rely upon others, but use our own brains, and this is the only way in which a fancier will meet with success.

Mr. House asks readers to note that none of the Aberavon committee have said that he was wrong. It should also be noted that neither have they said he was right. We do not cry out for the opinion of others, we can stand on our own ground. Why not do the same?

Now, Mr. House, it is for you to prove that you did the right thing in wrong classing the bird, the opinion of four judges is recorded against you. Had they done what you did, we should have been bound to confess that we were in the wrong. I disagree entirely with your statement when you say they are afraid of the brickbats. I do not know many of our judges, and we show our birds without fear or favour, but of this I am certain, they would not hesitate to do the same as Mr. House did at Port Talbot, did they feel justified in so doing, and it is not right for Mr. House to say otherwise.

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SHOWS.

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ABERTILLERY.

Abertillery (Six Bells), F. and F.S. eighth annual open show, Feb. 7. Unfortunately entries did not realise expectations, still the quality was very fine. In Yorks, Messrs. Newell and Pritchard put down grand teams, the latter also staging a splendid team of Norwich. In British the charming Waxwing exhibited by Mr. Burrows was much admired, as also were the brace of Bullfics put down by Mr. G. Edwards. Three specials presented by Mr. Mortimer for highest points: 1, Newell (51 points); 2, Pritchard (42); 3, Edwards (32). The sec., Mr. W. J. Baker, is an ideal official, and had everything well in hand, and judging by the attendance the show would turn out a great financial success. Mr. A. W. Hill judged Yorks and Borders, Mr. H. H. Mortimer the remainder.

YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, 4, vhc, Newell, cl., grand col. and qual., neat head, grand shoulders and back, splendid length and pos., fine nerve and leg; 2, Pritchard, cl., tip-top col. and qual., fine head, grand back, flights and tail, well up on leg, hardly length of leader; 3, Griffiths, eye and wing mkd., another good one, close up, splendid col. and qual., fine length, good wings and tail, grand leg and pos.; hc, Blackmore; c, Powell. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, Newell, nice col. and qual., good head, neck, and shoulders, splendid flights and tail, nice pos. and nerve, good leg; 3rd, nicely moulded throughout, lovely col. and qual., nice leg, pos. and nerve; 2, c, Pritchard, eye and wing mkd., tip-top col. and qual., beautifully moulded, splendid length, grand nerve, nice pos. and leg; 4, Griffiths; vhc, Powell. YELL. HEN: 1, Griffiths, cl., nice col. and qual., splendid shoulders and back, grand wings and tail, fine length and pos., stands well; 2, 3, Newell, cl., grand type and qual., nicely moulded, hardly length of leader; 3rd, eye and wing mkd., fine col and qual, neat head and shoulders, good back, flights and tail, nice pos. and leg; 4, c, Blackmore; vhc, hc, Pritchard. BUFF: 1, 3, Newell, neck and wing mkd., nice col. and qual., clean cut, very stylish, fine length, well up on leg; 3rd, eye mkd., splendid col and qual., nice head, well moulded body, capital flights and tail, good nerve and pos.; 2, 4, Pritchard, neck and wing mkd., splendid type, good head and neck, fine shoulders and back, lovely col. and qual., nice pos. and leg; vhc, Griffiths; hc, c, Powell. NOV. CK.: 1, 4, Webber, var., neat head, nice shoulders and back, capital length, good nerve and leg, tip-top qual. and cond.; 2, Thomas, cl., nice col and qual., splendidly moulded, fine leg, pos. and nerve; 3, vhc, Scott, cl., neat head and shoulders, good flights and tail, lovely col. and qual., very nervy, nice pos. and leg; hc, Hyde. HEN: 1, Scott, Cinn. mkd., lovely col and qual, splendid type, plenty of length, good nerve, pos. and leg; 2, Thomas, cl., close up, neat head, good shoulders and back, nicely moulded, fine qual and cond, stands well; 3, 4, Webber, capital length, grand nerve, nice pos. and leg, well moulded throughout; vhc, Hyde. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, Cooper, cl., nice col. and qual., well moulded, in capital order. BUFF: 1, Lycett, cl., neatly moulded, nice col. and qual., very jaunty; 2, Cooper, lovely col. and qual., fine type, well moulded throughout. HEN: 1, Lycett, eye and wing mkd. yell., lovely col. and back, very typical, put down in grand order; 2, Cooper, cl., capital type, lovely col. and qual. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Pritchard, wing and head mkd., grand col. and qual., nice subs, specimen cond. BUFF: 1, Lycett, wing mkd. Buff, lovely head and neck, nice subs, fine cond and col. HEN: 1, Pritchard, cl. Buff, good col. and qual., neat head, nicely moulded, well put down; 2, Lycett, nice type and qual. NOV.: 1, 2, Lycett, cl. yell., neat head and neck, nicely moulded body, good wings and tail, fine col. and qual. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Edwards, well known Crests and Crestbreds, in grand order. MULE: 1, Jones, Dk. Goldf., nice size, good col. and qual., tip-top order; 2, Phillips, var. Goldf., nice col. and qual., very shapely. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Edwards, both Bullies, nice size, good heads, fine, dense caps, good breast col., lovely qual. and cond.; 3, Jones, Goldf., nice size, good square cut blaze, fine tans, bars and buttons, inclined to be wild; 4, Thomas; vhc, Lewis. SOFTBILL: 1, Burrows, Waxwing, a real gem, fine size, lovely col and qual, staged in perfect order. SELL.: 1, 3, Griffiths; 2, Cooper; 4, Edwards.

GLASGOW AND WEST COUNTIES CLUB.

Annual show, City Good Templars Halls, Ingram Street, Jan. 27. The show proved a gigantic success both numerically and financially. Entries reached the respectable total of 613, an increase of 129 over last year, and a record for a club show in Glasgow this season. The hall is very suitable for an exhibition, having good light and an even temperature of heat kept the exhibits in good order, despite the intense cold that prevailed.

Norwich were a very even lot. The wee gems made a good show, and many well-known winners were on exhibition. The increased classification in the Yorkshire classes met with unbounded success, and the fanciers of this variety are to be complimented. The class for Lizards maintained its inception, and Secretary Adam states that quite a number of enquiries have been made of late anent this charming variety. Mules were a fairly balanced lot, and here the evergreen Mr. Pettigrew was still to the fore.

British made a good show, and were quite the feature of the exhibition, some grand specimens being on view. The Foreign class contained only one entry, a Waxwing.

The management was all that could be desired. Composed of sterling fanciers of ripe experience, they were ably led by President Cross, and are as under: — President, Mr. Cross; vice, Messrs. Finalay, Barrie, Brown, and Dinwoodie; committee, Messrs. Dick, Cassells, Cochrane, Hamilton; treas., Mr. Whitelaw; sec., Mr. J. H. Adam; auditors, Messrs. Thomas, Fitzpatrick, and Steel.

The society's cups were won as follows: Norwich cup, Dick; Crest, Brown; Border, Gillies; Mule, Pettigrew; British, Hamilton. Judging was got through in good time, but the great array of spls. took some little time to get over. The judges were: Norwich and Yorks, Mr. A. McFarlane, Glasgow; Borders, Mr. A. Walker, Glasgow; Mules, British, and Foreign, Mr. J. Cranna, Auchterarder; and their awards on the whole were well received.

Young Birds.—Nor., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck. (9): 1, Brown; 2, 4, Dick; 3, Findlay; 5, Blair; 6, Adam. Buff (8): 1, 3, Dick; 2, 6, Findlay; 4, Blair; 5, D. Dinwoodie. Var. Yell. Ck. (7): 1, Blair; 2, Dick; 3, 4, Findlay; 5, 6, Adam. Buff: 1, D. Dinwoodie; 2, Clarkson; 3, 5, Dick; 4, 6, Findlay. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, D. Dinwoodie; 2, 3, Dick; 4, 6, Findlay; 5, Brown. Buff: 1, 2, Dick; 3, Blair; 4, 5, Findlay; 6, Brown. Var. Yell. Hen: 1, 5, Findlay; 2, Brown; 3, 4, Dick; 6, Clarkson. Buff: 1, 2, Findlay; 3, 4, Spence; 5, 6, Adam. Nor. Fed. Ck.: 1, Brown; 2, Dick; 3, 4, Findlay; 5, 6, Adam. Hen: 1, Brown; 2, 3, Findlay; 4, Clarkson; 5, 6, Adam. Bord., Cl. or Tkd. Ck.: 1, 2, Gillies; 3, D. Dinwoodie; 4, 6, Adam; 5, Barrie. Var. Ck.: 1, 3, Gillies; 2, Barrie; 4, Clarkson; 5, 6, Findlay. Cl. or Tkd. Hen: 1, 2, Gillies; 3, Clarkson; 4, Findlay; 5, Dinwoodie; 6, F. McGowan. Var. Hen: 1, 3, Gillies; 2, Barrie; 4, Brown; 5, 6, Adam. Green: 1, 5, Gillies; 2, 3, 4, 6, Adam. Cinn.: 1, Gillies; 2, F. McGowan; 3, Barrie; 4, 5, 6, Findlay. Yorks. Yell. Ck. (11): 1, Robb; 2, Whitelaw; 3, Eccleston; 4, 5, 6, W. Dinwoodie. Buff (7): 1, Steel; 2, McMillan; 3, 4, Whitelaw; 5, 6, Adam. Yell. Hen (8): 1, Whitelaw; 2, Anderson; 3, 5, W. Dinwoodie; 4, W. Dinwoodie; 6, Steel. Buff (9): 1, 3, Whitelaw; 2, 4, 6, Dinwoodie; 5, Robb. Crest: 1, Brown; 2, Findlay. C.B.: 1, 2, Brown; 3, 4, Findlay. Lizard: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Adam. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Findlay. Novice: 1, 2, Anderson. Old Birds.—Nor., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck. (12): 1, Blair; 2, Brown; 3, 6, Findlay; 4, Jas. McGowan; 5, Clarkston. Buff (8): 1, Dick; 2, 3, 5, Findlay; 4, Clarkson; 6, Dinwoodie. Var. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Findlay; 4, D. Dinwoodie; 5, Clarkston; 6, Pettigrew. Buff: 1, Dick; 2, 3, 5, Findlay; 4, Brown; 6, Jas. McGowan. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, D. Dinwoodie; 3, 4, 5, Findlay; 6, Dick. Buff: 1, D. Dinwoodie; 2, Dick; 3, 4, 5, Findlay; 6, Blair. Var. Yell. Hen: 1, Clarkson; 2, Dick; 3, 4, 5, Findlay; 6, Adam. Buff: 1, Dick; 2, Jas. McGowan; 3, 6, Findlay; 4, Blair; 5, Brown. Non-Fed Ck.: 1, Cochrane; 2, 3, Dick; 4, Brown; 5, 6, Findlay. Hen: 1, 2, D. Dinwoodie; 3, Whitelaw; 4, Cochrane; 5, Dick; 6, Findlay. Bord., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, cup, Gillies; 2, Brown; 3, Adam; 4, Findlay; 5, 6, Dempster. Buff: 1, 2, Findlay; 3, 4, 5, Adam. Var. Yell. Ck.: 1, Adam; 2, Findlay. Buff: 1, Gillies; 2, Findlay; 3, 4, Adam. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Gillies; 2, Adam; 3, Findlay. Buff (10): 1, Gillies; 2, Adam; 3, Findlay; 4, Jack; 5, Dempster; 6, Findlay. Var. Buff Hen (8): 7, Gillies; 2, 5, Findlay; 4, Adam; 3, Dempster. Green (10): 1, Adam; 2, Gillies; 3, Jack; 4, 5, Robb; 6, Finlay. Cinn. (13): 1, Gillies; 2, Jack; 3, 6, Findlay; 4, Clarkson; 5, Brown. Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, McMillan; 2, D. Dinwoodie; 3, 5, 6, Robb; 4, Whitelaw. Buff: 1, Anderson; 2, Eccleston; 3, McMillan; 4, Whitelaw; 5, Anderson; 6, Steel. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Eccleston; 2, D. Dinwoodie; 4, 5, Steel; 6, Robb. Buff: 1, Whitelaw; 2, Eccleston; 3, 4, Robb. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Adam. Lizards; 2, Findlay, Cinnamon; 4, Findlay. Novice: 1, McMillan; 2, Anderson. Crest: 1, 5, 6, Brown; 2, 3, Findlay; 4, Anderson. C.B.: 1, Findlay; 2, 3, Brown; 4, Anderson. Light Mule or Hyb. (8): 1, cup, 3, 4, 5, 6, Pettigrew; 2, Trotter. Goldf. or Linnet, Dark: 1, 3, 4, Hamilton; 2, Trotter; 5, Pettigrew; 6, Johnstone. Dark Mule, A.O.V.: 1, Pettigrew; 2, Steel; 3, Jack; 4, Hamilton. Goldf. (19): 1, Trotter; 2, Dick; 3, Dick; 4, McGowan; 5, Pettigrew; 6, D. Dinwoodie. Linnet, H.M. (11): 1, Trotter; 2, Dick; 3, Jack; 4, Letham; 5, Cochrane; 6, Dinwoodie. Bullf. (13): 1, Hamilton; 2, Jack; 3, 6, Pettigrew; 4, Trotter; 5, Dinwoodie, Siskin (8): 1, 2, Trotter; 3, 6, Pettigrew; 4, 5, D. Dinwoodie. Redpoll, Lesser: 1, 3, Dick; 2, Dinwoodie; 4, 5, Jack; 6, Brown. Twite (9): 1, Trotter; 2, Hamilton; 3, Jack; 4, Dick; 5, Pettigrew; 6, McLean. Greenf., H.M.: 1, 2, Dick; 3, Hamilton; 4, Pettigrew; 5, Jack; 6, Trotter. Chaffinch (8): 1, Trotter; 2, Dick; 3, Jack; 4, Pettigrew; 5, Brown; 6, McLean. Bramble (10): 1, Jack; 2, 3, Trotter; 4, Dick; 5, 6, Pettigrew. Bunting: 1, Dick; 2, Pettigrew; 3, 4, Brown. Linnet, F.M. (13): 1, 4, Trotter; 2, Hamilton; 3, Clarkson; 5, Johnston; 6, Pettigrew. Bullf. Hen (11): 1, Trotter; 2, D. Dinwoodie; 3, Pettigrew; 4, Cochrane; 5, Jack; 6, Jas. McGowan. A.O. Brit. Hen: 1, Pettigrew; 2, Hamilton; 3, Trotter; 4, Brown. Mealy Poll: 1, Trotter; 2, Dick; 3, Adam; 4, Pettigrew. Greenf., F.M. (8): 1, 2, Brown; 3, Hamilton; 4, Cochrane; 5, Dick; 6, Adam. Small Brit.: 1, Cochrane, Redstart; 2, 3, Carl Bunting, and Great Tit. Large: 1, cup, 3, Hamilton, Blackbird; 2, 4, 5, 6, Pettigrew. For.: 1, Hamilton, Waxwing. Sell: 1, 2, 3, W. Dinwoodie. Gift: 1, Findlay; 2, 4, Wm. Dinwoodie; 3, Pettigrew.

Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and it they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

Annual pair show, Feb. 3, headqnarters, "The Cyprus." About 60 birds. J. Riseborough judged. Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Thompson and Pattison; 2, 3, Foreman. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Learmount; 3, Thompson and Pattison. Bord. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, 3, Smith. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Smith. Crest-breeding: 1, Winter. Mule: 1, Smith. Bullf.: 1, 2, Curry. Greenf.: 1, 2, Curry. Linnet: 1, 2, Curry; 3, Smith. Redpoll: 1, Curry; 2, Smith. Softbill: 1, 2, 3, Curry.—W. L. Smith, hon. sec.

ARDWICK AND MANCHESTER.

In place of the usual series of table shows which has been the custom of the society for a number of years, we decided to hold them all as one Jan. 27, at the St. Thomas' Schools, Ardwick. In future, according to the alteration of rules, the society will add another fixture, the members' Jan. show, commencing 1918. The society's spl. prizes, which include gold medals, rose bowls, etc., for highest points, will count from this show. This year, 1917, the points will count as in previous years. The show did not get the support anticipated, only 70 entries. Rev. J. W. Wragg judged Canaries, and Mr. S. S. Oldham British; their awards were highly satisfactory. Specials were won by Messrs. Warburton, Garbutt, Moss, Spencer, Fairhurst, Burston, Hubbard, Thorpe, and Emms.

Open, Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Thorpe. Buff: 1, 2, Thorpe. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Thorpe. Buff: 1, 2, Thorpe. Amat., Yell. Ck.: 1, 4, Warburton; 2, 3, vhc, Spencer; hc, Garbutt. Buff: 1, 3, Spencer; 2, Garbutt. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Spencer; 2, Garbutt. Buff: 1, 2, 4, Warburton; 3, hc, Garbutt; vhc, Spencer. A.O.V.: 1, Garbutt. Nov., Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, Burston; 2, Akitt. Buff: 1, Akitt; 2, Burston. Yell. Hen: 1, Akitt. Buff: 1, Akitt. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, Emms; 2, Cartwright. Buff: 1, Emms. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Moss; 3, Davis. Buff: 1, 2, Emms; 3, 4, Davis; vhc, Cartwright. Goldf., etc.: 1, Strafford; 2, Fairhurst. Greenf.: 1, Moss; 2, 4, Fairhurst; 3, Williams; vhc, Austin. Redpoll, etc.: 1, 3, Fairhurst; 2, Strafford. Linnet: 1, 2, 3, Fairhurst. F.M.: 1, Strafford. Hen: 1, Strafford. For.: 1, 2, 3, Hubbard. Pairs: 1, 2, Spencer. Hyb Pairs: 1, Moss. £1 Sell.: Warburton 10s.: Warburton.

STOCKTON C.B.S.

Final show for cups, Feb. 1. Mr. F. Stothard judged and his awards were well received. Mr. Hutchinson won cup for Canary Sec., and Mr. Saville Brit. cup. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, J. Yates; 2, Preston; 3, Barrett. Buff: 1, J. Yates. Unflig.: 1, Hutchinson; 2, J. Yates; 3, Saville. Hen: 1, 2, J. Yates; 3, Saville. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Hutchinson; 2, T. Carlisle. Buff: 1, 2, Carlisle; 3, Hutchinson. Unflig.: 1, 3, Hutchinson; 2, 4, T. Carlisle; vhc, hc, W. Clarke. Hen: 1, 3, Carlisle; 2, Hutchinson. Linnet: 1, 2, Preston; 3, vhc, Burnett; 4, W. Clark; hc, Barrett. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 3, Saville; 2, Clarke; vhc, hc, Burnett. A.O. Seedeater: 1, 4, vhc, Saville; 2, 3, Burnett.—T. Carlisle, Hon. Sec.

GUISBORO' (Priory) C.B.S.

Pair Show, headquarters, 3rd Feb. Mr. T. Hill, Thornaby, judged, and gave satisfaction.

Yorks. Yell. Cock and Buff Hen: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, vhc, Cook; hc, Graham. Buff Cock and Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Cook; 3, vhc, Wilson; hc, Graham. Nor. Buff Cock and Yell. Hen: 1, hc, Mays; 2, Cook; 3, Taylor; vhc, Allinson. Yell. Cock and Buff Hen: 1, 3, Allinson; 2, Mays; vhc, Taylor; hc, Cook. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Campbell; vhc, Taylor. Nov. Yorks Yell. Cock and Buff Hen: 1, Knaggs. Nor. Yell. Cock and Buff Hen: 1, Knaggs; 2, 3, Waraker; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Readman; c, Ditchburn. Buff Cock and Yell. Hen: 1, Knaggs; 2, Readman; 3, vhc, Waraker; hc, Atkinson. Bord. Buff Cock and Yell. Hen: 1, Atkinson. Yell. Cock and Buff Hen: 1, Atkinson. Linnet: 1, 2, Jobling; 3, Cook. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 2, vhc, Mays; 3, Jobling; hc, Atkinson; c, Graham. A.O. Brit.: 1, 2, Jobling; 3, Readman. Mule or Hym.: 1, Allinson; 2, Ditchburn; 3, vhc, Jobling.—J. S. Campbell, sec. (Please see note at head of Members' Shows.—Ed.)

GOLBORNE ROLLER SOCIETY

First show of the society, Victoria Hotel, High Street, Feb. 10. Mr. Geo. Smith, Newtown, Wigan, judged. Considering the conditions, the entries were very short, only six competing for the four prizes offered.

1, J. Owen, 6 HR, 3 HB, 3 BR, 2 S, 2 F, 4 WG, 1 WR, 2 BR, 4 GE—total 27, very good bird; 2, 4, E. Cook, 2nd, 4 HR, 2 HB, 3 BR, 3 S, 2 F, 3 WG, 2 WR, 2 BR, 1 BT, 4 GE—total 26, very nice bird; 4th, 4 HR, 2 HB, 3 BR, 2 S, 2 F, 4 WG, 1 DBWT, 1 BR, 1 BT—total 23; faults, 1 Auf, 1 TBT—net, 21; 3, Geo. Unsworth, 6 HR, 3 HB, 4 BR, 3 S, 3 F, 1 BR—total, 20.

There were a good many visitors to view the birds and hear them sing. A meeting was afterwards held and a good many members joined the society. It was decided to join the National Roller Federation, and meetings will be held at the Victoria Hotel, headquarters, the first Sat. in each month at 7. Mr. Ernest Cook was appointed President.—P. Ashcroft, sec., pro tem.

WEST LONDON F.A.

Annual pair show, headquarters, the Windsor Castle, King Street, Hammersmith, Feb. 1st. Entries were very short in most classes, though two very fine classes of Norwich were entered in Champ. section. Yorks were few in numbers, but good in quality, Mr. Bonniwell putting down a fine team. Mr. R. L. Crisp was down to judge, but through indisposition was unable to officiate, Mr. Dewhurst taking his place. There are three sections, Champ., Amat., and Nov., all with the same number of classes, and qualifications.

Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, hc, Bonniwell; 2, c, Chappell; 3, vhc, Butterfield. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 3, vhc, Butterfield; 2, c, Bonniwell; hc, Chappell. Yorks: 1, 2, 3, Bonniwell. Class 4: All Bonniwell. Classes 8, 9, 10, 11, Amateurs, all to Beavington. Nov. Nor.: 1, Martin; 2, Hollingsworth; 3, Carr; vhc, Snow. Class 16: 1, Hollingsworth; 2, vhc, Carr; 3, Martin; vhc, Snow. Yorks: 1, 2, Starsmere; a few very nice Hybrid pairs were shown, honours being divided between Beavington, Snow, Starsmere, Hollingsworth, and Martin.—H. Chappell.

Y.C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Members' show, Central Hall, Bath Street, Glasgow, January 27. Entries were fairly good considering a number of members are on active service. 70 birds were staged, among which were some splendid specimens in both champion and novice classes. C. Martin, Glasgow, judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Champ. (Old).—Cl. or Yell. Ck. (11): 1, spl, Wood; 2, Park; 3, spl, hc, c, Heggie; 4, spl, Findlay; vhc, Pinnock. Buff (8): 1, hc, c, Heggie; 2, spl, Park; 3, Pinnock; 4, Hilson; vhc, Ross. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (5): 1, spl, Pinnock; 2, spl, Heggie; 3, spl, Park; 4, spl, Hilson; vhc, Wood. Buff (7): 1, Pinnock; 2, Heggie; 3, McLellan; 4, Wood; vhc, Hilson; hc, Ross; c, Findlay. Var. Ck. (6): 1, McLellan; 2, spl, 3, spl, vhc, Heggie; 4, hc, Hilson. Hen (2): 1, spl, Heggie; 2, Wood. Young.—Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck. (3): 1, Pinnock; 2, Hilson. Buff (3): 1, spl, Pinnock; 2, spl, Wood; 3, spl, McLellan. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (5): 1, 4, spl, Heggie; 2, spl, Pinnock; 3, spl, McLellan. Buff (5): 1, spl, Pinnock; 2, Heggie. Var. Ck. (3): 1, spl, Park; 2, spl, McLellan. Hen (2): 1, Heggie; 2, McLellan. Nov. Ck. (5): 1, spl, Findlay; 2, spl, 4, Hilson; 3, spl, Ross. Hen (5): 1, 3, spl, 4, Findlay; 2, Hilson; vhc, Ross.—S. F. Wood, Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Annual members' show, Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, with a fair entry in three classes, which were judged to perfection by Messrs. Roebuck and Oldroyd (Wakefield). Although the day was bitterly cold and all against good singing, some good scores were returned. Champ. Young Birds: 1, Best, HR 6, HB 3, B 3, S 3, F 2, WR 3, WG 4, BR 2, GE 4, total 30 points; 2, Walton, HR 6, HB 4, B 4, S 3, F 2, WR 2, WG 2, BR 2, GE 4, total 29; 3, Peel, HR 6, HB 3, B 3, S 3, F 3, WR 2, WG 3, BR 2, GE 3, total 28; vhc, Best, HR 6, HB 2, B 4, S 3, F 2, WG 3, BR 2, GE 3, total 25; hc, Kramer, HR 5, HB 3, B 5, S 3, F 2, WR 3, BR 2, GE 3, 26 points, 1 off, 25; c, Best, HR 6, HB 2, B 3, S 4, F 2, WG 3, BR 2, GE 3, total 25. Novice: 1, 2, Atkinson, 1, HR 5, HB 3, B 3, S 3, G 3, F 2, WG 4, BR 1, BT 2, GE 4, total 30; 2, HR 5, HB 3, B 3, S 3, F 2, WG 4, BR 2, BT 2, GE 4, total 28; 3, Simpson, spl. best H. Roll., HR 6, HB 3, B 4, S 3, E 3, WG 4, BT 1, BR 1, GE 4, total 29, 1 off, 28; vhc, Thwaites, HR 5, HB 3, B 3, S 3, F 3, WG 3, BT 1, BR 2, GE3, total 26; hc, Hunter, HR 4, HB 2, B 3, S 4, F 2, WG 4, BT 2, BR 2, GE 3, total 26. Open Any Age: 1, Boyd, HR 6, HB 3, B 5, S 3, F 2, WG 4, BR 2, GE 4, total 29; 2, Gallagher, HR 6, HB 3, B 4, S 3, F 2, WR 2, WG 3, BR 2, GE 4, 29; 3, Taylor, HR 6, HB 3, B 4, S 3, F 2, WG 4, BR 2, GE 3, total 27; vhc, Thwaites, HR 6, HB 4, B 3, S 3, F 2, WR 2, WG 3, BR 2, GE 3, total 28, 1 off, 27; hc, Stones, HR 7, HB 3, B 3, S 3, F 3, WG 4, BR 2, GE 3, total 28, 1 off, 27; c, Best, HR 6, HB 3, B 3, S 3, F 2, WG 4, BR 2, GE 3, total 26.—H. Best, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

First monthly table show of season, Jan. 29, at headquarters, 89 birds staged. Judges, Messrs. F. Sykes and H. Mallinson (Huddersfield). Yell. Yorks Ck. (13): 1, vhc, Bray; 2, A. Radley; 3, W. Buttle; hc, Gledhill; c, Holmes and Schofield. Buff (10): 1, A. Radley; 2, Smithies; 3, Holmes and Schofield; vhc, hc, Whitehead; c, J. H. Beaumont. Yell. Hen (11): 1, Bray; 2, J. H. Beaumont; 3, Holmes and Schofield; vhc, Buttle; hc, c, Smithies. Buff (6): 1, 2, A. Radley; 3, Smithies; vhc, Cheetham; hc, J. H. Beaumont; c, Looney. Unflig. Yell. Ck. (8): 1, Cheetham; 2, Smithies; 3, J. H. Beaumont; vhc, Holmes and Schofield; hc, Looney; c, A. Radley. Buff (11): 1, c, Bray; 2, Armistead; 3, Smithies; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Buttle. Unflig. Yell. Hen (8): 1, c, A. Radley; 2, Morris; 3, Hargreaves; vhc, hc, J. H. Beaumont. Buff (7): 1, 3, Holmes and Schofield; 2, vhc, Bray; hc, J. H. Beaumont; c, Smithies. Cinn. Mkd. Ck. (3): 1, Wood; 2, Morris; 3, Cox. Hen (9): 1, vhc, Wood; 2, Buttle; 3, Smithies; hc, Whitehead; c, Gledhill. Nor. Ck. (2): 1, Jackson; 2, Morris. Hen (3): 1, Morris; 2, Armistead; 3, Jackson. Next table show, Feb. 26. Matched pairs, 2 dark-eyed, 2 cinn. mkd., and 2 Nor. classes. Judge, Mr. H. Mallinson.—A. Lawford, Sec.

MAESTEG C.B.S.

First open district (6 miles radius) show, Co-operative Hall, Feb. 3. Mr. C. Williams (the new sec.), with his energetic committee, are to be congratulated upon the result, seeing that some 130 exhibits were on view. Many were of tip-top all-round excellence, and gave the judge, Mr. E. W. Allsopp, quite a busy time. In Plainheads, Messrs. James, Huntley, and Morgan, each received firsts with typical birds, put down in good order. Of the same excellent standard were the Yorkshires, the red tickets falling to Messrs. Sargent, Phelps, and C. Williams, the latter winning special for best Yorkie. In the British and Mules, a class of 17 field moulted Goldfinches needed some sorting out, the plum falling to Thomas, with an exhibit that fully atoned for its lack of averdupois by displaying a generous wealth of rich-coloured blaze, of correct shape, and was wonderfully steady. The general failing in this class seemed to be a tendency to stage birds with blazes much too dark in colour. The house-moulted Finches were a treat, and Evans richly deserved the first and second, and special for best in show. Other prizes in the section fell to Messrs. Thomas, C. Williams, Mortimer, W. Williams, Evans, James, and Breslauer.

CHESTER-LE-STREET C.B.S.

Sixth annual show, Jan. 13, King's Head Hotel, nearly 200 of the pick of the season's birds were on view. Three or four members could not get their birds to the show owing to being on munitions and other causes, or the entry would have been much larger. Mr. T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle) judged, and his awards met with general approval. Nor. Ck.: 1, Stanger; 2, A. Bailes; 3, J. Briggs. Hen: 1, G. F. Bates; 2, Bailes; 3, H. Briggs. Yell. Ck., 1916: 1, H. Briggs; 2, J. H. Elliot; 3, S. Kendall. Buff: 1, H. Briggs; 2, Elliot; 3, Bates. Hen, 1916: 1, Stanger; 2, H. Briggs; 3, Bailes. Nor. Nov.: 1, J. Taylor; 2, 3, Kendall. Yorks Buff Ck.: 1, Stanger; 2, Ward; 3, Bates. Hen: 1, Bates; 2, Stanger; 3, Towers. Yell. Ck., 1916: 1, 2, Bates; 3, Towers. Buff: 1, Towers; 2, Stanger; 3, Marron. Hen 1916: 1, Towers; 2, Ward. Yorks Nov.: 1, Marron; 2, Clarkson. Bord. Yell. Ck.: 1, 3, Lowerson; 2, Elliot. Buff Ck.: 1, 3, Marron; 2, Elliot. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Lowerson. Buff: 1, 2, Lowerson; 3, Thos. Bewicke. Green or Cinn.: 1, Lowerson; 2, Elliot; 3, Towers. Foul Green or Cinn.: 1, Elliot; 2, Clarkson. Bord. Nov.: 1, 2, 3, J. Marron. Yell. Crest: 1, R. P. Bewicke. Buff: 1, Stanger; 2, 6, Bewicke. Yell. C.-B.: 1, 2, 3, Bewicke. Buff: 1, 2, Forster; 3, Bewicke. Crest 1916: 1, 3, Bewicke; 2, Stanger. C.-B.: 1, Stanger; 2, 3, Bewicke. A.O.V.: 1, Stanger. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Bates; 2, Stanger; 3, Boyd. Goldie or Bullf.: 1, Stanger; 2, Boyd; 3, Bates. Greenf.: 1, Towers; 2, 3, Boyd. Linnet, H.-M.: 1, 2, 3, Boyd. F.-M.: 1, Boyd. Redpoll: 1, 2, Towers; 3, Forster. Siskin or Twite: 1, Towers. Bunting: 1, Towers; 2, Boyd. A.O. Hardbill: 1, Boyd; 2, Towers; 3, Battersby. Softbill: 1, Bates. Brit. Hen: 1, 2, Boyd; 3, Ward. For.: 1, 2, Ward; 3, Bates. Nat. Col., Nor. or Yorks: 1, Arnold; 2, 3, Stanger. Sell. 15s.: 1, Bates; 2, Stanger; 3, Bailes. 10s.: 1, Lowerson; 2, Stanger. 7s. 6d.: 1, Stanger.—R. Ward, Sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternaster Row, Feb. 11; 30 birds sang; 1, Parkett; 2, 3, Wainwright.—E. Phillipson, sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax Linnet Club headquarters, Commercial Hotel, Members' sing, Feb. 10; 39 birds entered, and some good singing was heard; we had visitors from Castleford: 1, Collinson; 2, 3, Potter. Timekeepers, J. Cooper, A. Cooper; tappers, B. Norton, J. Wallis.—R. Plows, sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, Doncaster Road, Feb. 10; 21 birds sang for five prizes, some very good singing again; 9 birds sang over 3 min. in 4: 1, J. Norburn, 3 min. 52 sec.: France, 3.40; Jones, 3.39; Hardman and Wright, tie, 3.23. A novice, Nuttall, is coming to the front very well, beating 3 min. twice in succession.—J. Hardman, sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, York-rd., 17 Linnets singing: 1, Marshall and Watson, tie; 3, Buckley.—G. Marshall, hon. sec.

West Leeds Linnet and Canary Association, Linnet contest, Prince of Wales, Feb. 4, 20 birds competed: 1, 2, Goodwill; 3, Adams. Judges, Clegg and Kippling; timekeeper, Goodwill. Canary contest, Viaduct Hotel, Feb. 4, 10 birds competed: 1, Wood; 2, Kippling; 3, Dobson; 4, McNichols. Judge, J. Sellers; timekeeper, W. Moss.—T. Cawood, Sec.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Feb. 11, 29 birds sang for four prizes: 1, Bamfield; 2, Johnson; 3, 4, shared, Wigfield and Kilbride; judges, Butterfield and Yewal; timekeeper, Rayner.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Queries Answered

For Rules, see last week's issue.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN

MOPY AND SOFT.

R. G. M.—Glad to hear that the birds previously advised about are now better. I am inclined to think the two that are now ailing are somewhat exceptional specimens that have not quite accommodated themselves to an unheated room after being reared in a warm one. Individuals vary a good deal in their powers of adaptability in this respect, and whereas one will quickly accommodate itself to the altered circumstances, another will take a much longer time, or perhaps never become quite acclimatised. You would be well advised to keep these birds in a mild temperature, but not overdo it, or place them in the cosiest part of the room until this severe spell of weather has disappeared. Then I think the following treatment will set matters right. Continue the dietary advised before, but instead of the carrot give a morsel of banana on two occasions each week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for three consecutive days, and afterwards give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary. The male bird's habit of flying at the others is simply an idiosyncrasy, and is of no importance.

TO KEEP OUT MICE.

A. F. Cundy.—It is not really possible for an absentee to tell the best method of keeping mice out of a bird-room. So much depends upon the position and locality of the room, and its environments. But in a general way the least possible temptation should be put in their way in the shape of waste husks, seeds, foods, etc., left lying about in the room where the mice, once they get in, can find them easily accessible. Keep all stock seeds and foods of all kinds in mouse-proof tins or boxes, and never allow any waste seed from the cages, or loose husks, to remain lying about in the room, or in its near vicinity. If they have already found their way in, then, in addition to these precautions, about the simplest effectual measures you could take short of employing poisons, which are always much better left alone, would be to put down first a course of the Danysz Virus, which you may often see advertised in our columns, and when this has had time to act fully, search out all the holes by which they have gained entrance and fill them with cement, in which you have mixed a proportion of finely broken glass or china. If you look through a few back numbers you will find the matter dealt with in another reply quite recently.

SWOLLEN VENT.

Cleansweep.—The bird seems to be suffering with anal prolapse, and your painting with iodine would only increase its pain and discomfort. If the bird is a valuable one it might be worth your while to show it to a veterinary, who might put matters right by means of a slight operation. Failing this course, I would only advise you to keep it in a moderate-sized cage by itself, continue your present dietary, but omit the chemical food, and keep cage as clean as possible for the time being, so that grit or dirt from the floor does not get a chance to adhere to and irritate the protruding part. To correct the droppings add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the drinking water every second day for a week, and after this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for another week. Beyond this leave the matter to nature—which may cure the trouble, or it may not; but in any event I do not advise you to attempt any further interference with the swelling, as you term it.

MATE FOR GREEN HEN.

R. V. A.—You ought to have mentioned the colour of the parents of the green hen, and also said what kind of young you wished to produce for preference. If the hen is bred from green stock and you wish to perpetuate this colour, your best course would be to mate her with a self green, yellow or buff, according to the type of the hen. Thus, if the hen is a yellow green, then the cock should be a buff green, and vice versa. If the hen runs light on the throat or vent, you should be careful to select a cock to mate with her that is sound and solid in colour on these parts, and see that the legs and beak are also sound in colour. Any other defects in the hen, such as size, shape, muddy colour, or too profuse or indistinct pencilling, should be similarly compensated by superexcellence in the cock. Of course, this mating is designed to produce self greens, though a sprinkling of foul greens may creep in, more or less, according to the parentage of the hen.

REMEDY FOR CHRONIC DIARRHŒA.

C.B., Waterloo.—You should have given full particulars of your feeding and general treatment over again, as I do not keep queries by me and cannot at the moment refer to my previous reply. But try the following treatment continuously for two or three weeks, and then if the trouble returns when you discontinue it, write again, and repeat the particulars, and also enclose a copy of the previous reply, or say in which issue it appeared and under what pseudonym. Keep the bird in a comfortable temperature, and see that the cage floor and perches are kept as clean as possible. Stick a morsel of cuttlefish in the wires for it to peck at when it likes. In addition to a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape, give a morsel of bread and milk well dusted with carbonate of bismuth, and then sprinkled with maw seed, every third day. On the intervening days give first about half a teaspoonful of rape, which has been boiled for about ten minutes and then wiped dry, and next a similar quantity of a mixture of good sound hemp, niger, teazle, and broken groats, and a morsel of banana—the latter in lieu of any fruit or green food. In the drinking water add thirty drops of infusion of cascarilla and four drops of tincture of opium, every second day for a week, and after this give instead four drops of dilute sulphuric acid and a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a small pea, every second day for a fortnight.

LOST HIS VOICE.

Roller.—The first and most essential thing to do is to remove the exciting cause of the condition. See that the bird is not exposed to cold draughts nor rapid extremes of temperature, and do not hang it near or over burning lights in the evenings nor high up near the ceiling. In addition to the staple seed diet, give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and then sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure and sesame, with about half a part each of linseed and niger, and on these days give also a morsel of banana or green salad if you can get the latter quite free from frost and snow. The tender tips of the inner stalks of celery are an excellent substitute for green salad at this season, and are much relished by the birds. In the drinking water add ten drops of lemon juice, five of sweet spirit of nitre, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a three-pennypiece, every second day for a fortnight.

COLOUR OF WILD CANARIES.

Arthur Dixon.—Please note that you should write queries relating to different classes of birds on separate sheets of paper, as they have to go to different persons. See under heading Foreign Birds for reply to your foreign bird query. As regards your query about the colour of Canaries in their wild natural state, it is extremely doubtful if any of our domestic Canaries exist in that state, and as regards their original progenitors, it is a matter of dispute as to what species they sprang from, and no real evidence is to be found on the subject, so that it is merely a matter of opinion how they originated. The consensus of opinion, backed with what scraps of evidence are to be met with, is that they originated from one of the Serins or closely allied species, and the probability of a cross with more than one of these closely allied species is not without some weight of evidence. You would find the question rather fully dealt with in Part I. of "Our Canaries," which our Manager might be able to send you. All these species are of a green colour, varied a little with olive green and yellowish. There are quite a number of species known as "Wild Canaries," from different parts of the world, but chiefly coming from Southern Europe and Africa, which belong to the class of Serins or Seed-eaters. The Saffron Finch, Alario Finch, and even our own Siskin, are, for instance, amongst others, each called the Wild Canary in some parts, so that it is not an easy matter to conjecture just what species is meant by the simple term Wild Canary. There is no room for doubt whatever that the yellow colour of our domestic Canaries is wholly the outcome of domesticity, and the controlling influence of man over the propagation of the race, and if left to themselves they would quickly revert again to the green type, as is shown by the rapidity with which the clear yellow type disappears when ticked or marked birds are mated together. It is a very much shorter road from the lightly variegated type to the green than it is from the lightly variegated to the clear.

SWELLING ON NECK.

Miss E. C. W.—Sorry, I cannot say definitely what is wrong without more details as to the appearance of the swelling, how long it has been coming, and your method of feeding, etc. The absence of feathers around the substance is of no moment, as it is probable that this is simply due to the stretching of the surface which exposes the bare skin, upon the greater portion of which feathers do not grow at all. If the bird is a valuable one your best course would be to show it to a veterinary, or even your medical man, and ask their opinion of it. It may be merely due to an obstruction of the crop, or possibly to a serious abscess, either of which cases would be best relieved by a little operation, which I would not advise an amateur to attempt. If this course does not appeal to you, try giving the bird a drop of pure salad oil morning and evening, and for three consecutive days add to its drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny-piece, and daily for a week add to the diet a morsel of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar, and meantime write again and give the fullest particulars you can, when I will advise you further.

SWOLLEN JOINT.

W. T. H., Dowlais.—Thanks for further particulars. Lightly paint the swelling twice with an interval of four days between with the tip of a small feather dipped in tincture of iodine, and beyond this follow the treatment advised in last reply as to keeping it as quiet and restful as possible, so as to give the joint as complete rest as possible, until the bird begins to resume an active condition, and uses the joint again of its own accord. For the rest, leave the remedy entirely to Nature, which will make a better job of it than you are likely to do.

EGG TURNING SOUR.

Economist.—Apart from the risk of it turning sour, it is not a wise plan to give larger quantities of egg food at a time than is necessary to last until next feeding time comes round, but still, considering the character of the weather of late, your food seems to become sour with unusual rapidity. Do you add any water or other moisture to it when mixing? If so, you should discontinue doing so, as there is quite sufficient moisture in the hard-boiled egg itself to make the mixed food of the required crumbly moistness without the addition of any other moisture at all, and such addition would only tend to increase its liability to sour quickly. As regards keeping a portion of the hard-boiled egg from the morning until evening, or from the afternoon feeding until the next morning, you can do this quite safely, especially during cool weather, by allowing the egg to become cold after boiling, then carefully crack the shell in a line round the centre of the smaller circumference, and remove a narrow strip of shell all round, then with a sharp knife cut the egg clean through the centre. Leave the half you wish to save in the shell and place it in a saucer or on a small plate with the cut side downwards, and turn a cup over it and keep it in a cool place, when it should keep perfectly sweet and good until next morning. Another and equally good method is to bury the half of the egg in the shell in a cup of meal of some kind, such as flour or oatmeal, and keep it in a cool place. The meal may be used over again time after time if you keep it dry, by drying it well in an oven after use a time or two, as it absorbs a certain amount of moisture from the egg. The main point is to protect the surface of the egg from the air, and keep it in a cool place, free from dampness.

MATING QUERIES.

N. U, R.—(1) Failing your ability to get a pure Norwich with the necessary excellence of head properties to improve this point in your own stock, and provided the cinnamon green cock, No. 5, is fairly free from heavy overhanging eyebrows, your plan would answer tolerably well as a substitute, but as you already have made one introduction of Crest-bred blood, a good typical pure Norwich would certainly be the best infusion now. Otherwise you would do well to mate him with the hen you describe as No. 6 this season, and then mate the progeny of this pair next season with the most typical Norwich specimens from among the progeny of Nos. 1 and 2, including 3 and 4 bred last season from 1 and 2. Discard No. 1 after this season, and also reject next season any showing distinct reversions to the Crest-bred type, such as heavy eyebrows, or fish or hinge tails; select the size for substance of body and chest rather than a deceptive appearance of large size due to superabundance of feather. (2) The progeny of Nos. 3 and 7 would probably be chiefly variegated, with a sprinkling of ticked specimens, and possibly a stray clear or green, and the double-buffing should tend to increase the size, and produce a useful bird or two to mate back with the progeny of 1 and 2, and this should be a more useful mating than pairing 3 and 4 with the object of starting a muling strain and thereby losing the best part of a season in the production of material to improve the head points, which is the main object in view. To save wasting the season with No. 4 hen, you might mate her with No. 2 cock, as both birds are of good size, and any young from this mating which come near your ideal in head properties may be usefully employed in helping to counteract the Crest-bred blood introduced.

THE REASON WHY.

R. E.—In all probability the reason only certain birds have become affected by moulting whilst others kept under the same conditions have not, is simply that these specimens are more susceptible to any exciting influences that may be at work, and may also be more than usually predisposed to the trouble. It is with birds as with humans, some possess more vital resistance to certain complaints than others, and all do not always respond in exactly the same way to the same set of exciting causes of lowered vitality. And you must remember that so far this season has been somewhat exceptional. One thing you might look into is the position and structure of the room in which the affected birds are kept to see whether it is more susceptible to sudden changes of temperature or damp than the others. Apart from this, go on with the treatment advised for at least two or three weeks, and if the trouble has not then disappeared, write again, and repeat particulars, and I will do my best to help you further.

BARE PATCHES.

Foundry, D.S.M.—(1) It is very doubtful whether the bird will recover the plumage on the bare patches before next moulting season, even if she does so then. Try the following for a month: In addition to the staple diet give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, lightly dusted with flour of sulphur, and then sprinkled with soft sugar every third day for a month. On the intervening days give first a morsel of banana, and next half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats. In the drinking water add ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, every third day for a month. You may also slightly moisten the bare patches with olive or salad oil twice a week, but do not soil the surrounding plumage unnecessarily. Allow the bird to bathe freely in mild, bright weather. (2) There is no reason why you should not breed with the bird in the coming season.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

ABOUT TITS.

George Baldwin.—Tits as a rule do not do well in cages for any length of time, particularly if kept in couples. If one should be at all seedy the other is sure to attack it, and the stronger generally finishes up the scuffle by killing the weaker and making a banquet of its brains. If yours are doing well you can have a try with them, but I am extremely doubtful about them breeding in a confined space. It is odds on the eggs being smashed, and should this not happen, and young ones appear, I fear their existence would be a short one, for these birds are born cannibals. Add sunflower seed to their bill of fare and give sprays of plants with green fly on them as soon as you can obtain same, also a little soft food, as given to Canaries or Softbills. A bone with just a scraping of meat left on it will amuse them for hours. The sexes are distinguished by a slight difference in richness of colouring; if you have a cock and hen you should be able to distinguish them by carefully comparing one with the other. If you find you have pairs and they get along well together, put in a cigar box next month with a hole cut in one side for entrance, and supply them with plenty of moss, short grass, cow hair, and a few feathers; should they build, perhaps you will kindly write again.

FRESHLY-CAUGHT BLACKBIRD.

Salopian. Keep the bird in a quiet corner of the building where the light is not too strong, and let him see you as much as possible, but do not take too much notice of him at first; simply give him food and water. A little later, when he has somewhat settled down, give him a mealworm, or something he is particularly fond of, whenever you go near him. Move about quietly, any sudden fright will throw him back. Later on you can make him take the dainties from the finger, and when he will do this, you will not have much trouble to work with him. As a rule, young birds caught at this time of the year are not difficult to steady. He will probably begin to record his song next month, and gradually increase in strength; it all depends upon your feeding and general treatment. Give him a piece of apple occasionally, or add scraped carrot to his soft food.

GOLDFINCH WITH CRAMP.

Goldfinch.—Considering the age of your bird, I am afraid you cannot do much for him, but you might try the following treatment: Give 15 drops of a mixture of tincture of rhubarb and tincture of gentian in his drinker for 5 or 6 days. Add a little egg-food to the daily menu, and if he will eat mealworms give a couple daily. Bathe the foot and leg in warm water night and morning, and gently massage with the finger and thumb, using a little embrocation or capsicum vaseline.

GREENFINCH NOT SINGING.

J. K. Laurie.—I do not think you need worry about your bird not singing yet, as they are generally influenced by the weather conditions, which have not been lately of the kind to make them tuneful. I would advise you to add a little sound hemp to his food, giving it about three times a week. Your other seed, of which you send a sample, is excellent, and has nothing to do with his silence. Just watch him rather closely, and if you see him going through the actions of song without making any sound, he is probably suffering from loss of voice; then mix equal quantities of fresh lemon juice, whiskey and honey in a small bottle, shake it well, and give him twenty drops in his drinker, fresh daily, for three days, rest three days, and, if necessary, repeat. Give apple or green food every other day; see that the latter is free from frost.

SKYLARK DOING BADLY.

R. Tetlow.—Undoubtedly the bad moult is the cause of the trouble with your bird. I would advise you to give him an aperient at once, and repeat it in a few days; add 5 drops of syrup of buckthorn to a tablespoonful of water, and give him to drink. Are you mixing any carrot or green food with the soft food? If not, you should do so, and, as you cannot get mealworms, you should also add a little hard-boiled egg to it occasionally. Just handle the bird and see what his condition is; if he is thin, give a morsel of lean mutton or rabbit, minced very fine, but discontinue it as soon as you are able to collect insects for him. When you clean him out run him into a spare cage, and gently spray him with tepid water, but do not make him very wet.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PARROT BREEDING IN ENGLAND.

A. Dixon.—One or two species of Parrots and Cockatoos have successfully nested, hatched out, and fully reared their young in English aviaries, also very many Parrakeets, Lovebirds, and Conures, and in less numbers, Lories and Lorikeets. With a few exceptions these successes have occurred in properly constructed aviaries. "Properly constructed aviaries" does not necessarily imply costly structures; some have quite "ramshackle" and "home-made" erections, yet put up to answer the birds' needs, and to supply them with the necessary shelter, space for flight, exercise, etc., without which chances of success are not large. There are isolated cases of success in cages, but these were cages about 3 ft. to 4 ft. square at base and 4 to 6 ft. high.

YOUNG BLUE-FRONT WITH COLD (?)

Enigma.—I am not at all sure that indigestion is not more responsible than anything for your bird's indisposition. Put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in its drinking water every fourth day, and in the intermediate days half a teaspoonful of the following mixture:—Glycerine, oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, in equal parts in the drinking water. Cease giving the tea sop and table scraps at once. It can have boiled maize seed mixture, ripe fruits, nuts, biscuits, dry crusts of household bread, raw carrot, and a little plain cake; from the above quite a varied dietary can be maintained. The first three items can form the staple dietary, the others being given as extras, not necessarily all at once, but "ring the changes" on them. Also put ten drops of cod liver oil emulsion into the daily supply of boiled maize for, say, a month. Spread a little honey and borax thinly on a piece of bread, biscuit or cake, whichever it will take most readily, and give this daily. Do not omit to keep continuous supplies of grit and cuttlebone in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. Keep in a warmish room, where it will get light and air, yet be free from draught. Treat as above and report progress in five or six weeks.

DOVES WITH BUDGERIGARS.

Dove.—Doves and Parrakeets (the Budgerigar is a Grass Parrakeet) have been kept together quite successfully in many aviaries, and the only mishaps have been the occasional upsetting of the Dove's nesting arrangements, owing to the Parrakeets applying their woodcutting propensities to the slender constructions which pass for Doves' nests. You do not say where or how you are keeping your Budgerigars; if they are in an outdoor aviary you can safely put the Dove among them; there may be a bit of commotion when the Dove is first placed among them, but they will soon settle down. I do not advise you to put the Dove with the Budgerigars if the latter are in a cage, for as soon as the Budgies had got used to the larger size of the Dove I fear they would lead it rather a sad life, and as a result of their playful nips, the Dove would soon be minus toes and claws, if nothing worse. On the other hand, if it got too close quarters, a Budgerigar might suffer considerable damage from a blow from the Dove's wing.

VALUE OF AMERICAN MOCKING BIRD.

C. Harrison.—It is rather a thankless job putting prices on birds in these times. Quite fancy prices have been paid for quite ordinary species, owing to shortage in the supply, and on the other hand, very low prices have been accepted by those wanting to sell quickly, owing to the scarcity of buyers. You may find a buyer quickly, or you may not, however good your bird may be. However, you ought at any rate to make two guineas of it if it is a decent songster—possibly you could get half as much more if you could drop across anyone wanting such a pet. "Finger-tame" is a quality many bird-lovers are quite prepared to pay for.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Hartow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. The Post Office regulation is that bodies of birds must be sent at the letter rate of postage, and must be packed in hermetically-sealed receptacles which must themselves be enclosed in strong wooden, leather, or metal cases. If this regulation be infringed the packets may be destroyed by the authorities. **Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away,** and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

TO EXTERMINATE MICE.

D. Potter.—Please see reply to A. F. Cundy under Canary Queries in this issue.

A QUESTION OF A DEAL.

E. Parsons.—We are not quite sure whether we have got your name correctly, as it is not distinctly written, and as the address you give is at a Post Office, we are unable to gather whether this is your proper address. For these reasons we have not inserted a Twittering asking the seller to communicate with you. Our opinion is that as you elected to keep the bird rather than accept the offer of an exchange as made, you should abide by your bargain. If the bird had turned out better than you expected you would have had the best of the deal and now the contrary has happened we think you must abide by the consequences.

BOOK ON BIRD KEEPING.

H. W. Cross.—There is no book which is a complete guide to the keeping of all kinds of birds. If you will let us know whether your desires are in the direction of Canaries, Hybrids, British, or Foreign birds, we shall be pleased to help you. In the meantime you will find many useful books advertised on page 70 of our last issue.

PRESERVING FOWLS' EGGS.

Glaswegran.—There are several methods of preserving eggs, one of which is to immerse them in a solution of salycilate of soda (water glass), and another is to rub lard or other grease into the pores of the shells. As the matter, however, is rather out of our line as a cage-bird paper, we have handed your query to the Editor of "The Poultry World," and you will see an answer in the query columns of that paper.

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PAIR of Borders, 13/6; or exchange buff Norwich, or Yorkshire hens: Cooper, Glasshoughton, Castleford. (811)

EXCHANGE Roller cock, in full song, for Norwich cock or two hens: Rivett, 86, Albany rd., Camberwell, S.E. (811)

PAIR good Rollers, cock full song, 15/6; exchange tyres 28 by 1¾ or 26 by 1¾: Kent, 36, Dolyfelin-st., Caerphilly, Glam. (816)

GENT'S cycle, 23in., running order, 22/-; exchange Canaries, British; particulars: Leigh, 39, Queen's-parade, Brighton. (813)

WHAT offers in Canaries for gents' suit lengths, tweed, or sell 25/-, or lady's costume length, or sell 12/6; approval: McKeand, Scabright, Castle Douglas.

FINE B-flat Clarinet, leather case for two; Baermann Tutor, cost £7; sell cheap; exchange class Norwich: E. Wilcox, Ivy Cottage, New Sawley, Derby. (816)

WANTED to exchange, 1916 Norwich cock, in song, for two good Norwich hens, or sell 12/6; particulars from: John Baker, 7, Union-st., Wednesbury. (813)

CORONATION Harp, cost 42/-, 8 exhibition Linnets, 1 Greenie Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, cocks for Goldies or Canaries or mules: Alderson, 51, Charlotte-st., Redcar. (815)

PAIR Crests, 20/-; or exchange good unflighted yellow Norwich cock; five Roller hens, 15/-; or exchange for young Roller cock: Croxon, Crown Dairy, Lowestoft. (814)

FOR sale or exchange, 5 pairs Canaries, stock of cages in rack, complete, with fittings; bargain; stamp for particulars: Delves, Maidstone-rd., Paddock Wood, Kent. (813)

WANTED good pair Norwich stock birds, large size essential, good heads; exchange gent's fashionable lined raincoat new, cost 65/-: 233, Stockport, Longsight, Manchester. (816)

THREE large Norwich hens, 1 yellow, 2 buffs, Joe Thomas strain, 7/6 each; or exchange exhibition British; yours first: Manning, 712, Romford-rd., Manor Park, Essex. (812)

WANTED, hen Canaries, cheap for cash, or part exchange British birds. I have one of finest private collections of British birds in England: Mrs. Harrington, Dalmeny Cottage, Dunstable. (799)

WANTED, a well bred club rung Roller cock, exchange one yellow Yorkshire cock, stock bird, evenly marked on eyes and flights, and one Roller hen; approval both ways: Reid, 62, High-st., Wick, N.B. (808)

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EXCHANGE 6 vols. (new bound), The Globe Encyclopaedia, 1882, for one high-class Crested cock, or two good Crested cocks, also two vols. (bound), Belgium the Glorious, her Country and her People, 1916, cost 18/6, for 1 pair Cinnamon, or 1 Crested cock: Lovell, 27, Westcott-place, Swindon, Wilts.

Mainly British.

THREE Cock Goldfinches, fit for show; exchange Yorkshire Canaries: John O'Leary, Athlone. (814)

I will give 10 good cock Linnets for a good Norwich hen, or sell 1/ each: E. Murdoch, Burnside, Portsoy.

GOOD muling cock Goldie, 12/6, or exchange for cock or 2 hen Yorkshires: Kay, 21, Portland-rd., Blackpool. (816)

WILL exchange mule breeding cock Goldfinch for cock and hen Canaries: Ellis, Boot Manufacturer, Welshpool. (812)

TWO British show cages and case, condition, new, suitable Hawfinch, 7/6; exchange British: Sawer Bros., Alfreton. (813)

WANTED, H.M. Goldfinch; exchange 1916 cock Thrush or sell 7/6; approval: F. Nicholas, 3, Margaret-st., Pentre, Rhondda. (814)

EXCHANGE three good cock Linnets for good Goldie ditto, Siskin, ditto two good Bullio hens: Whyte, High-st., Fraserburgh. (810)

EXCHANGE 3 cock Bullfinches for a good cock Twite or Bramblo Goldfinch, or sale 6/-: Keighley, 61, North Norman-street, Ilkeston. (817)

COCK Goldfinch, muler (white legged), sell 15/-; or exchange for 2 yellow cock Canaries, 1916: Fry, 216, Fairview-ter., St. Werburgh, Bristol. (815)

COCK and hen Bullfinch, 5/-; cock and hen Chaffinch, 5/-; cock Goldfinches, singing, 7/6 each: Mustchin, Normanhurst, Rusper, nr. Horsham. (815)

EXCHANGE double case two British Show cages in for steady cock Goldfinch, Siskin, or Roller, singing: Taylor, 206, Watling-street, Bridgtown, Cannock. (815)

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SINGING cock Linnet, Norwich type, well pencilled, for showing or muling, in new cage, 2/6; approval: North, The Aviaries, 211, Kirklea-street, Welling, Kent. (815)

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LOVELY Bullfinch cock, brilliant plumage, ideal Goldfinch cock, for muling, in modern show cages, 7/6 each; exchange either three Bantam hens: H. Welsh, Corn-stall-buildings, Stamford. (813)

TWO lovely field-moulted cock Goldfinches, 5/- each, or 9/6 the two; offers wanted for field-moulted cock Bramblefinch, approval: W. Williams, 2, Nayland Bungalow, Goodwick, Pem. (812)

SELECTED to moult winners, cocks, Hawfinch, Goldfinch, Linnet, Mealy Redpoll, 10/- each; exchange motor-cycle horn, driving chain, offers: Gooderham, 472, Woodbridge-rd., Ipswich. (813)

BRAMBLEFINCHES, Linnets, Skylarks, Bluetits, 1/- pair; 12 mixed aviary seed birds, 1/6 each; Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; Blackbirds, Misselthrushes, Songthrushes, any above, selected songsters, 1/6 each: Fenn and Son, Isleham, Cambs. (814)

EXHIBITION, 2 cock Bramblefinches, 2 Yellow Greenfinches, 1 Bullfinch, 1 Goldfinch, all extra good cocks, sell 25/-; exchange 1 pair good Rollers or Yorks.; approval both ways, yours first; offers for 4 hen Bramblefinches: Hall, Pendock House, Firhguard. (813)

THREE new Linnet hop cages, two seed boxes in each, 10d. each; two extra good double breeding cages, nestpans and everything complete, to start, 7/- each; second-hand Lark net, good as new, 1½ mesh, 20 yds. by 4½ yds., 17/-; clap nets, 9 x 8, all complete, for setting, 2/6; double 4/-; spring net traps, largest made, 2/6 and 3/- each; trap cages, single, 1/-; double, 2/-; treble, 2/6; pure wild seed, hand gathered, 1/- bag, post paid: G. Ashton, 5, Mafeking-st., Gateshead. (811)

Miscellaneous.

STANDARD Accordeon, exchange cock Canaries: Tom Horler, Alexandra-terrace, Pauiton, nr. Bristol. (814)

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GOOD pair Norwich Canaries wanted in exchange for two excellent razors in case, value 15/-: Servener, Southcott, Linslade, Bucks. (811)

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GENTS' Navy blue Overcoat, for 2 cock Canaries; sell 17/6; offers pair gents' boots, 9s, for 1 cock; offers: Malone, 146, Albert-rd., Jarrow. (815)

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WILL exchange six Rhode Island pullets and cockerel (male cost 10/-) for two pairs of Norwich or exhibition British, field moulted; stamp reply: approval; good birds offered, good birds wanted: F. Stirk, 37, Denton-terr., Castleford, Yorks. (816)

ANGLERS.—Two good fishing rods and complete out., including box and basket and a quantity of good tackle, nearly new, cost £5; exchange for good Norwich or Yorkshire to value; approval willingly: A. Barrett, 25, Beche-road, Cambridge. (815)

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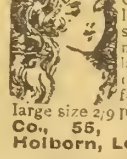

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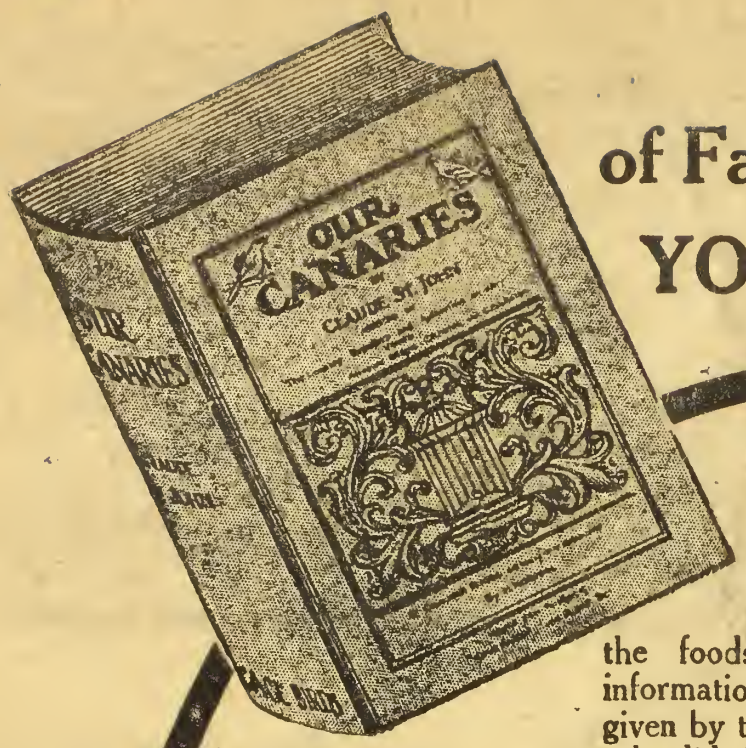

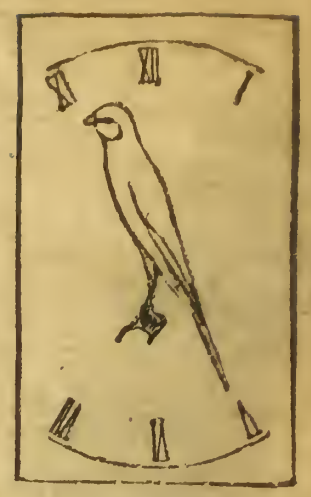

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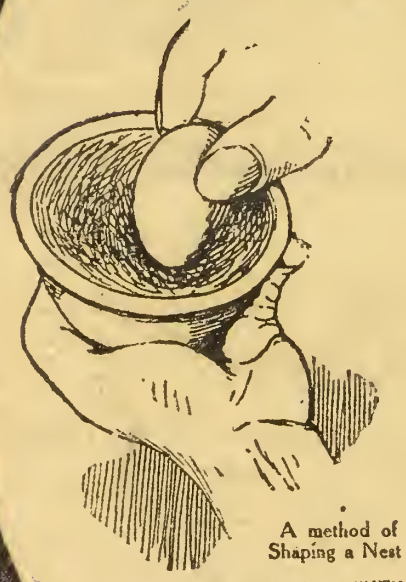

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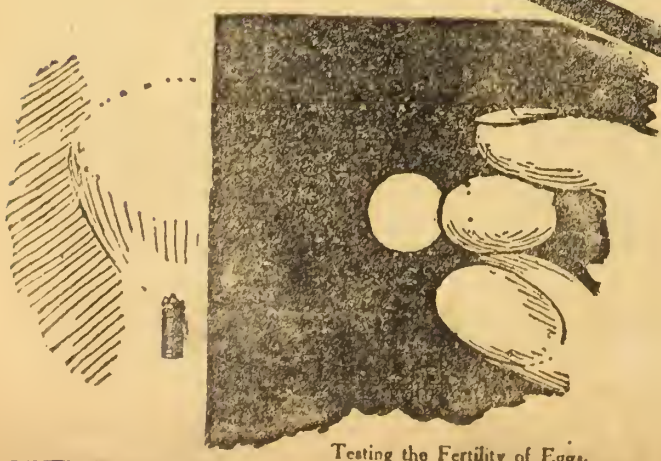

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UNFLIGHTED! No old crocks! Bouncing big marked buff cock, grand type, quality, 35/-; clear buff cock, brother to above, shade smaller, 20/-; very smart clear yellow cock, good type and quality, 35/-; marked yellow cock, similar stamp, 25/-; clear yellow cock, shade smaller, 20/-; no hens: Leigh, 7, Horsemarket-st., Warrington. (844)

ALL MY WINNERS

Must clear stock, twenty pairs from 25/- to £10; few cocks, spare hens, buffs, yellows, also twenty breeding cages and show cages, utensils; state wants: Gordon Stewart, Ipswich.

W. DEAN

Breeder and exhibitor offers bargains, short cobby variegated yellow stock cock, 17/6; 1916 cobby clear buff cock and short yellow hen, 22/6; 1916 variegated yellow cock and ticked buff hen, 25/-; 1916 variegated yellow cock and variegated buff hen, 25/-; all good quality and condition from his winning strain and cold room: Holmewood, Matlock.

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I have bred and supplied birds which have won this season, and still have a grand stock to select from, related to my winners. See show reports Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield, Barrow, Leicester, Halifax, Huddersfield, Ardwick, etc., etc. This strain heralds itself. Inspection invited. Approval; stamp reply: 3a, Percival-st., Hightown, Manchester.

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25 years' study. One of the finest private collections in England. To those who can visit me and inspect my stock, do so. All fanciers welcome. Type, quality, colour and substance a feature. Few grand specimens of both varieties to spare. Cocks 20/- up; hens ditto; specially selected pairs £3 to £5; correctly matched, robust and full of true characteristics; state requirements; stamp; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

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The following high-class Champion Norwich. Owing to business pressure must reduce considerably. Guaranteed own breeding. (1) Grand yellow stock cock, rare bird, will produce high-class stuff, **£3.** (2) Marked yellow cock, fine shape and quality of feather, good full neck and head, **50/-.** (3) Clear yellow cock, a bouncer, rare cobby bird, with all good points, **45/-.** (4) Variegated yellow cock, fine bold-fronted bird, short flights and tail, **42/-.** Will put hens with any of the above cocks from £1 each; hens which will suit them and unflighted. (5) Grand head-marked buff cock, a fine big bird, a champion stock bird, **£3.** (6) Fine variegated buff cock, rare fine bird for stock purposes, **£2.** (7) Unflighted buff cock, winner anywhere, **£3 10s.**, show bird all over. (8) Unflighted yellow cock, perfect model, with another moult hard to beat. **£3 10s.** (9) Yellow cinnamon cock, one to get colour in your birds, can win, **30/-.** (10) Gem of a buff hen, in grand form, **30/-.** (11) Unflighted yellow hen, right-down good one and no mistake, **35/-.** (12) Four good buff hens, **21/-** each, grand value. (13) Four grand yellow hens, unflighted and year old, **25/-** each. Don't delay, buy now, cannot be replaced. Approval willingly. Cash with order. This strain requires no swank. Send at once. Note the name:

JUDGE SILK, 27, St. Michael's Road, ALDERSHOT.
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12/6 Per Pair 12/6

Will give 12/6 per pair for good surplus stocks of YORKSHIRES, NORWICH or ROLLERS.

12/6 to 15/- per pair for CRESTS,

Cock Goldfinch Mules 7/- each

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I am also open to consider offers of good class birds at higher prices.

I also require **BORDERS, MULES,** etc. **Will pay top prices and deposit cash.**

H. GLEDHILL,

Fleet Lane, Queensbury, Bradford

GIVING UP THE FANCY
25 YEARS BREEDER-EXHIBITOR

Very large yellow cock, marked buff hen, 60/-; clear yellow cock and clear buff hen, 1916, 80/-; clear buff cock yellow marked hen, 60/-; clear buff cock clear yellow hen, 25/-; broken green buff cock clear yellow hen, 60/-; broken buff green cock, 20/-; yellow green cock, 1916, 30/-; 11 double, 2 single, 6 three-compartment show cages, cases and all appliances; straight clear out; approval; inspection invited. Arthur Wake, 128, Princes-rd., Middlesbrough. (840)

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDER'S CARDS.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show, 1913. (1810)

HENRY NEVE, Roller Specialist. All birds bred from prize winning specimens of high rank; full particulars on application: Heathfield, Sussex.

MISS THOMAS, Fairlight, Richmond Park-rd., Bournemouth; B.R.C.C.; successful breeder of high class Rollers, Water Gluck, Deep Bass; stamp.

FRANK CULSHAW, 188, Anlaby-rd., Hull, breeder and trainer, British Rollers (Randall's); member Hull R.C.C.; state wants, full particulars, stamp; approval. (711)

MEMBERS wanted, Hull Roller Canary Club: Details, Baggaley, 18, Somerset-st., Hull. (842)

ROLLER cocks, singing, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; wanted hens, give 3/6 each: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorsemon, Glam.

FOUR good Roller hens, forward condition, 4/- each: Horace Hubbard, 17, Fisher-st., Nuncargate, Notts.

ROLLER schoolmaster, pure Ramsay, excellent song, 20/-; great bargain: Hill, 58, Joshua-road, Sheffield. (843)

PAIR Rollers, breeding condition, 9/-; cock Linnet and hen Canary, 4/6: J. Spencer, 18, Edleston-st., Accrington. (836)

STRONG Roller cocks, 1916 bred, good colour and stock birds, cold room bred, 10/6: John Thomas, 13, Albert-st., Cardiff. (840)

HENS.—2 pure Glucke, Hopkin's strain, 1916 birds, cold-room bred, 5/6 each: Carr, 22, Charles-st., North Ormesby, Middlesbro. (842)

ROLLERS, exceptional offer, 1916 cocks, outdoor aviary bred; plain or variegated, 10/6 each: Brown, 28, Sedgley-rd., Bournemouth. (840)

ROLLER hens, 6 good healthy 1916 birds, 3/6 each, or £1 for the lot; or exchange 2 good cocks: R. King, 6, Addington-st., Ramsgate, Kent. (841)

NOTICE! grand lot Rollers, day and gaslight singers; prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas.

BROTHER to my 4th Manchester, with hen to match, 30/-; P.R.C.C. rung; seen any time: Edgerley, Francis-st., Monton Green, Manchester.

H. MEAD, Yorkshire St., Bacup, has only a very few cocks left, bred from birds which have won at every contest in England; accept 25/- and 30/- each; approval. (837)

TWELVE Roller hens, all rung, pure Ramlan's, 4/- each, or exchange cocks or hens of another strain; cold-room bred: John Parr, Canal Cottage, Lydiate, nr. Liverpool. (838)

GLUCKE and water glucke Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung; few cocks left, good birds, from prize winning strain, 15/6, 20/- up; approval: Joe Wyre, 26, Talbot-st., Cradley, Cradley Heath. (838)

1915 Glucke and water glucke Roller hens, Randall's and Rhodes strain, 6/- each; seven days' approval, my risk; cash or deposit "Cage Birds"; Colclough, Eric House, Stone-rd., Longton, Staffs.

GLUCKE and water Glucke Rollers (Randall's), B.16 rung; one commended Wigan, 27 points, 30/-; two others, 24 points, Bacup and Wigan, 27/-; hens, 7/6; approval: Cooper, 10, Stanley-st., Bacup.

ONE pure Roller cock, B4 rung, for sale, 50/-; no faults; grand schoolmaster; also pure Roller hens, B6 rung, 10/- each; no better blood in England; every bird bred from winners: R. Grainger, Richard-st., The Green, Darlaston. (822)

H. SAVIGAR has a few birds for sale, latest wins, 1st and cup, "International," two 1st and c, Wolverhampton, 1st Bolton, 1st Birmingham, 3rd and spl. for hollow roll, 1st and spl. for glucke roll, members' show; cocks from 25/-; 3, Alexandra-st., Ladywood, Birmingham. (838)

TWO Rollers, cocks, rung B.R.C.C.16, purchased from Mr. Gooding, hollow Glucke strain, 25/- each; 9 hens, 5 rung B.R.C.C., and 4 bred from them, Randall and Neugebauer's strain, rung 10/-, unrung 5/- each; also Queck organ, 35/-: Robinson, 35, Bessborough Gardens, Vauxhall Bridge-rd., London. (833)

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LEEDS ROLLER CANARY CLUB

NEXT meeting Sat., March 3rd, at Griffen Hotel. There will be several birds present, and the newly-appointed judges connected to the Leeds Club under Federation rules will be given an opportunity of showing their skill. Intending new members and critics will be welcomed. Fanciers please note the following clubs now comprise the Federation: Wigan, Bolton, Hull, Nelson, Swinton, Provincial Potteries, Scottish National, Birmingham, Audley, Haslingden, Leeds, and Bacup. Will any intending new members of Federation in these districts please communicate with the club secretaries so that they can be supplied with rings: H. Best, Sec., National Federation and Leeds Roller Clubs, 5, Alma-place, Beckett-street, Leeds.

Scotch Fancies.

SCOTCH Fancies, two yellow cocks, two buff green cocks, young birds; approval: George Simpson, 73, Almast., Falkirk. (836)

1 YELLOW cock, 2 buff piebald cock, 2 buff cocks, 1 buff hen: R. Cochrane, 18, William-st., Greenhead, Glasgow, E. (844)

FOR sale, two buff green Scotch Fancy hens, 15/- each, or exchange for good Scotch Fancy hen, buff or pied: J. Donnan, Whithorn. (836)

SCOTCH Fancies.—Have still left buff green cock, buff foul cock, buff green hen, buff piebald hen, same breeding as foremost winners of season; good young birds, £2 each to clear; approval: James McGregor, 34, Cupar-road, Tayport. (843)

FOR sale, 2 Scotch Fancy cocks, 10/6 each; exchange Belgian cross for big buff Norwich cock: Strachan, 30, Maule-st., Arbroath. (844)

SCOTCH Fancy, young Buff Green, grand stock hen, exchange for large yellow cock, with good top: Muir, 16, Belford-rd., Edinburgh. (840)

Yorkshires.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

OGDEN BROS., Breeders, Exhibitors, and Exporters of the best the world has produced: Thornton, Bradford.

L. DYKES, Breeder and Exhibitor of the finest Yorkshires living; see show reports all leading shows. Prices reasonable: 16, Shann-st., Bolton Woods, Bradford. (651)

Messrs. AMBLERS, the Champion Yorkshire breeders, winners of thousands of prizes and many championships, Palace and other big shows, including special for best in show last Palace, can spare few clinking pairs, matched for own breeding, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-; few pairs 20/-, 30/-; clinking buff marked cock, 50/-, like wax; yellow marked cock, 40/-; unflighted yellow, 50/-; all quality; the class that does breed champions; approval, cash or deposit; stamp particulars: 8, Rawson-st., Harrogate, Yorkshire. (851)

FEW cocks and hens; prices moderate to clear: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (825)

SOME extra long buff and yellow cocks from 10/- to 40/-: Richards, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. (842)

GRAND pair Yorkshires, can win anywhere, 35/-: Sam Hughes, 71, Grosvenor-rd., Pimlico, London.

T. G. CRAWHALL, 121, St. George's-terr., Newcastle-on-Tyne, can spare few good Yorkshires. (812)

CHAMPION Yorkshire cocks, 12/6, 15/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (842)

THREE Yorkshire hens, 5/- each; exchange Norwich hens preferred: Miller, Cherry Tree Avenue, Dover. (836)

YORKSHIRE cocks, singing, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; wanted, hens, give 4/-, 5/-: Lloyd Aviaries, Gorsemon, Glam. (839)

CINNAMON marked clears, Yorkshire cocks and hens, good birds, cheap: Mills, Grafton-street, Ashton-under-Lyne. (842)

REDUCING stock. Pairs or singles for sale; prices reasonable; inspection invited: Fairman, 28, Pepler-rd., Old Kent-rd. (838)

HAVE the best blood obtainable, own breeding; cocks from 12/6; hen, 7/6: Lloyd, 84, Chichele-rd., Cricklewood, N.W. (818)

LARGE buff Yorkshire cock, 10/-; variegated yellow hen, 5/-; Linnet Mule, 2/-; approval: Lewis, 55, Letitia-st., Middlesbro. (838)

P. T. COWLEY still has a few cocks and hens for sale from 12/6: Holmdene, Finnemore-rd., Little Bromwich, Birmingham. (839)

NOTICE! Grand lot Yorkshires; prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (837)

YORKSHIRE hens for sale, a few typical specimens to spare; Sunday mornings: French, 702, Fulham-rd (back entrance). (795)

HAVE the best blood obtainable, own breeding; cock, 15/-; hen, 7/6; seen any time: Eadie, 103, Portobello-rd., Archer-st., W. (838)

P. JOHNSTON, Sec. S.Y.C.C., 123, Ferme Park-rd., Stroud Green, N.; good specimens, reasonable, stamp or seen by appointment. (791)

LONG, slim, clear 1916 Yorkshire cock, good songster, 12/-; ditto hen 7/6, prize strain: Troke, 71, Parchment-st., Winchester. (841)

YELLOW green Yorkshire cock, 12/6; buff ditto, 10/6; one pair Norwich type, 12/6: Maddocks, Cowley Manor-gardens, Cheltenham. (840)

CRAVEN, holder of nest feather cup, res. for other cups, Plymouth, winner of both 1sts pair show; birds for sale: Yelverton-terr., Plymouth. (824)

CRAVEN, res. for Yorkshire cup, Plymouth; winner both 1sts pair show; good buff cocks and yell. hens for pairs: Yelverton-terr., Plymouth. (824)

THIRTY reliable typical Yorkshires, cocks from 15/-; hens, 6/6; matched pairs, 20/- upwards: Harper, 21, Hanover-rd., Kensal Rise, Willesden. (787)

PAIR Yorkshires, 17/-; exchange pair Golden Lizards, approval; 3-compartment breeding cage, complete, 8/-: Lea, 55, Waterloo-sq., Camberwell. (845)

OWNG to illness, am reducing stock, one pair 17/6, do. 12/6; 3 young hens 5/- each, or 40/- lot; can be seen: Yeoman, 19, Shrubbery-rd., Streatham. (845)

PRIESTLEY'S high class Yorkshire cocks, splendid length, type, and quality, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; cash or deposit: 121, Gaythorne-rd., West Bowling, Bradford. (839)

YORKSHIRE. Grand quality buff ticked and buff green cocks, 12/6 each; buff hens, 5/6 and 6/6 each: Scoble, 3, Dorville-rd., Ravenscourt Park, Hammersmith. (838)

HAVNG selected my breeding stock, I have a few clear Yorkshire unflighted cocks to dispose of, satisfaction guaranteed: Davis, 27, Old Market-st., Bristol. (845)

RADLEY'S strain direct, 1 clear buff, 1 marked, yellow unflighted hens, rare type, 12/- each; or exchange for good buff cock: Clark, 2, Greenbank, Paignton. (844)

CHEAP to clear, Yorkshire cocks, in full song, mainly greens, 6/-, 6/6, hen buff, 3/-, 3/6; satisfaction guaranteed: Gowland, St. John's Chapel, Co. Durham. (843)

REDUCING stock. Few matched pairs, Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, 1916, cold-room bred, cocks, full song, 17/6 per pair: Hargreaves, 10, Sutherland-st., Colne. (839)

D. WISHART has only got one clear buff cock left unflighted, Dyke's and Ogden Bros.' strain, at 20/-; a good one; approval, deposit: Wallyford-by-Musselburgh. (836)

WANTED, Yorkshire hens in exchange for pair gold-rimmed eye-glasses, value 12/6, and 4-hole Yorks carrier, 6/-: West, 17, Kimberley-st., Brierciffe, Burnley. ...(829)

TWO prize-bred unflighted Yorkshire cocks, one variegated yellow, one ticked buff, in splendid condition, 15/- each: Miss Wright, 55, Duppas Hill-lane, Croydon. (838)

LONG typical Yorkshire cocks, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; racy hens, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; lovely pairs from 21/-; bred from noted winners: only want seeing; approval: R. Hanford, Derby. (838)

YORKSHIRE prize-bred hens, 2 buff and one yellow, 7/6 each; also five buffs and one yellow, 4/- each: Jacomb, "Taberl," Albany-rd., Chadwell Heath, Essex. (845)

GRAND yellow cock and buff hen, both beautiful long birds and in splendid condition; bred from winning stock; 20/- pair: Mackness, 22, Cyprus-road, Finchley, N. (841)

CLEARING out. Only two buff cocks left; good lengthy birds, 11/6 each, or £1 the two; travelling cases and show cages cheap to clear: Crossett, 8, Pensthorpe-te., West Ealing. (838)

Champion YORKSHIRES & NORWICH
Bulldog Strain.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PROCURE YOUR BREEDING STOCK, to ensure getting **the best birds,** and to get them settled in their new home before pairing up. I have an enormous stock of all varieties on hand, and, having almost finished my export trade for this season, I can now concentrate my attention to the requirements of the home trade. My long experience as a breeder and exhibitor, and the large stock of birds I have to select from place me in a position to send you just such a bird or birds as you require. As regards the quality of my stock, it is surely sufficient to refer you to the reports of all the leading shows, from which you will find that both my **Yorkshires** and **Norwich** are not only maintaining but adding to, their great reputation. In addition to this, I have sold several birds that have won leading honours at all the principal shows. Kindly write, stating wants. I am now offering a limited number of grand stock and exhibition birds, either Yorkshires or Norwich, which I can guarantee as bred from my own **Bulldog Strain,** at **20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-** each, cocks or hens. Also a few grand matched pairs at **40/-, 45/-, 50/-, 60/-** per pair upwards. These are splendid value, and have only to be seen to be appreciated.

I have also a grand selection of stock birds from other well-known strains, as follows:—
YORKSHIRE COCKS, grand lengthy birds, in full song, **15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** each, upwards.
YORKSHIRE HENS, smart, racy, typical hens, **7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each, upwards.
MATCHED PAIRS, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- per pair upwards.
NORWICH PLAINHEADS. Grand, thickset, cobby birds at same prices as Yorkshires.
BORDER FANCIES, Real good birds, both for stock and exhibition. **Cocks,** 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each. **Hens,** 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each. **Matched Pairs,** 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair.
CRESTS AND CREST-BREDS.—A few real good pairs at **30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-** per pair. **Odd birds,** Cocks or Hens at proportionate prices. Matched pairs for Mule or Hybrid breeding, **15/-** pair.

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I have a magnificent collection of pure British Rollers from the best and purest strains, at following prices:—
HIGHLY TRAINED COCKS, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- each.
PURE-BRED HENS, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each.
MATCHED PAIRS, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 50/- per pair.
Travelling Cages, 4d. extra in all cases.
One word more—**Please remember, I invite you** to come at any time and make your own selection, but if you cannot come, **Don't Forget** that I send every bird on 7 days' approval, at my sole risk. I personally select every bird that is sent away. I have over 4,000 (four thousand) birds in my rooms at the present time to select from, and I guarantee to give absolute satisfaction to every customer or return cash in full. Terms: Cash or deposit with Editor.

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GRAND typical Yorkshire clear yellow cocks, hens, for show or stock, bred from prize winners; prices reasonable; seen any evening: Raine, 2, Woodbury-street, Tooting Broadway. (842)

FOR immediate disposal, my last 12 pairs of Yorkshires; many are big winners and have bred winners, price from 20/- to £4 a pair; genuine bargains: L. Yates, 135, Maybury-rd., Woking. (838)

UNFLIGHTED yellow cock, unflighted buff cock, both winners, 20/- each; buff hens, 10/-; grand typical birds; worth double: Radford, 128, Sandy-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (841)

YORKSHIRES and Norwich; I have a grand lot to dispose of; can be seen any time or sent on approval; cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; hens, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford.

FEW good birds for sale, including buff cock, 1915, 1st Birmingham, etc., 30/-; buff hen, Ambler's, 1915 cock; 50/-, price 25/-; others cheap: Bousfield, Midgham, Queen's Park, West Drive, Bournemouth. (836)

THROUGH being called up I have breeder's stock of Yorkshires to dispose of; pairs thirty-five to forty-five: few grand winners at reasonable prices; on approval, deposit: 5, Ashworth-st., Hollinwood, Oldham. (846)

SMART unflighted buff and yellow Yorkshire cocks from 10/6; even marked and clear, in full song, cold-room; hens 8/-, 10/- each; can be seen: Cobley, 69, High-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (824)

A. SUTCLIFFE has 3 buff York cocks, 10/-, 12/6, and 15/-; 2 yellow hens, 6/- each; 6 buff hens, 6/-, 7/-, and 8/- each; 1 pair Norwich, £1 5/-; 1 pair, £1; odd buff Norwich cock, 15/6: 46, Hammond-st., Halifax. (842)

FEWSTER'S birds comprise three of the best strains in Yorkshire: see wins Sheffield and Huddersfield; 4 pairs, £5; sell separate; few stock cocks, 20/- to 30/- each: 4, Preston-street, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury. (842)

CLEAR yellow Yorkshire cock, good colour and over 7 inches long, grand stock bird, with lovely hen to match, sure to breed winners, 30/- the pair, worth double: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (845)

YORKSHIRES. Having purchased the stock of a well-known breeder and exhibitor, I have some typical birds; cocks from 15/-, hens 7/6 upwards; approval, deposit; guaranteed healthy: H. Smith, 81, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (840)

YORKSHIRES (2), typical, 1916, healthy, stock hens, buff cinnamon and clear buff, 10/6 each, £1 the two; guaranteed healthy; approval, receipt cash or "Cage Birds" deposit: Johnson (Chef), Noon's Hotel, 69, High Holborn, W.C. (832)

YORKSHIRE buff cock, 1915, winner 10 firsts, 6 second, 2 thirds, sp., best bird in sections at Durham 50/-; 1 yellow, 3 C.B. cock, 2 Crested cocks, good stock birds, no hens: James Stanger, 50, Grange-terr., Pelton Fell, Durham. (830)

YORKSHIRES, Walkley novice cup, runner-up Sheffield C.B.S., big clear buff cock, 15/6; clear yellow cock, 15/6; big clear buff hen, 7/6; own breeding, 1916; approval, stamp reply: Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (823)

THROUGH enlisting would exchange gent's fashionably lined tailor-made raincoat, new, cost 55/- or will sell £2, or exchange for yellow Yorkshire cock, a good stock and winning show bird, genuine: 233, Stockport-rd., Ardwick, Manchester.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, 1915 bred, 17/6; buff green cock, 15/-; 3 yellow Yorkshire hens, 1916 bred, 10/- each; mother to these 2nd at Kendal: 1 clear yellow hen, 1915 bred, 7/6; also yellow and buff Border cock, winners, from 15/- to £1: T. J. Allen, 2, Benson-green, Kendal. (843)

OWING to the war I am reluctantly compelled to further reduce my stock of Yorkshires: I have still a few pairs left, bred from the right stuff; pairs from 17/6; few spare cocks from 12/6; approval, cash or deposit: H. Sunden, 64, Ford-hill, Ambler Thorn, nr. Halifax, Yorks. (845)

HIGH-class Yorkshires, grand unflighted green marked yellow cock, 15/6, 1915 clear buff hen, 10/6; pair, 25/-; unflighted clear yellow hen, 12/6; unflighted green marked yellow hen, 12/6; two unflighted Cinnamon marked yellow hens, 7/6 each: William Clough, Lee-green, Mirfield, Yorks. (842)

CHITTENDEN'S Yorkshires, grand Buff cock and yellow hen, splendid pair, 35/-; good year old yellow cock, paired to unflighted buff hen, 45/-; these are really good; a few small Yorks. res. cocks, 10/- each, buff or yellow hens 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, to 50/- each; approval: 6, Carlisle-st., Monmingham. (846)

LOVELY buff marked cock, unflighted, big winner this season, 25/-, with unflighted hen to match, 10/-; also yellow marked cock, 1915 bred, big winner, 30/-, hen to match, 10/-; some lovely unflighted hens at 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; cocks to match at 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; 6 days' approval; cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (845)

HUNTER & McLaughlin, breeders, exhibitors of high-class Yorkshires and Norwich can supply grand exhibition or Stock birds at the following prices: Yorkshire cocks on full song, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; matched pairs for breeding, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- and upwards; Norwich at same price: all birds sold by us are bred from our noted winning strain and are feathered like silk: also can supply Lizards, Border, and Scotch Fancies, Crests and Crestbreds, Rollers, and Mules; send for 1917 price lists: 44, Market-street, Limavady. (844)

JOHN FIRTH

I have a few pairs of high class Yorkshires to dispose of from my winning strain, from 35/- to 60/-; odd birds proportionately; terms, cash or deposit; inspection invited; approval: 9, Munster-st., Wakefield-rd., Bradford. (817)

JNO. ALLEN

Having selected his breeding stock, has a few good yellow and buff cocks, 1916, 1915, from 15/-, from winners of three cups, etc.; approval: 4, Bonsall-st., Leicester. (842)

G. SNEAD

breeder of the finest up-to-date Yorkshires living, for proof, winner of the greatest trophy of the season, the Sheffield Rose Bowl for best unflighted bird bred by exhibitor, 1916; the same blood as his noted Palace and National winners; having selected my breeding stock, I have some grand birds for sale, related to the above, at reasonable prices; approval, cash or deposit: Address, 138, Arncliffe-terrace, Horton Grange-rd., Bradford. (830)

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

I can offer you the best value in Yorkshires it is possible to procure in this city or elsewhere at very much lower prices for what they are worth on the perch, besides being bred or very near related to some of the biggest winners in the Fancy. I offer some exceptionally well matched pairs at 20/-, 22/6, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- a pair; odd cocks from 12/6, hens from 7/6; all cold room bred, and cocks over 7 inches long, and full song; terms, 6 days' approval, cash or deposit; testimonials arriving every post, so send at once to avoid being disappointed, as my stock is limited: Edwin North, Breeder, 443 Manchester-rd., Bradford. (845)

Various Canaries.

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WANTED pair Grey or White Java Sparrows, single birds purchased if sex guaranteed; no fancy price; offers to: Jamison, 118, Choumert-rd., Peckham. (835)

WANTED, all kinds of Canaries, also British, for spot cash, healthy: Jack, Cage Maker, 6, Stirling-st. (City), Glasgow. (830)

WANTED pure Roller cock, two hens, unflighted, for stock; approval: R. Chidgey, 14, Llanwonno-rd., Cwmaman, Aberdare. (836)

WANTED, all kinds of Canaries, Mules, British, any quantity; best price paid: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford.

WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules; will give 2/- each, hen canaries, 2/- each; large ones 3/- each: Flower, 76, Sclater-st., Bethnal Green-road, London. (840)

WANTED, 3 unflighted Norwich cocks, cold-room bred; exchange 3 Border Norwich hens part payment: Chas. Makins, Quayside, Berwick-on-Tweed.

WANTED, big buff Yorkshire stock cock, in exchange for two good stock hens; approval both ways: J. Thompson, Emily-terrace, North-street, Dudley. (843)

BULLFINCHES, 2/9 per pair; Goldfinches and Siskins, 3/- per pair; Canaries, either sex, best prices given: Frank Sparks, Bird Dealer, 200, Overgate, Dundee. (765)

WANTED, three good healthy cock Zebra Finches, two adult hen yellow Budgerigars, one guaranteed pair; White Java Sparrows: F. A. Harrison, Chamberlayne House, Maidstone. (810)

WANTED good Norwich or Borders; exchange lady's beautifully embossed silver watch, in perfect order; (see Miscellaneous Exchange): Atkinson, Market-place, Gnisborough. (840)

WANTED Bullfinches, 3/- per pair; Goldfinches, 3/3 per pair; Siskins, 3/6 pair; all kinds of Canaries wanted; highest prices given: Dan Patterson, Bird Dealer, 37, St. Peter-st., Dundee. (838)

WANTED all kinds of Canaries for re-sale; state lowest price; prompt cash; also Goldfinches and Bullfinches, from catchers, any quantity. Mrs. A. Porrill, 8, Doncaster-rd., Barnsley. (836)

WANTED Rollers; exchange H.-M. Goldfinch and cinnamon hen, 1916; cash adjustments; wanted also disc gramophone and records, cheap: Booth, 75, Cornwall-st., Openshaw, Manchester. (833)

WANTED, all kinds of Canaries for prompt cash; highest prices paid for good birds; also Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and Siskins, 4/- per pair for good birds: Thos. McCrystal, 16, Langlands-rd., Goldfinches; will give 24/- dozen for cocks and 12/- a dozen for hens: also Bullies, Chaffinches, Siskins, Redpolls, Chaffinches wanted: J. Flower, 76, Sclater-st., Bethnal Green-rd., London. (840)

WANTED Goldfinches, cocks, 27/-; hens 14/- per dozen; Norwich, Yorkshire hens, 3/6; common hen, 2/6 each; cock Goldfinch, Linnet Mules, 7/6; hens 1/9 each; cash or receipt or deposit; straightforward dealing only: Hobbs, 141, King's-rd., Camden Town, London. (838)

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Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

LEITH O.S.

Annual table show, Feb. 9: 1st prize winners.—Nor. Plainhead: Proctor. Cl. Var. Bord.: G. Brown. Green or Cinn.: Munro. Goldf. or Bullf.: Proctor. Linnet: G. Brown. Greenf.: Rice. Bramble or Chaffinch: Munro. A.O. Brit. Finch: Watson. Judge, Mr. C. Milleg. A judging competition was afterwards held: 1, Walls; 2, Munro; 3, Watson. J. A. Carr, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Third table show, Feb. 17, in V.M. halls. Entries were a bit back from previous shows. Mr. James Dixon and Mr. James Pollock gave satisfaction as judges. Yorks.: 1, 2, Hetherington. Com. Can.: 1, Kennedy; 2, Perrie. Siskin, etc.: 1, McEwan; 2, Clarke. A.O.V. Ck.: 1, McEwan; 2, Clark. Hen: 1, 2, Thomson. J. Hetherington won special most points Canaries. A. Thomson special most points over series of shows. Meeting held after show; classes for pairs show fixed. Bord. yell. ck. and buff hen clears, buff ck. and yell. hen ck., ditto variegs., cinn. or green pairs; Nor., yell. ck. and buff hen, buff ck. and yell. hen; Yorks., A.O.V. Can., Bullf., Hyb., A.O.V. Hyb., mnling. Judging at 5. Rest of evening was spent in revising club and show rules.—A. Thomson, Sec.

CROYDON F.A.

Pairs and Finch show and lecture, Ruskin House, Croydon, Feb. 21. The show was a great success, the quality of the exhibits being exceptionally good. Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (5): 1, res, Halhead; 2, Paterson; 3, Chester. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (8): 1, Paterson; 2, 3, Chester; res, Halhead; vhc, Paterson; hc, A. Smith; c, Smith. Yorks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (8): 1, res, Last; 2, Mudd; 3, hc, c, Chester; vhc, Mudd. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (5): 1, Chester; 2, res, Mudd; 3, Last. Bord. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (2): 1, 2, Last. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (2): 1, 2, Last. Sell. (2): 1, 2, Halhead. Hyb. (1): Smith. Mr. Norman judged and an interesting lecture and discussion followed. The society has invested £10 in War Loan; five new members joined.—J. A. Halhead, hon. treas.

CLAY CROSS C.B.S.

Pair show, Feb. 24, Angel Hotel Club Room, with a capital entry of 37 pairs. Mr. A. Webster, Clay Cross, judged, and gave satisfaction.

Champ. Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, Birchinshaw; 3, Carrington. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Birchinshaw. Yorks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, Lauckham. Buff Cock, Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Lauckham. Muling Pairs: 1, Evans; 2, Harrison; 3, Carrington. Hyb.: All to Evans. Novice Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, Smitham; 3, Evans; vhc, Turner; hc, Goddard; c, Storer. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Turner; 2, 3, Smithson; vhc, Evans; hc, Goddard. Yorks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Taylor; 2, Beresford. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Goddard; vhc, Beresford. Muling Pairs: 1, 3, Evans; 2, Storer. Hybrid: 1, 2, Evans. Sell: Evans. We have close on thirty members, and our society has a radius of ten miles. Anyone desirous of becoming a member should write F. Harrison, Sec., 16, New-st., Hepthorne Lane, near Chesterfield; or W. Turner, 29, Highfields, North Wingfield, near Chesterfield, assist. sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Annual pair show, Feb. 17, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., with 64 entries, the best the society has had for a few years. The exhibits were well arranged by the stewards, Messrs. W. Dyer, J. Durham, J. Greenland, and Mrs. Gilbert. The show was well attended by fanciers and friends. Norwich were a good collection, and Yorks. too, were a grand lot, Mr. J. Herring taking special for best in show. Cup winner, Gilbert, 20 points; M. A. Bell won special for Norwich section with 15, and special for most points scored by vhc. hc. and c went to Hurst, with 9 points. Mr. Robson judged.

Champ. Nor. Yell Ck., Buff Hen (4): 1, 3, Gilbert; 2, vhc, Bell. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (4): 1, 3, vhc, Bell; 2, Gilbert. Yorks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (4): 1, 3, Herring; 2, vhc, Gilbert. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (4): 1, 2, Herring; 3, vhc, Gilbert. Amat. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (4): 1, Knight; 2, 3, Culliers, vhc, Stubbs. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (2): 1, 2, Knight. Yorks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (4): 1, Knight; 2, 3, Durham; vhc, Stubbs. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (8): 1, 2, Ayris; 3, hc, Durham; vhc, Stubbs. Nov. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (7): 1, 3, Bell; 2, Etherington; vhc, Greenland; hc, c, Hurst. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (6): 1, 2, Greenland; 3, Bell; vhc, hc, Hurst; c, Furr. Yorks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (4): 1, vhc, Dyer; 2, 3, Furr. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (2): 1, 2, Dyer. Goldf., and Can. Hen (4): 1, hc, Bell; 2, Gilbert; 3, vhc, Hurst. Greenf. and Can. Hen (1): Knight. Bullf. and Can. Hen (3): 1, Knight; 2, Gilbert; 3, Greenland. Hyb. (2): 1, E. Ayris; 2, Knight.

PLYMOUTH W.C.O.S.

Meeting and club show, Feb. 20, Oddfellows Hall, Morley; 86 birds were staged, a record for an evening show. We are holding a British show in March and hope to beat this hollow. Yorks. were judged by Mr. W. Dyer, and 22 of the very best had to go through it. Mr. S. Gill judged Norwich, and 29 was the number; not very special for this variety, but some of Plymouth's hot stuff was there. Crests were judged by Mr. French, and Cinnamons by Mr. W. Spillman. The latter were an eye-opener, 24 of them, and all the winners fit for open competition. Plymouth Norwich are famous, but if our members are allowed to buy the class of Cinnamons they want we are going to give up-country birds a run for their money.

Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, sp, Craven; 2, 4, 5, Woodley; 3, Oliver; 6, Fitzwalter; 7, Tooze. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Woodley; 4, 6, Craven; 5, Oliver. Yell. Hen: 1, Oliver; 2, 4, Craven; 3, Hambley; 5, Tooze. Buff: 1, Woodley; 2, FitzWalter; 3, Craven. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, 4, Mollit; 2, 5, Deakin; 3, Hambley; 6, 7, Garland. Buff: 1, sp, Garland; 2, Rowe; 3, 5, 6, Deakin; 4, Hambley; 7, Mollit. Yell. Hen: 1, Hambley; 2, Deakin; 3, 7, Garland; 4, 5, Mollitt; 6, Rowe. Buff: 1, 3, Garland; 2, 5, Mollitt; 4, 6, 7, Jolly. Crest Ck.: 1, Hutchings. Hen: 1, Rowe. C.B. Ck.: 1, 3, Bavage; 2, Rowe; 4, Hutchings. Cinn. Yell. Ck.: 1, Rapson; 2, Geach; 3, Perrin; 4, Craven; 5, Hutchings. Buff: 1, 3, sp, Geach; 2, Perrin; 4, 5, Rapson; 6, Craven. Yell. Hen: 1, Rapson; 2, Perrin; 3, Geach, 4, Craven; 5, Hutchings. Buff: 1, Craven; 2, Rapson. Nat. Col. Cinn.: 1, 3, 4, Dyer; 2, Rapson. A.O.V. Ck.: Cheney. Hen Cheney.—W. A. Dyer, hon sec.

WAKEFIELD O.S.

Meeting and pair show, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Mr. F. Bedford presided over a good attendance. Messrs. Isherwood and Thorpe judged, and were cordially thanked. A very good discussion ensued on the birds present, which should help the novices: 1, 3, Barber; 2, Hough; 4, Rolling, vhc, Alexander; hc, Talbot; c, Cousins. We have made a few new members, but could do with plenty more, and shall be pleased to furnish any information to anyone desirous of joining us.—T. H. Alexander, Hon. Sec., 11, Regent Street, New Scarboro, Wakefield.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Pair show, Feb. 24. Sixty pairs were staged—a record for the club—and the exhibits were of a very high order. Crests: 1, 2, Ritchie. Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (7): 1, McLean; 2, Docherty; 3, Robertson. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (6): 1, sp, McLean; 2 Docherty; 3, Cummings. Bord. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, McCardle. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (3): 1, 3, McCardle; 2, Morton. Yorks (5): 1, 2, 3, McLellan. Muling Pair (10): 1, McIntyre; 2, Trotter; 3, Struthers. Linnet-Can. (10): 1, Beattie; 2, McNeil; 3, McIntyre. Hyb. Pairs (8): 1, McCardle; 2, 3, Trotter. With Bullf. Hen (7): 1, McKirdy; 2, McIntyre; 3, McNeil. The club is now open to all and meets every third Thursday in month at Morrison's Restaurant, Kilbowie Road. Mr. Kane resigned secretaryship.—R. McCardle, Sec.

GLASGOW (Queen's Park) C.B.S

Very successful show of matched pairs, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Eglinton Toll, Feb. 17. Upwards of 50 pairs were staged, many of the past season's winners being on view, necessitating some care on the part of the judges to decide. The classes, on the whole, were fairly well supported, and the Border class was a hot one of 16 pairs. Messrs. A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch, and C. Campbell, Glasgow, judged. Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (7): 1, sp, 2, Cairns; 3, Stewart; 4, Hunter; 5, McLellan; 6, Knox; 7, McLuskie. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (6): 1, 2, Cairns; 3, Stewart; 4, Knox; 5, Hunter; 6, McLuskie. Nov., Nor. (4): 1, sp, 2, Robertson; 3, 4, McLuskie. Yorks. (2): 1, sp, 2, McLellan. Bord. (16): 1, 3, Sellars; 2, 4, 7, Livingstone; 5, sp, 6, Campbell. Crests (2): 1, 2, Hamilton. Goldf. and Can. (3): 1, sp, Connelly; 2, Knox; 3, McLellan. Linnet and Can. (3): 1, McClymont; 2, Connelly; 3, Knox. Greenf. and Can. (1): 1, Connelly. Bullf. Hen and A.V. Ck. (5): 1, McClymont; 2, Knox; 3, Lawson. Hyb. Pairs (1): 1, McClymont. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, sp, 5, Hamilton; 2, sp, Knox; 4, Connelly. The Society is making rapid strides in popularity, and with the present season just opened new members are coming forward, and the prospects are rosy.—A. Foreman, Sec.

LEADGATE C.B.S.

Second annual show, Feb. 17, 18, in the Victoria Working Men's Club, kindly lent for the occasion by the Committee, who also kindly gave £2 10s. towards expenses and prize money. We had a total of 110 entries, not as many Canaries as we would like, but a grand display of British. Great credit is due to the sec., Mr. J. W. Rowell, who had show arrangements well in hand. He was ably assisted by the Committee, and everything passed off without a hitch. Mr. George Barkass, Westwood, judged.

Nor. Yell. Ck. (1): 1, Anderson. Yell. Hen (1): 1, sp, Anderson. Buff (2): 1, 2, sp, Peart and Hutchinson. Yorks. Yell. Ck. (5): 1, Reed; 2, Peart and Hutchinson; 3, vhc, Collins; hc, Graham. Buff (5): 1, Collins; 2, vhc, Reed; 3, Graham; hc, Forster. Yell. Hen (3): 1, Reed; 2, Collins; 3, Peart and Hutchinson. Buff (3): 1, Foster; 2, Reed; 3, Collins. Bord. Yell. Ck. (2): 1, 2, Cant. Buff (1): 1, Cant. Hen (2): 1, Cant; 2, Anderson. A.O.V. (5): 1, hc, Peart and Hutchinson; 2, 3, vhc, Simpson. Goldf. (9): 1, Havells; 2, Forster; 3, Cant; vhc, Blight; hc, Brough; c, Jackson. Bullf. (7): 1, Johnson; 2, c, Blight; 3, sp, Rowell; vhc, Hall; hc, Gardner. Greenf. (13), a grand class: 1, sp, Rowell; 2, Brough; 3, hc, Peart and Hutchinson; vhc, Henderson; c, Atkinson. Siskin, etc. (9): 1, 2, Mason; 3, Peart and Hutchinson; vhc, Havells; hc, Simpson; c, Henderson. Linnet, H.M. (13): 1, sp, Cant; 2, Johnson; 3, Hall; vhc, Bentick; hc, Mason; c, Coulte. F.M. (12): 1, Mason; 2, Forster; 3, Bentick; vhc, Blight; hc, Armstrong; c, McKenna. Hen (6): 1, Johnson; 2, Gardner; 3, Armstrong; vhc, Blight; hc, Proudfoot; c, Atkinson. A.O.V. (8): 1, Johnson; 2, Armstrong; 3, Allinson; vhc, Bentick; hc, Havells; c, Ford. Mule or Hyb. (3): 1, Peart and Hutchinson; 2, sp, Rowell; 3, Hall. Special most points British, R. Johnson.—J. W. Rowell, Sec

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Annual match pair show held North Royal Stores, The Hayes. Entries came up well, considering a number of the members are now serving with the colours. Norwich and Yorks. were extra good, a number of well-known winners being on view, the Rev. C. B. Jolliffe, Messrs. James S. Wells, H. C. Smith, E. J. Banks, E. Thomas putting down some warm teams. We admired the pluck of Mr. Bevan, coming down from Perth, also M. Pugh from Senghenydd. Messrs. Emerson and Winston put down 15 pairs of muling and hybrid pairs, having to employ a conveyance to bring the birds all the way from Whitchurch. Special winners: Best Norwich and Norwich pair, Thomas; best Yorks., Smith; best Yorks. pair, Banks; best Brit., Paterson, with a grand Goldfinch. The judges were: Canaries, A. Maggs; British and Mules, E. J. Davies. Three drawings of the Norwich Plainhead by Mr. E. W. Allsopp were much admired, one being the now well-known buff of Mr. Crawshaw.

Yell. Ck.: 1, E. Thomas; 2, Rev. Jolliffe; 3, 4 James and Wells; vhc, Williams. Buff: 1, Thomas, 2, James and Wells; 3, Rev. Jolliffe. Yell. Hen: 1, Rev. Jolliffe; 2, James and Wells; 3, Thomas. Buff: 1, Rev. Jolliffe, 2, Thomas; 3, Williams. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 4, Thomas; 2, 3, vhc, James and Wells; hc, Rev. Jolliffe; c, Pearce. Buff Ck., Yell Hen: 1, vhc, James and Wells; 2, Pearce; 3, hc, Thomas; 4, Rev. Jolliffe; c, Williams. Nov., Nor.: 1, Wilson. Pairs: 1, D. Paterson. Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, 3, Banks; 2, 4, Smith. Buff: 1, 4, Smith; 2, 3, Banks, vhc, hc, Bevan. Yell. Hen: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Banks. Buff: 1, 3, Banks; 2, Smith. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, Banks; 3, Bevan; 4, Smith. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Banks; 2, Smith, 4, Bevan. Nov., Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, Pugh, 2 Wilson. Buff: 1, Pugh. Yell. Hen: 1, Pugh. Buff: 1, 3, Pugh; 2, 4, Wilson. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, 3, Pugh. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Pugh. Can. Muling Pairs: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Emerson and Winstone. Hyb.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Emerson and Winstone; 2, Brailli. Mule or Hyb.: 1, A. Ball. Goldf.: 1, Peterson. 2, Bevan; 3, Ford; 4, Bosley; vhc, Haimes. Bullf.: 1, Ball; 2, 3, Bevan, 4, Ford. Greenf.: 1, Peterson; 2, Haimes. Hardbill Hen: 1, Peterson; 2, 3, Emerson and Winstone. Softbill: 1, Haimes.—E. Thomas, Sec., 48, Craddock Street, Cardiff. (Kindly see note at head of members' shows.—Ed.)

HULL ROLLER C.C.

Members' show, headquarters Argyle House, Anlaby Road, the first of its kind held in the town. Mr. Rawcliffe, Grimsby, judged, and congratulated the members on the quality of the bird. The attendance was very good, and everything went on splendidly. 20 birds entered.

1, Baggaley, HR 5, B 4, HB 3, Sch. 2, GR 2, WG 3, BG 2, F 2, BR 3, GE 4; total, 30 points; 2, Earnshaw, HR 6, B 4, HB 2, Sch. 2, WG 3, BBW 1, WR 3, BR 2, BT 2, GE 4, total 28; 3, F. Scarratt, HR 5, B 3, HB 2, Sch. 3, G 3, F 2, DBW 1, WR 3, BR 1, BT 1, GE 4, total 27; 4, H. Burns, HR 5, B 3, Sch. 3, WG 3, F 2, DBW 2, WR 2, BR 1, BT 1, GE 4, total 26; 5, Earnshaw, HR 4, B 3, GR 2, WG 2, BG 2, F 2, WR 2, BR 2, BT 2, GE 4, total 26; 6, B. Green, HR 5, B 5, Sch. 2, WG 2, F 2, WR 2, BR 1, BT 1, GE 4, total 24; vhc, H. Burns, 24; F. Gulshaw, 23; c, A. Baggaley, 23. A. Baggaley, Sec.

READING C.B.S

Members' annual pair show, London Tavern, Feb. 21. Taking in consideration so many members being either in H.M. Forces or working out of the town an entry of 46 pairs must be considered satisfactory. Norwich were the pick and most numerous, Yorks being very poor in entries, only 5 pairs, and four belonging to Miss Garland. It is hoped that this lady will soon be getting more opposition, as it is no sport exhibiting against oneself. In champion Norwich some real good birds were exhibited. In yell. cock buff hen Mr. Lovegrove had first with a splendid pair, and Mr. Wilson ran him close with a cock, but failed with hen. In buff ck., yell. hen Mr. Lovegrove again scored with a typical pair, Mr. Smith running him close, but failed in colour. Amateur Nor. were not quite up to the standard of former years, but some good birds were staged. Nov. Nor., too, were a little on the decline, but, being new fanciers, they have something to learn. Special mention must be made of a fine buff hen in Mr. Palmer's pair. Mr. Robson judged, and afterwards gave comments on the birds exhibited.

Champ. Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 3, Lovegrove; 2, vhc, Wilson, hc, Foster; c, Smith. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, hc, c, Lovegrove; 2, 3, Smith, vhc, Wilson. Yks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, Miss Garland. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Miss Garland; 3, Hatch. Muling Pairs: 1, Foster; 2, Mrs. Wilson. Hyb.: 1, 2, Mrs. Wilson. Amat. Nor. Yell Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Hatch; 2, hc, Larkcom; 3, vhc, Mrs. Bidmead. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Larkcom; 3, Hatch; vhc, hc, Mrs. Bidmead. Novice Nor Yell Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, vhc, Turnham; 3, c, Palmer; hc, Mrs. Wright. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Turnham; 3, Mrs. Wright. O. C. Smith, Sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest for qualifiers, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Feb. 25; 20 birds sang for four prizes. 1, 2, Bamfield; 3, Binns; 4, Brophy. Judges T. C. Summers, A. Butterfield.—T. C. Summers, hon. sec.

West Leeds Linnet and C.F.A. Linnet contest, Feb. 25, Viaduct Hotel, 24 birds contested: 1, Tate, 2, Dobson; 3, Jarrow; 4, Chadwick and Wood shared. Judges, D. Clegg and T. Kippling; timekeeper, G. Batcholer.—T. Cawood, Sec.

Canary contest, Feb. 25, Prince of Wales Hotel, 19 birds contested, and a few visitors turned up from Woodhouse way. 1, 3, Wood; 2, McNichols. Judges, C. Towes and T. Cawood; timekeeper, G. Batcholer.—T. Cawood, Sec.

Open contest, Glassmaker's Arms, York-rd., Feb. 25. Linnets, 1st match, 28 birds: 1, Marshall; 2, W. Buckley; 3, Hurst; 4, A. Buckley. 2nd match, night singing, 18 birds: 1, Marshall; 2, Hurst; 3, Newsome. Judges, Messrs. Bonfield, Dearlove Smith.—G. Marshall, Hon. Sec

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, Feb. 25. 36 birds sang, and some very good singing was heard: 1, 2, Parlett; 3, Jackson.

Driver will match any bird in Sheffield, time singing, 1½ minutes face, 1½ minutes tin, for £5.—(Advt.). E. Phillipson, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Club sing, Feb. 25, with a very good entrance of 51 birds for four prizes, three minutes' time singing: 1, Scotson, 92; 2, Plows, 87; 3, 4, W. Nelson, 76, 65.—S. Pugh, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax Linnet Club, Commercial Hotel, Members' sing, Feb. 24. 37 birds entered for 3 min. sing Next Saturday, March 3, we commence with 4 min. sing, 1 min. spring, and 3 min. bluff: 1, 3, Collinson; 2, Potter. Timekeepers, J. Cooper, R. Plows. Tappers, J. Liversedge, H. Collinson.—R. Plows, Sec

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, Doncaster Road, Feb. 18; 20 birds sang for 5 prizes; Shepherd timer, Bamforth chalker. 1, Jennings, 3min. 40sec.; 2, Norman, 3-20; 3, Norburn, 3-15; 4, 5, Hardman and France, tie, 3-13 each. Feb. 25, 20 birds sang for 5 prizes, same timer and chalker. 1, tie, Norburn and Hardman, 3-30 each; 3, Jones, 3-28; 4, Brushy, 3-27; 5, Wright, 3-25, 8 birds doing over 3 minutes in 4. Can any club in Yorkshire beat this for time singing?—J. Hardman, Sec.

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Twitterings.

Mr. S. Wilcock, Eccleshill, will judge at the show of the Wakefield O.S., Dec. 26 next.

At Sale Show Mr. Lloyd James won 2nd in the Goldfinch class, and 5th in A.O.V. Field Moulted, not Lloyd as in our report.

Mr. J. Kent, hon. sec. Coventry O.S., writes that Mr. J. H. Roe has been elected judge of the annual show of the society, Nov. 14th.

I thank you on behalf of my wife for the honour bestowed upon her Siskin Canary exhibited at Birmingham Show, writes Mr. T. Fisher, Lancaster. To see it so life-like on the front of CAGE BIRDS is a great pleasure, and much credit is due to your artist.

Prize Money Paid.

We hear that prize money has been paid in respect of Sutton-in-Ashfield and Huthwaite Amalgamated C.B.S., according to schedule. Any exhibitor requiring further information should write to the Sec., Mr. A. Parker, 151, Sutton Road, Huthwaite, Notts.

Changes of Address.

Mr. H. Rushton writes that he has removed from Moss Street to Stanley Arms Cottages, Eccleston, Nr. Prescot, and Mr. J. A. Davis that he has changed from 4, Church Road, Bedminster, to 27, Old Market Street, Bristol.

Annual Meeting of the Crested C.C.

The general meeting of the Crested C.C., writes Mr T. Heath, Hon. Sec., will be held March 22, at 7.30 p.m. sharp, at the Red Lion Hotel, York Street, Piccadilly, to pass the accounts for last year, elect new members, and transact any other business.

Cheltenham's 1917 Show.

We have fixed our next annual show for Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 7 and 8, write Messrs. Treasure and Pomsett, hon. secs. Cheltenham C.B.S. This is a week later than the date on which we have held it for a number of years, but we have altered to avoid clashing with Sheffield and Leicester.

A Removal.

Mr. J. Glover, hon. sec. Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A., writes that the headquarters of the Society in future will be the Victoria Hotel, opposite Stoke football ground. This, says Mr. Glover, is more central than the old headquarters, and there is a spacious room which will be ideal for the purpose of bird shows.

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Starving Gulls.

From all round the coast come stories of birds driven inland in search of food. Miles from the sea, in Lincolnshire, Suffolk, and Essex, these C III. Gulls mix with the Rooks and follow the plough, picking up grubs and upturned worms. At Deal they have been stealing the fish from the very nets as the fishermen drag them ashore, and on Romney Marsh, where the keddle-nets are used, the men often have to arm themselves with sticks to beat the ravenous birds away. "The Star," London.

Migratory Movements of the Thrush and Blackbird.

From a reprint which has been forwarded to us by Messrs. Witherby, of the account in "British Birds" of February, of the results of ringing various British Birds under the "British Birds" marking scheme, we take the following as especially interesting to our own readers.

BRITISH SONG THRUSH (*Turdus ph. Clarkei.*)

Of Song-Thrushes ringed as nestlings in England and the southern half of Scotland and recovered in following winters we have twenty-four records. Exactly half of these have been found at or near home and half away. Those which were reported from Ireland, France, and Spain were ringed on the western side of Great Britain, with the exception of one bird ringed in Yorkshire and found in France.

Apart from those recovered in winter, I may mention here that of ten Song-Thrushes ringed as nestlings and recovered in following summers, all were found at or near the place of their birth—eight in the following summer, and one each in second and third summers.

An interesting record which may also be referred to here is that of a Song-Thrush ringed in Westmorland in February and found in the following February in co. Clare. This bird may, of course, have been an immigrant to Westmorland; the single record provides no proof whatever, but it suggests that these birds do not always winter in the same place each year, and in such cases weather conditions may be an important factor.

The following is a summary of the records of Song-Thrushes ringed as nestlings and recovered in winter.

Totals and Percentages.

	Total recovered.	Near or at home.	Away.
Ringed as nestlings in England and Scotland	24	12	12

Periods between Ringing and Recovery.

	Recovered at home.	Recovered away.
In following winter	5	11
,, 2nd winter ...	3	1
,, 3rd winter ...	3	—
,, 4th winter ...	1	—

Extent and Direction of Movements.

Recovered in—
Ireland, 6 from S.W. Scotland and Lancashire.
France, 2 from Lancashire and Yorkshire.
Spain, 1 from Lancashire.
Lincolnshire, 1 from Oxfordshire.
Norfolk, 1 from Berkshire.
Isle of Man, 1 from Northumberland.

THE BLACKBIRD (*Turdus m. merula*).

There are twenty-one cases of Blackbirds ringed as nestlings and recovered in winter. The proportion of these which moved is very small, as will be seen from the summary, compared to that in the Song-Thrush, only 28 per cent. having gone away as compared to 50 per cent. in the Song-Thrush. Here again Ireland is the most favoured wintering place.

We also have ten records of Blackbirds ringed as nestlings and recovered in following summers. All these, as in the cases of Song-Thrushes, were found at or near the place of their birth—six in the following summer and two each in the second and third summers.

Totals and Percentages.

	Total recovered.	Near or at home.	Away.
Ringed as nestlings in England and Scotland	21	15	6

Periods between Ringing and Recovery.

	Recovered at home.	Recovered away.
In following winter	7	5
,, 2nd winter ...	3	1
,, 3rd winter ...	1	—
,, 4th winter ...	4	—

Extent and Direction of Movements.

Recovered in—
Ireland, 3 from Dumfriesshire and Derbyshire.
France, 1 from Lincolnshire.
Pembroke, 1 from Stirlingshire.
Essex, 1 from Warwickshire.

Wild Seed for British Birds.

Mr. Hepwood, Allbrighton, has sent us a sample of the wild seed he is advertising in our columns. Our Mr. Norman reports this is quite a good collection of useful seeds, such as charlock, dandelion, thistle, corn marigold, etc., all of which are relished by British Finches, and form a nice addition to the usual stock mixture. Canaries would also pick over the wild seed, and select those which they fancied.

Instructive Evenings for London Fanciers.

At the meeting of the S.W. London C.B.A., Mar. 7, at the Plough Hotel, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction, at 8, Mr. J. Jeffrey will lecture on "Preparing for the Breeding Season," and at the meeting on Mar. 6 of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., at the Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, at 8, Messrs. G. Sands and C. H. Grendell will speak on Breeding and General Management of Canaries, with an open debate to follow. Our artist and British bird expert, Mr. H. Norman, will lecture at the meeting of the London and Counties A.C.B., at the Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., on March 3, at 7.30. Fanciers interested will be welcome at these meetings, and should be certain of hearing something to their advantage.

Beautiful Bird Pictures.

"The Sphere" of Jan. 27, has an article on the Bird Life of Salonika, by Mr. W. P. Pycraft, which is illustrated by some very beautiful photographs. The picture of a tame Golden Eagle on the hand of an officer is a wonderful presentation. The inscription to this remarkable picture reads as follows:—"This magnificent Golden Eagle belongs to an officer on the Balkan front, and is so tame that strangers can handle him. When first caught he was only just fledged, a mere ball of fluffy feathers, but he flourished exceedingly in captivity, and does full credit to his upbringing. He takes long flights daily, but never fails to return to his master, with whom he is here seen indulging in a friendly tussle. The Eagle balancing on the leathern glove recalls the hawking scenes of ancient days."

THE ESSENTIALS OF AVICULTURE

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To bring the cocks into condition a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts of hemp, linseed, niger, maw and broken groats given three times a week is very efficacious, and might also be given to the hens if at all backward.

For green food there is nothing as reliable as the young leaves of the dandelion. These act as an excellent tonic, and the birds ought to have it daily when possible. Many authorities state that the hens are better with a less stimulating form of green food, such as groundsel or chickweed, but, if the dandelion is used judiciously it is a very valuable adjunct.

Mention must also be made of the bath, and on all fine days this ought to be given.

Sometimes it is found that the hens are coming on much more rapidly than the cocks, and here it is necessary to remove the cocks from their sight and hearing, and a pinch of sulphate of soda in the drinking water will assist. It is unnecessary to add that the more stimulating parts of the diet should be discontinued.

To prevent egg-binding and soft shelled eggs cuttlefish bone must always be in the cages, and a pinch of niger seed every second day is a valuable preventive of the former.

The time has now come to introduce the hen to the breeding quarters, about the third week in March being a rough date for this proceeding. If a double breeding cage is to be used, and this is strongly advised, she must be put on one side of the partition, and when she has settled down, her mate can be placed on the other. Do not allow the birds to fly together suddenly, or quarrelling, which will seriously affect breeding operations, will result.

If a single breeding cage is used some plan must be devised for introducing the cock to the hen, and at the same time keeping them apart. A nursery cage fastened on the front is of use, but there is always the possibility of the cock bird contracting a chill.

Soon the cock will start singing and calling to the hen, who in response will be noticed to fly excitedly from perch to perch, probably carrying a feather or any light material that comes to her beak and hopping down occasionally to be fed by him. Now is the time to pull the slide. Do not delay when the birds are in breeding condition. It is equally harmful to put the birds together prematurely, but the signs are unmistakable, and should be carefully watched for.

The behaviour of the birds now varies very much, some settling down quickly to the important business of nest building, whilst others appear to consider it an appropriate time to decide which is to hold the reins of government, with the result that what appears to be a pitched battle takes place. This, however is only a temporary condition, and the next thing that will be observed is the cock calling to the hen from the side of the nest.

Before supplying the birds with nesting material, fasten in the lining of the nest pan with some adhesive material, shaking a layer of insect powder between the pan and the lining. Nesting material should be given sparingly at first; a few beakfulls of the coarser part is all that is necessary. A hen who builds her nest quickly and is not ready to lay usually pulls it to pieces, so small quantities at a time should be the rule.

Some hens, especially the more highly bred individuals, refuse to make the nest, and then it falls to the owner to construct one. The material should be well teased out, and placed evenly over the nest pan, and a hot hard-boiled hen's egg allowed to remain in the centre until it cools. This moulds it, and makes a splendid substitute for the more carefully formed nest built by the birds themselves.

As the time for the first egg to appear draws near, the hen seems drowsy, and a careful watch should be kept for egg binding. It should be a matter of routine to examine all hens at this stage as early as possible each morning, and although no symptoms have appeared with the first egg, do not imagine that all cause for anxiety has been removed. It sometimes happens that it is with the third or fourth egg that the trouble commences, so no one can afford to disregard this important complication until the full number has been laid.

This varies widely in the Canary, the usual number being four to a clutch, but as low as two, and as many as seven or eight have been recorded. To prevent the eggs being hatched out at different periods, with the result that the youngest might go to the wall, it is the usual custom to remove each egg as it is laid, and substitute a false egg for it. These are easily procurable, and are made to represent the natural egg in size and colour. When four eggs have thus been collected they are all returned at once, and the times of hatching out will be approximately the same.

A useful receptacle for the eggs is an empty shallow cigar box filled with sawdust, and kept in a cool place. Where there are several pairs of birds this is divided into sections, which are numbered to correspond with one previously assigned to the cage from which the eggs have been removed.

The hens usually lays an egg each day, and the period of incubation, which dates from that on which the last one appeared, is 14 days. During this time, if the cock does not annoy the hen, it is very probable he will be a great help in the feeding of the young, and in such case he should be allowed to remain, but, if at all mischievously inclined the best plan is to remove him to the other side of the breeding cage, and use a wooden slide between.

During the period of incubation the diet should be the usual staple diet of seeds, with the addition of a little crushed hemp occasionally and green food daily. Dandelion can now be dispensed with, and the less stimulating kinds such as watercress and chickweed substituted. The daily bath must not be forgotten, and a pinch or two of salt added to it goes a long way to keeping the hen in condition.

On the 13th day give a little egg food as described in the chapter on "The feeding of birds," and on the morning of the 14th use pure yolk of egg. The day after the young are hatched a little breadcrumb should be added, gradually increasing the quantity until on the 4th day the staple mixture of two-parts breadcrumb to one-part egg is reached. The white can be added to the yolk if desired, but it is very difficult to macerate sufficiently to get a satisfactory mixture, and so it is best omitted until later on when the digestions of the young birds are stronger.

If on the 14th day nothing happens it is just as well to test the fertility of the eggs. There are many ways which are supposed to be infallible tests, but the easiest of all is to place the egg opposite a hole cut in a piece of black cardboard, and hold it to the light. If clear or blotchy it is useless, and can be discarded, but if of a uniform opaqueness then it in all possibility contains a chick which will soon make its presence known if placed for five seconds in warm water and returned to the nest. Occasionally the young die almost immediately, and these must be removed from the nest as soon as possible.

We have now a nest of young Canaries to deal with, and the added interest ought to be reflected in the carefulness with which the owner observes details.

The egg food should be supplied freshly made two, or better still three times daily, regulating the amount to the appetites and needs of the birds. Half a teaspoonful at a time is usually ample to start with, and will serve as a guide to the quantity required. Make quite certain all utensils are scrupulously clean, and that no stale remnants get into the fresh supply.

(*To be continued.*)

THE NIGHTINGALE IN NATURE AND CAPTIVITY.

By the kindness of a reader, Mr. O. S. Manners, Stapleford, Notts., we are enabled to republish the following interesting article, which appeared in a work published in 1799. The wording is reproduced exactly as printed, and we have thought it as well to add an occasional foot note.

A SAXON word is said to form the etymology of the name, viz., galan, "to sing," combined with night, as the Nightingale pours forth its strains in the lonely hours of repose. These vigils did not pass unnoticed by the ancients, who have remarked that "to have less rest than a Nightingale is a sign of a bad sleeper."

Our favourite poet, Milton, omits no opportunity of introducing this lovely bird. How finely does it serve to compose the solemn scenery of his Penseroso.

"In her saddest, sweetest plight,
Smoothing the rugged brow of night;
While Cynthia checks her dragon yoke,
Gently o'er the accustom'd oak.
Sweet bird, that shunn'st the noise of folly,
Most musical, most melancholy.
Thee, chauntress, oft the woods among,
I woo to hear thy evening song."

In another place he styles it "the solemn bird," and he says again—

"As the wakeful bird,
Sings darkling, and, in shadiest covert hid,
Tunes her nocturnal note."

We hope the reader will pardon one or two more quotations on a subject so truly engaging to the mind.

The same poet, describing the retirement of animals to repose, says—

"Silence accompanied; for beast and bird,
They to their grassy couch, these to their nests,
Were slunk; all but the wakeful Nightingale;
She all night long her am'rous descant sung.

When Eve passed the irksome night preceding her fall, she, in a dream, imagines herself thus reproached with losing the beauties of the night:—

"Why sleep thou, Eve? Now is the pleasant time,
The cool, the silent; save where silence yields
To the night-warbling bird, that now awake,
Tunes sweetest its love-labour'd song."

We now proceed to the more immediate subject of the chapter.

Extract from a French Treatise on the Art of Catching, Feeding and Keeping of Nightingales.

The Nightingale has ever been allowed the first rank among singing birds; his size is less than a Sparrow's, weighing hardly an ounce; his bill is long and pliant, and when opened, discovers a wide, orange coloured throat. The feathers of the head, neck, and back are sallow, the wings and tail brighter than the rest of the body. The hen is a little more upon the ash-colour. This bird loves solitude; some resort in mountains, some in fields, and some near the banks of rivers.

It is admirable from so small a body to obtain such charming sounds. One of the greatest pleasures the country affords in the summer season is listening to the rural melody of the Nightingale, which exceeds not only that of any other singing bird, but no instrument can vie with it.

At his return in the spring his voice is much stronger than towards the autumn. When the young are hatched the cock sings no more, or but very little; if young ones are taken before they have learned their lesson from their parents they never will sing so well as others.

Nightingales take great care of their young; the old cock instructs them in singing, he repeats his lesson, and they attentively hearken to him. What Gesner relates, as communicated to him in a letter from a friend of his, concerning the dialogue in High Dutch between two Nightingales, has too much of the miraculous to insert here; it would be of little use to the reader, and therefore we shall omit it altogether.

An Old, Old Story.

A Nightingale cannot endure much cold, and if, when in a cage in the winter season, he is not kept warm, he will soon perish. What becomes of the Nightingales in winter is not quite agreed on; however, it is the opinion of some that they do not pass the sea, but shelter themselves from the cold without leaving the country; sportsmen aver that they have killed many in winter that have concealed themselves in quarries and other places exposed to the south.

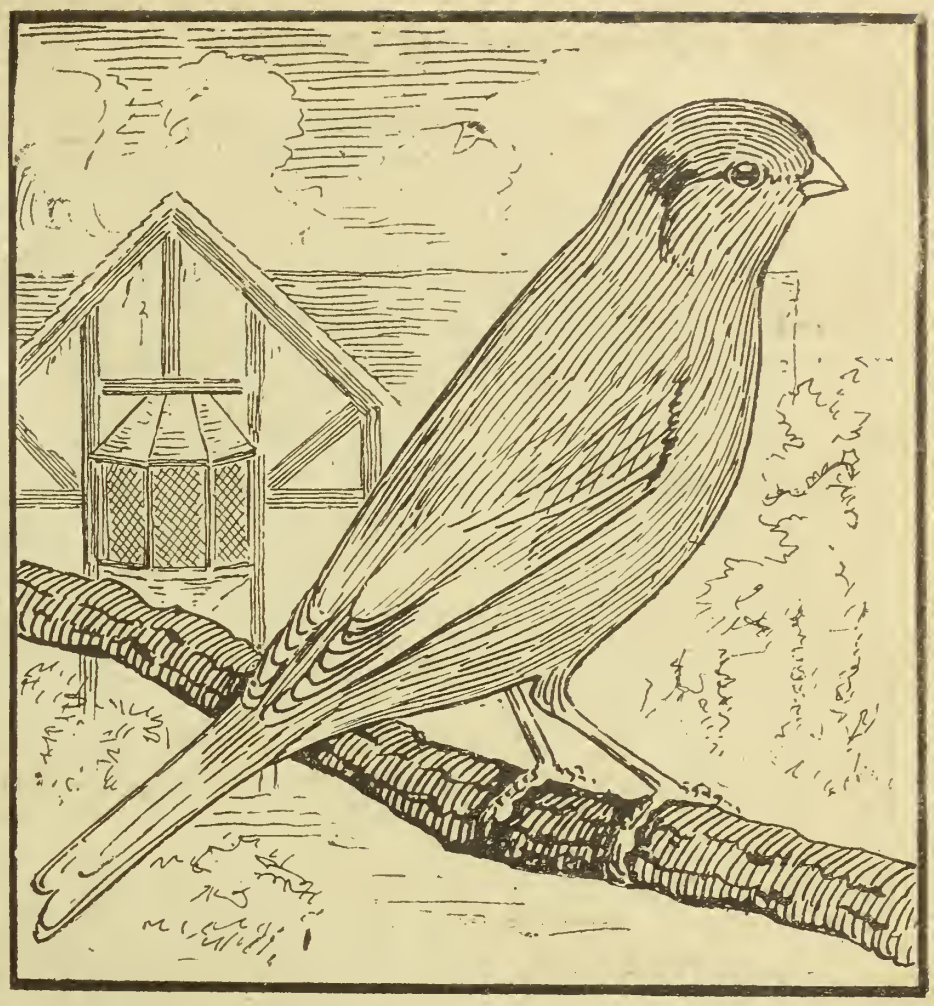
The ordinary resort of Nightingales is near hills or brooks; of these favourite places he prefers that which has the advantage of an echo. Whilst the hen is laying her eggs, and more especially when she sits, the cock utters his most beautiful notes, and redoubles night and day the energy of his song, to divert and comfort his female from the pains of laying and the fatigue of sitting.

The Nightingale builds his nest usually among briars, in box or yew trees, or at the foot of a hedge or a bush, for which reason many layers of eggs are destroyed by dogs, foxes, weasels, polecats, etc. The nest is pretty long and deep, consisting of dry oak leaves chiefly.

In hot climates they will produce four layers of eggs in a year; in this country but three at most; the third seldom comes to anything on account of the advancing cold nights. They commonly lay four or five eggs, which look as if they were splashed over, and are hatched more by cocks than hens* The fittest time to look for nests is in the morning at sun-rising, or in the evening towards sunset, near the place where the cock has been heard to sing, which commonly is not far from the nest. There you are to remain still, without making the least noise, and before long you will know where abouts the nest is by the cock and hen flying backwards and forwards, and by the chirping of the young ones.

(To be continued.)

This statement is inserted as printed. It is to be noted, of course, that "this country" in the text refers to France. Nightingales certainly do not have three clutches of eggs in our country.—(Editor "Cage Birds.")



This fine Ticked Norwich Canary won 2nd prize at the show of the City and Suburban Association of Canary Breeders for its owner, Mr. G. Butterfield, Hammersmith.

The Essentials of Aviculture.

By J. W. N.

(Continued from page 89.)

A Series of comprehensive articles, embracing the proper management of all kinds of birds in captivity, their housing, feeding, general management and diseases, and the breeding of species, Mules and Hybrids.

LASTLY, there is the tail; this should be full feathered, have good carriage, and not droop, and well feathered underflue.

If the age be now added to this little list the breeder will have a full description of any one of his birds, and will be able to refer to it at a future date. If the breeding results be subsequently added it will prove a source of absorbing interest.

For the novice who has only a limited experience it is strongly recommended that he should have what doctors term "a second opinion." Let a friend older in the ways of birdkeeping go over the birds, noting the same points as the owner, and after a comparison of results, the final decision will be fairly accurate.

The preliminaries to pairing are now finished, and there are definite rules to help the breeder at this stage.

Axioms in Pairing Canaries.

If two birds with the same fault or the same virtue be bred from, the faults or virtues tend to be perpetuated in the offspring. The practical bearing of this axiom is that great care should be exercised in making quite sure that the two matched birds do not both have the same weakness, as not only is it certain to be reprodnced, but there is a tendency for it to be accentuated.

In practice it will be found that birds, like human beings, have their good and bad features, and that no two are alike. It is here that another law steps in and provides the fascination of breeding. In simple language it is this:—

If two birds are bred from both of which are faulty in a certain particular, but in the one case it is greater than, and in the other less than the standard, there is every possibility that there will be one or more of the resulting young which closely approximates to the ideal.

To make the meaning clearer we will take the neck, the standard of which is "of medium thickness." In the case mentioned one of the parents would have a thin snake-like neck, whilst that belonging to the other would be thick and stubby. The result of breeding from this pair would be that some of the young would err on either side of the standard, but there is a chance that one will appear with a well-formed typical neck, and this is the result that has been hoped for.

If all the anatomical points are carefully weighed in the balance, with a clear understanding of the basic principles just mentioned, then a bird of good shape is sure to be hatched, which in its turn can be bred from, and this forms the nucleus of a prize strain.

Of course to start with it is very seldom that the beginner has the luck to have one or more pairs of birds whose young will take premier honours, and so it is only by breeding out the faults and breeding in the virtues that the show bird appears after a season or two of careful matching.

A Hobby for Everybody.

Hence the absorbing nature of this pursuit which appeals alike to the man of science who, noting his results, applies them to other and wider problems of heredity, and to the working man who feels pleased that his judgment has been rewarded after a longer or shorter period, and who delights in the appearance which a prize bird presents.

The same principles apply to the inheritance of markings and colour, but the texture of the feathers requires a little amplification. As many readers will own Canaries, the following remarks apply particularly to them:—

The object to be aimed at is to have the feathers of good size and quality. Now the character of the plumage varies very much in the buff and yellow varieties, in fact they are distinctly opposed. The buff feather is broad, and carries down, whilst the yellow is finer and narrower in the web; hence the reason for always mating buff to yellow as a general principle. True there are occasions when one mates buff to buff, or yellow to yellow, but this is only temporary, and the next mating will conform to the rule stated above.

Whilst on the subject of Canaries it is not out of place to say a few words about colour. Unless the parents are very rich in colour it is best to match a marked bird with a clear one. The former will have a good deal of green in its composition, and, as this is the source of all natural colouring, its value will be appreciated.

Certain varieties of Canaries carry crests, and in matching those for breeding purposes the best results are found to take place with only one parent being crested, the other being what is known as "Crest bred. This is a bird one of whose parents was crested whilst the other had a plain head. It is in this way the finest Crests are produced.

There only remains now the question of age. The best birds are undoubtedly bred from young parents; a year-old cock and an unflighted hen is a very strong combination, but as long as the birds are healthy and vigorous there are prospects of success.

The final word in regard to pairing lies with the discussion of inbreeding. This is the mating of related birds, and is a process that requires very careful watching. It is a most excellent method for fixing some point in a strain, but the process in unskilled hands tends to a rapid deterioration of stock. Any sign of degeneracy must be immediately counteracted by the introduction of fresh blood.

With these directions the would-be breeder is in a position to make a judicious selection of those he intends to pair. To illustrate the process of breeding in cages I will take the Canary as an example, and describe fully the procedure.

A Spring Cleaning.

Before the breeding season commences, start preparing. About the middle of March overhaul thoroughly all cages that are to be used. See that they are clean, and, if necessary, re-enamel or distemper them, treating all cracks and crevices with a preventive of red mite. The fittings must be examined to prevent any disturbance being created later on when the cages are occupied. Special care must be devoted to the perches that they are securely fastened, and do not move when the birds perch on them. Finally, the nest pan is hung up.

The position of this varies with the fancy of the breeder. If placed at the back of the cage the birds enjoy more privacy, but it is not so easily accessible as when hung at the side. In the modern breeding cages there is a small wire door which allows all operations to be carried out with the minimum of disturbance, and the nest in the latter position beside it is recommended.

For the birds to come into breeding condition they must be in perfect health, and it should be the birdkeeper's great aim to promote this. At the same time they should not be unduly forced, the end of March or beginning of April being quite early enough for the commencement of breeding operations. If the weather be at all severe, however, an extra fortnight is not time lost, for if early breeding is indulged in, egg-bound hens, infertile eggs, and a host of other troubles will assail the owner.

A more generous diet is required at this time, and at about the end of February a little egg food can be given to the cocks twice a week, and to the hens once a week.

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Correspondence.

Decoying Larks with Looking Glass.

Sir,—One of your readers wanted to know how this was done; it is a very old method. Before the Wild Bird Protection Act I have passed many an hour away with good results. March and early April is the time when the Larks are running, and then they claim a space of ground for nesting, fighting with all intruders. Two or three small pieces of looking glass, and two limed twigs at front of each on the ground they claim will soon result in a capture. F. Fisher.

A New Society for Gourock.

A Good Start.

Sir,—A new bird club for Gourock, to be known as Gourock Cage Bird Association, with its meeting place the Gamble Institute, every second Saturday at 7.30, has been established. The first meeting was held Feb. 24, when 40 members and 25 hon. members were enrolled, thus making a good start. The officials for the ensuing year are: President, Mr. J. Allison; vice-pres., Messrs. M. C. Campbell, and J. Murray; sec., Mr. David Rolls, 15, Bath Street, Gourock; treas., Mr. H. Haigreaves; committee, Messrs. Watt, Shaw, Naiper, Young, McCarry, McKendrick, Brownlie, and Yaille; auditors, Mr. M. C. Campbell and Mr. J. Turner. We shall at all times welcome new members; the annual sub., 4s., can be paid in twice, 2s. on admission, and 2s. on or before the first meeting in September. Fanciers in Greenock, Port Glasgow, Largés, and District are eligible.

D. Rolls, Sec.

Oxalic Acid for Killing Red Mite.

A Serious Objection to Its Use.

Sir, I read the letter of "G. L. B." in Cage Birds, of Feb. 17, and think it advisable to warn him and others of your readers against the too free use of oxalic acid in bird cages. Oxalic acid is, in itself, an active and certain poison. Chalk, lime, and whiting are the antidotes to its poisonous effects. In other words, these three forms of lime neutralise or kill the acid, forming oxalate of lime which is comparatively harmless, owing to its insolubility in water and the fluids of the stomach. If pecked by birds from the boards of a cage, it will pass through their bodies like so much grit, simply because the natural fluids and water cannot dissolve it. The "boiling" which follows the mixing of oxalic acid with white-wash is caused by the chemical combination of the acid and the carbonate of lime, commonly known as, and called, whiting, the carbonic acid in the latter being set free and being the cause of the "boiling."

Dipping the ends of perches in a water solution of oxalic acid is running serious risks, as the water will evaporate and may leave crystals of the acid on the perch ends, which if pecked off might poison a valuable bird. Old Helpmate.

Tits and Coco Nuts.

Sir Having read lately in Cage Birds an account of the Blue Tits enjoying the coco nuts provided by one of their kind friends, I thought perhaps I might also tell how they come daily to my balcony, where I keep them supplied with their favourite food.

One half of the nut hangs inverted from a hook, and the other portion is fastened edgeways on a small board, on which I also put nuts of all sorts cut into small pieces. From my window I can thus see and admire the little creatures in various amusing attitudes, sometimes suspended from the hanging shell and sometimes standing on the edge of the upright piece where the handsome Coal Tit with black cap and white striped wings hammers away noisily at the nut, while the more timid little Blue Tit awaits his turn.

I was much amused one very cold morning to see one of the latter species stand on the edge of a saucer of water and after making various attempts, plunge boldly in and take a good bath. Sometimes when the [illegible] a very fine Robin will call and help himself to the nuts or biscuit crumbs provided for my birdy visitors, who are always so welcome. I should like to add that I have taken your paper regularly for many years, and always find it most interesting and instructive.

(Miss) O. De Pass.

Bedford Park.

The Scotch Fancy Canary.

Why is it Not More Popular?

Sir,—I notice that "Bird Fancier's Son" states that he can buy Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries at from 10s. to 15s. each, but that he never sees offers at that price of Scotch Fancy Canaries good enough to exhibit. In the same letter "Bird Fancier's Son" invites some sketches, and I hope you will be able to see your way clear to find space for a finished drawing of the rough sketch of a Scotch Fancy, which I am enclosing with this letter.

I would like to ask "Bird Fancier's Son" a fair question. Does he think it feasible that breeders with stock of the quality depicted in the sketch would sell such birds at from 10s. to 15s. each? I know myself that I could never buy such birds at five times the price quoted. In breeding Scotch Fancies I have always, as far as possible, bred from the best, that is to say, I have paid the highest price which I could afford for stock birds bought for breeding purposes. No price would stop me from buying them if I could find the money and could get the bird I wanted. It is always a pleasure to look upon first class stock of any variety, and a still greater pleasure to be able to breed first class stock. If breeders in general kept the best quality possible of birds, it would be much easier for one to obtain a good bird when wanting a change of blood.

I have kept during a period of considerably over 40 years nearly all varieties of Canaries, but Belgians and Scotch Fancies have to me charms of their own possessed by no other kind of Canary. I am a lover of Canaries in general, but must confess that the Belgians and Scotch Fancies appeal to me more than any other variety of Canary. No other breed has such a bold and commanding appearance as either a refined Belgian or a Scotch Fancy; they are, without doubt, the aristocrats of Canarydom. They are so intelligent, and have such beautiful contour and action, that they should appeal to all Canary lovers. I trust that the bird depicted will appeal to "Bird Fancier's Son," to Mr. Jowett, and to a host of others, and will make them converts to the breeding of Scotch Fancy Canaries.

George Dix.

Nets and How to Use Them.

"Yelneh" Answers Some Questions.

Sir, I am sorry Mr. McNaught could not quite understand my sketch and letter in Cage Birds of Jan. 13th. I tried to make both as plain as possible. The answers to questions asked are as follows:—

The nets are very much deeper than the staves used, and always should be, but by setting the nets back as sketched a clear space up the middle is made for braced birds to work in, and it also makes plenty of loose net, which will hold caught birds better.

The nets rise to the upright simultaneously. No one can control the wind, but must make the best of the circumstances. Nothing is sure in this world, not even bird catching.

The staves must go up together, and then drop together to one side as stated, and if using a live braced bird it will not be between the nets, but under one, as when used in the ordinary way. A coal scoop might do to take caught birds out of nets, but I use my hand whilst the nets are lying together. 'Tis quite simple.

The benefits are that the nets are easier to set, work as quickly, do not want such a wide space to lay, and for rough and uneven ground are much better to use, the only disadvantage is that the ground space covered by nets is not so much. "Yelneh."

Another Doubter.

Sir, I am of the same opinion as J. McNought re "Yelneh's" method of clapnetting on "ground as uneven as a camel's back." I have used clapnets and sidenets on all conditions of ground, but never once can I remember doing much good on such ground as described by "Yelneh." I would like to ask "Yelneh" one question. Suppose there is a nice thistle field which abounds with Goldies; now this field is ridge and furrow, and smothered with anthills, with not a decent set anywhere. How will he set his nets to be successful without choping off the unevenness caused by the anthills? If he can use a pair of nets 24ft. by 5ft. under such circumstances I should like to know how, and I am sure hundreds more of Cage Birds readers too. I am open to tell readers of Cage Birds anything about clapnets or sidenets, or any branch of catching under ordinary conditions so they will hand in birds as fast as an old hand can. Wishing your invaluable paper every success.

F. W. Stone, Stoker, R.N.

A SCOTCH FANCY CANARY.
Drawn from a sketch by Mr. Dix to illustrate his letter on this page.

The Federation of Roller Societies.

The Midland R.C.C. and the Federation.

Sir,—I crave the indulgence of your columns to reply to Mr. Montague's letter in Cage Birds of Feb. 24. Taking the first portion of his letter, where he suggests I took Mr. Tomlinson's letter literally, and quoting my expression. "Rule which does not suit some of the delegates" as supporting him, I would say that it was published in your valuable paper that three delegates voted against the drastic rule (which is proof it did not suit them). Your report is my evidence for the quotation I used. It is not for me to say whether Mr. Tomlinson knew his subject or not before writing to you on the new rule, but I should imagine he did, as most likely he was at the meeting when it was brought forward.

Mr. Montague still suggests some intriguer had informed us at Wolverhampton what was done at the meeting of delegates. I can assure Mr. Montague that I personally knew nothing about it at the time of our show, and I don't think any of our other members did, and I would say that judge baiting is a sport not carried on at Wolverhampton.

It will be news to a good many fanciers that in Mr. Montague's opinion the supposed new Bell Glucke is really a fine Water Glucke, and my opinion is that the Glucke Mr. Tomlinson and other judges have been calling the new Bell Glucke is not a new Glucke at all, but the old deep hollow Glucke we used to have 8 or 10 years ago when Glucke birds first became popular. The Bell Glucke when well done is a lovely tour (I don't mean the clattering sledge hammer and anvil type of Glucke, but the lovely full throated, mellow, round, musical Glucke we all knew when it was given points on the judging standard).

In Mr. Montague's next paragraph he deals with our show date, and states our calendar consists of two weeks only. The same remark can be applied to other clubs. If Leeds had wished to be one week behind the Midland I know of nothing that would have prevented them, and it would not have been altogether new for them to be in the third week of November. I have prize cards won at their show dated Nov. 14th and 15th, which would certainly be in the third week.

Also, as far as I can make out from the catalogues, fourteen birds were entered at their show from members of our club, and we received thirteen from Leeds, so on that point we are about quits.

Lastly, I cannot understand why Mr. Montague says "we," meaning the federation, when in his previous letter he said he had resigned from the Leeds Club.

What the Federation stands for I only know from what has appeared in Cage Birds, but the main object of its members seems to me to be to oust the British Roller Canary Club from its premier position in the fancy, and take it up themselves, and they go so far as to threaten outstanding clubs with a boycott next show season to obtain their object. Still, one or two of the smaller clubs, and certainly the two largest clubs in England, do not intend to join, viz., the British Roller Canary Club, and the Midland, which is going stronger than ever; eleven new members were elected this week.

I thank you for granting me space in your valuable columns to make our position quite clear to the Roller Fancy, and I assure a hearty welcome to our ranks to all fanciers who do not desire to be tied down by the drastic rules of the Federation. Particulars from our Secretary, Mr. Thomson, 9, Gorsebrook Road, Wolverhampton, or myself, will be gladly given. J. H. Willows.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 122.)

To Make a Drying Cage.

Sir,—Would any reader of your most valuable paper, Cage Birds, be so good as to let me know how to make and work a simple drying cage. Also I would like to ask Mr. H. W. Gutierrez if any other kind of meal would do to make the egg cake, as I cannot get any wheatmeal about our district, Bigrigg, Cumberland. I have tried every place I can think of without success.

A. Mackie.

A Fancier in Distress.

Plymouth to the Fore.

Sir,—At the monthly meeting of the Western Counties O.S. on Feb. 20th, our Mr. Gill brought forward the appeal which appeared in your very valuable paper, Cage Birds, on behalf of Mr. McLaughlin, and it is with the greatest pleasure I am enclosing 10s. 4d. (ten shillings and fourpence) which I collected from members present towards helping a fancier in distress to get together a stock. We did not finish with that, for our Mr. Craven, 8, Yelverton Terrace, Plymouth, promised a yellow hen, which can be had for the writing to him. If only a few of the Societies do the same, our friend will soon have his stock replaced. It is very true many can help one, but one cannot help many. Wishing him the best of luck.

W. A. Dyer, Hon. Sec.

Egg Cake for Rearing Canaries.

Is Fat Required?

Sir,—With reference to the recipe for "Egg cake" by Mr. Grimsditch, published in last week's issue of Cage Birds, and the additional suggestions to same supplemented by Mr. Gutierrez in the issue of Feb. 27, might I ask either gentleman whether the flour is baked with the eggs only or whether the addition of fat, or any other baking commodity is required?

W. G. Butt.

Further Information Desired.

Sir,—I should be glad if G. W. Grimsditch, who sent the recipe for egg cake published in Cage Birds of February 17th, would say whether he puts any bahn with the whole wheatmeal flour and eggs to make the egg-cake rise. Does he give the young ones this food right from the time they are hatched?

Kenneth.

A Disclaimer and an Appreciation.

Sir,—I hope Mr. Gutierrez does not think I am taking the honour re egg cake. At the first time of writing I could not remember the author's name, but I had read the recipe in Cage Birds. My modification may not be quite as good as Mr. Chiswell's original, but it has proved a success for me, and I thank Mr. Chiswell for it.

As I am only a novice, I look to those like Messrs. Gutierrez, Montague, and Tomlinson, who have climbed the ladder of fame, for my learning. Articles from them are of interest to the novice, and the building up of the fancy.

G. W. Grimsditch.

The Song of Hen Birds.

Sir,—In reply to the letter of "J. W." in Cage Birds of Feb. 24, I would say that I have had more than one hen Linnet which sang. The song is plaintive, and some of the notes are loud and irregular, hardly so connected as those of a hen Canary. I have also had two Greenfinch hens which sang, and a hen Hedge Sparrow which had a quaint little warble. All these birds were handreared by myself, and kept in separate cages. The hen Greenfinches that sang were somewhat brighter than usual on their underparts, something like a cock, but there was no doubt as to their sex, for they both laid eggs.

A Would if She Could Style.

Sir,—In reply to J. W.'s letter in Cage Birds respecting the song of hen Linnets, I have had in my possession for just over twelve months a hen brown Linnet (which I bought as a cage-moulted bird). Almost from the time I first had her she has sung in a "disjointed" fashion. Most of the ordinary notes of the male bird are uttered, but in a slow and hesitating way, as if the process of production were a great effort and the performer not very certain of the "time." The bird, of course, utters the ordinary "chortle" or "clow" of the Linnet in addition.

I may add that there is no possible doubt as to the sex of my bird, as, in addition to the unmistakable markings of the hen, she laid 3 or 4 eggs last summer.

C. V. Travers.

Gramophone Records for Teaching Bullfinches.

One Tune or Three Tunes on a Record?

Sir,—With reference to the objections of a correspondent on this subject to having more than one tune placed on one record, on the theory that one tune should be taught at a time and mastered by the bird before another is attempted, might I point out that neither wild nor domestic trained birds naturally teach their young one song tour or variation at a time. The Roller Canary, for example, does not learn one tour at a time, even when trained under natural songsters, but the tutor repeats his song tours throughout his repertory, leaving the young pupils to pick up what they can, and so on through the whole gamut of domestic or wild birds.

Supposing the record would take two or three different tunes, each one repeated two or three times over with a suitable interval before going on to the next, I should say it would be far preferable to have them all on the one record to start with, and continue from the beginning. Another point is the cost of making a record. If my memory serves me correctly, when this idea was first mooted the writer stated he had discovered that a record could be made for five guineas, for which one copy of the record was supplied, and future copies at the usual price. It may be useful to know that at least one of the great London stores during the past Christmas season was offering to make, at an inclusive cost of three guineas, vocal records of persons own voices, and to supply six copies free, and futures at the usual market prices.

Claude St. John.

A Ringed Starling Caught.

Sir,—I have in my possession a Starling caught at Redruth during the last spell of frost. On its left leg there is a ring, on the inside of which is the number 83837, and on the outside, Witherby and Co., Holborn, London. The owner can have bird on application.

Redruth. J. Thomas.

[The bird is one which has been ringed under the "British Birds" scheme, and is not the property of any individual. A copy of this letter has been sent to Messrs. Witherby, and they will doubtless let us know when and where the Starling was ringed. Readers who find birds marked with these rings should always let us know, as the number on the ring is evidence as to where the bird was marked and liberated, and its subsequent capture at the same or a different place is valuable evidence as to the movements of our British birds either from one part of the country or in their migration and return.—Ed., Cage Birds.

What is a Ticked Bird?

The Owners' Last Letter.

Sir,—As I intend this to be my last letter, I first take the opportunity of thanking you for placing at the disposal of ourselves and other fanciers the columns of Cage Birds for the discussion of this very interesting question. The letters that have appeared on the subject prove, however, only one thing, that is, many people, many minds.

To define a tick in the way that the definition would be accepted by all is a very difficult matter. Even if all the specialists clubs agreed upon the same definition, they would have no power to govern other societies. If we had a national authority, as suggested, every society would have to come under its rules for the organisation to have any success. Would they? I am afraid not. I doubt, in fact, whether the matter will ever be ended in a satisfactory fashion.

The present question is, shall we accept the definition of Blakston and the Yorkshire Union, or shall we go by the general acceptation of what is meant by the word "tick?" There is no doubt whatever that a tick is a small spot, therefore whatever the definition of the Yorkshire Union may be, this definition is simply a phrase. Under the rules of the Yorkshire Union it is quite possible for a bird which is eligible for competiton in the ticked class to carry more variegation than some of those in the marked class. Mr. House says that the Yorkshire Union has an easily understood interpretation of the different marks which make up the classification of Canaries. This may be so, but under the Yorkshire Union rules neither of our birds should have been allowed to stand at Aberavon Show, although in my opinion, each was in its proper class.

Mr. House says he thought he was arguing with the gentleman whom he saw at Aberavon, but that now he finds out it is not so. This does not matter; we are one. I may not know all that happened at the Show, but if I wished I could give the names of several leading exhibitors, and at least one judge who did not agree with the decision of Mr. House. These men were at Aberavon, but I do not intend to give their names, as I have no wish to drag others into the discussion. Either they come in of their own free will or not at all. At Birmingham Show there was no doubt whatever, for the definition of the tick was given in the schedule, and the bird was entered accordingly.

We have not said that we object to Blakston's definition of a tick, but we refuse to accept him as an authority so far as present day exhibiting is concerned. Blakston was a gentleman, and a clever man, and may have been able to pick the brains of others at the time, but things are not exactly the same now as then; and he would find it a far more difficult job. Since his death, Canaries in their many varieties have greatly improved, and this goes to prove that even after Blakston died there were fanciers left capable of using their own brains.

With regard to Mr. House's statement that the judge's decision is final; this is a point which is entirely without question. We submit to Mr. House's wrong classification of our bird, but we do not agree with him, and we have said so. We give the heading of the class in which we exhibited our bird, and we should like Mr. House to explain what he would have done if there had not been a class provided for clears or ticks.

It appears that 20 years ago Mr. House said that any two colours make variegation. To Mr. Johnson he says the same, and then follows with the statement that every ticked bird is a two-coloured bird. Is our bird a two coloured bird, or not? Even if the mark is no larger than a pin's head, surely it is a two-coloured bird, and on Mr. House's statement the bird is a variegated one. In my opinion there is a material difference between a variegated bird and a marked bird, and the schedule at Aberavon read: "Uneven or Variegated."

Mr. House has tried to explain to Mr. Johnson, but his attempt was a failure. Mr. Allsopp, the judge at Llanelly, gave his reasons for allowing the bird to stand, but he was at once sat upon. Messrs. Houghton, Roe, and Robson, men of years of experience, and breeders of some of the best, are given to understand that they cannot define a tick. It is only Mr. House's opinion that should stand final. Two things are left, one is that we accept the phrase used by the Yorkshire Union, and the other is that we shall understand what is a tick in the proper and true sense of the word.

In conclusion, I would like to say that although I disagree with Mr. House on this matter, it will not prevent me from holding out to him the hand of friendship if I should have the pleasure of again meeting him, and I hope he will always do the same towards ourselves.

Stubbs Bros.

The Size of the Tick.

Sir,—Mr. House's comments on my scheme are of little value. It is no good blaming me for what he calls a "labyrinth of classification." Why doesn't he blame the Canary for sporting to the extent it does, and for providing all the varieties I mention? This of course is to breeders the beauty and attraction of the Canary Fancy, and all I have been attempting to do is to regularise the classification of sub divisions.

Mr. House wants "Clearness and precision," and at the same time "Greater simplicity," but I may at once tell him he can't have both. Will Mr. House tell me what is the difference in size between a King George sixpence and an early Victorian sixpence? Does he mean the difference between a new sixpence and a worn sixpence? The difference can only be infinitesimal. However, I will gladly concede him a point, and we will use the expression "a worn sixpence."

I am also on this point inclined, after conversations with various fanciers, to modify my previous views, and to try to get nearer to Nuttall's definition of a tick as mentioned by Mr. Kershaw.

I would, therefore, now substitute for my previous definition of a tick the following:—"A tick, visible of course, being understood to be one solid green (or cinnamon), or grizzled green (or cinnamon) feathering of not more surface than can be covered entirely by a worn sixpence."

It will be noted that I now throw overboard two ticks or marks. I also reduce the size of the one tick, which may be as small as you please, but must not anywhere appear from under the circumference of the worn sixpence.

If this does not satisfy Mr. House, will he suggest a better test for a tick in conformity with the present practice of the fancy, which is not now in accordance with Blakston?

I am quite at a loss to understand Mr. House when he writes that "when we branch off with 'invisible ticks' and 'variegated' we are courting trouble." The two expressions are in use all over the fancy, and I should be glad if he would explain himself.

As regards "Invisible ticks," I find from the Yorkshire Union Book of Rules for 1915-16 that the first two classes in the Bradford West and Bradford East shows of 1915 are for "clear invisible or thigh ticked." (Is a thigh tick on a Yorkshire sometimes visible and sometimes invisible according to the position of the bird? And is this more the case in a Yorkshire than a Norwich?) The third and fourth classes are for "Ticked, described as discernible tick or mark." After that we have "Even, uneven or heavily variegated." Does Mr. House mean that "Invisible ticked" and "Variegated" in the above classification cannot be defined? Old Hand.

Three Questions.

Sir,—I had not intended to take any more of your space in this correspondence, but I see that Messrs. Stubbs mention my name in their letter of Feb. 17, and say Mr. House agrees with me. I have no doubt that a very great number of your readers also do so, including Messrs. Stubbs, as I find further on in their letter they say, "We have our Specialist Clubs, and it is for them to decide what would constitute a tick in the Norwich Canary." Exactly, this is one of the things I advocate.

Mr. House has done what in his opinion is the right thing, under the only rules that are in existence; I admire him for it.

I would like to ask three questions: Was the Aberavon show held under the patronage of any of the Norwich Plainhead Clubs? Are Messrs. Stubbs' members of that body? If so, why do they not place the matter before the Committee, and submit the bird, also the schedule from which they entered their bird? I have no doubt whatever they would pass an unbiassed judgment.

J. Spink.

Some Analogous Illustrations.

"Interested" asks if I can substantiate the view that the multiplicity of ticks answers to the well-understood definition of a ticked bird. Candidly speaking, yes! The bird in question is not clear, it is not marked, either technically or untechnically. It must be remembered that it was shown as a "marked" bird, and I wrong classed it as such. I could not admit the multiplicity of fine ticks as being a mark or marks.

I will endeavour to give "Interested" two or three analogous illustrations. We do not call a grey horse a black and white, yet it is black and white. A grizzled pigeon is not called a blue and white, yet it is a blue and white. A brindle cow is not called a red and black, yet it is red and black. In each of theso illustrations we have a multiplicity of fine ticks, or grizzling, so to speak. Were those fine ticks gathered into a solid mass, we should have a black and white horse, a blue and white pigeon, and a red and black cow respectively.

A mark, as I understand it, must be something solid and distinct, not a mere flecking or grizzling such as Messrs. Stubbs' bird possesses. If this bird is judged by the "a mark not larger than a sixpence" standard, it is still a ticked bird, because it has no solid mark, but a number of minute ticks, or fleckings.

C. A. House.

The Sparrow Pest.

Mr. G. H. Chamberlain, Ridding's Farm, Alfreton, Derbyshire, writing to "The Times," says: "I do not suppose that the average person has the slightest idea of the enormous amount of damage done to grain crops during the ripening period by birds, chiefly Sparrows. Instinct appears to tell the town-bred Sparrows when the crops are getting ripe in the country; at that time they leave our big cities by hundreds of thousands and have a riotous feast on the new grain until the harvest is over, then they return to winter quarters in the cities. Sparrows are like some of our best poisons; taken in small amounts they do good in some cases, but just now we are suffering from an overdose. We had for some years a very successful Sparrow Club in this district; each farmer paid to a local treasurer one farthing per acre for each acre he farmed. Sparrows' heads and eggs were paid for at the rate of four a penny. This scheme is quite all right for the country districts, but the Government ought at once to devise some similar scheme for the towns, as that is chiefly where the Sparrows are bred. If Sparrows' heads or eggs were paid for at the rate of four a penny, and each police office was made an authorised receiving station, the town boys would soon reduce the Sparrows by trapping, etc., but there is no time to be lost if we are to receive any benefit this year."

In a letter to "The Daily Telegraph" Mr. L. W. Lyde, of University College, says: "I find that 3,000 Sparrows will consume a peck of grain per acre per day, and they certainly waste as much again when the grain is mature. Ignoring, then, this waste on the field, the harm done to grain that is sprouting or milting, and the robberies from stack and threshing-floor, quay and warehouse, stable and nose-bag, and assuming that all the grain eaten is nothing better than average good oats (at 1s. 10d. a peck to-day), Sparrows cost us, on our 13,000 square miles of grain during the time the grain is mature, £800,000 per day. Even if my estimate of 3,000 Sparrows to the acre is above the average for the parts of the country far from towns, the cost of grain actually eaten by Sparrows on the field cannot be less than £4,000,000 per week.

Club Reports.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Meeting, Feb. 14, at Sunderland. Mr. W. F. Swan presided over a good attendance. Balance sheet for 1916 was presented and showed a balance of £3 6s. 4d., 16s. above the previous year's, which proved very satisfactory. Officers for 1917 were elected. Pres., Mr. J. Ford Maling; vice-pres., F. W. Barnett, W. F. Swan, T. Robson, A. Lister, T. C. Crawhall, W. J. Taylor; chairman, W. F. Swan; vice-chair, T. Robson; committee, J. G. Hutchinson, J. Farrer, J. Riseborough, R. Armstrong G. Simpson, J. Stanger, R. S. Bewick, W. Forster, T. Bewick, J. Dickenson; auditor, J. G. Hutchinson; sec., G. Dobson, 103, James Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne. New members elected: Mrs. M. Montague Scott, London; Ed. Richardson, Shildon; Mrs. Thos. Taylor, Gateshead; F. Thwaites, Sunderland. A discussion arose about taking members in away from the North, but it fell, as there is no rule in the society where the line is drawn. In former years the society gave way to intending members in other parts of the country; so those wishing to join, and sending their names to me, will be proposed at next meeting. Membership is 2s. 6d., and 1s. entrance fee; all Crest fanciers are welcome.—Geo. Dobson, hon. sec., 103, James Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

NORTHERN BORDER F.C.

Meeting, Pillars Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle, Mr. Wm. Smith chair. The most important business was the electing of a sec. (pro tem.) to clear up the business of the club for the year previous to the annual meeting, first Wednesday in March, at 60, Neptune Road, Wallsend-on-Tyne, when it is hoped there will be a good muster. Our worthy and popular sec., Charlie Farrar, is out in France doing his bit, and I am sure all bird fanciers of his acquaintance will wish him good luck and a safe journey to Berlin and back. The winners of season's specials will be announced at next meeting. New members nominated: Mr. R. Lucas, and Mr. A. Linder; there is still room for more, and any Border Fancy fancier who cares to come along to our meetings will be sure of a hearty welcome. Correspondence for the present should be forwarded to J. Johnston, 60, Neptune Road, Wallsend-on-Tyne, sec., pro tem.

HORNSEY AND WOOD GREEN.

Annual meeting, Feb. 20, Mr. Griffin chair. Officers elected: President, Earl of Ronaldshay, M.P.; vice-pres., Messrs. A. V. Tuson, J. Hodder, L. Brady, and Ashton Pownall; chairman, Mr. James; vice-chair, Mr. Griffin; hon. sec. and treas., Mr. C. G. Martin; assist. sec., Mr. Twilley; committee, Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Huggins, Dr. Huggins, Mr. Jones, W. H. Creighton, Mr. Pettit, Mr. Stephens. Meeting nights are altered to Wednesdays, and we hope members respond with a bumping entry at pair show next month (date will be announced). The sec. is giving a silver-plated teapot to members making most points at table shows this year. —C. G. Martin, hon. sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Feb. 22, headquarters, "Seven Stars," St. John Street, Wolverhampton, Mr. Willows presiding over a crowded attendance. Members elected, Messrs. Cottam, Stephens, Evans, Beese, Billingham, Neve, Jennings, Stokes, North, Bailey, and Miss Dockery, making a total of 32 new members at two meetings.

The Federation scheme was again discussed, also a letter from Mr. Best. On being put to the meeting it was unanimously decided not to depart from the judging standard of the B.R.C.C. Annual show (fanciers please note) will be held Nov. 8-9, also other shows will be held in the vicinity of the Midlands; dates to be decided later. Members please note: Changing of meeting night from Thursday to the last Monday in the month until further notice. A presentation of a smoker's cabinet was made to the President by the members in acknowledgment of his services as judge at our two last shows. Business being ended, an interesting time was spent listening to some very good birds, the different tours being explained by Mr Rhodes. Next meeting March 26, several members promised to bring birds, and tours will be explained by Mr. Harper. I hope to have Novice Cup on view, also rules drawn up. I shall be pleased to communicate with fanciers wishing to join before Rule Book, 1917, in in print.—J. W. Thomson, sec., 9, Gorsebrook Road, Wolverhampton.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Meeting, Feb. 17, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, with a large turn-out. New members admitted: Messrs. Feld, Smithyes, J. Munro, J. Carr, R. Weir, J. Montgomery, T. Anderson, R. Neil, J. Hilson, J. Lindsay, and H. Aitken. Two others were put forward as members: Messrs. G. Insill and Dom. Sec. read correspondence in relation to hall for annual show, Tynecastle Hall not being available this year, and a committee was appointed to see about a hall and report at next meeting. Judges for annual show were nominated, and the following were asked to give their services: Nor., Mr. C. Millar; Bord., Mr. Hamilton; Scotch Fancy, Mr. R. Menzies; Brit. and For., Mr. J. F. Dewar. Norwich, Border, and Scotch Fancy sections were left as formerly. British and Foreign sections were altered a little three Foreign classes being combined into one class. The matter of prize cards was left in Secretary's hand. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Robt Craig, who judged the table show.

Nor. Pairs (17): 1, Clark; 2, Ritchie; 3, Stormont, 4, 5, Wall; 6, Charlton. Bord. (11): 1, 5, Napier; 2, Lindsay; 3, Clark; 4, 6, Hutchison. Crest or C.B. (2): 1, Smith, 2, Stevenson. Goldf. (5): 1, Watson; 2, Adam; 3, Munro. Linnet (5): 1, Clark; 2, 4, Watson; 3, Adam; 5, Rice. Bunting (2): 1, Watson; 2, Adam. Softbill (2): 1, 2, Watson. Siskin, etc. (4): 1, Adam; 2 Clark; 3, 4, Watson. A.O. Finch (10): 1, Watson, "Napier; 3, Munro; 4, Lindsay; 5, Adam; 6, Crosbie. Hen for Hybridising (5): All Adam. Muling Pairs (2): 1 Clark; 2, Rice. Hybrid (1): 1, Lindsay. Several members took part in the judging competition, and the prize winners were: 1, Wilkie; 2, Clark; 3 Smith.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting Jan. 21, Godfrey's Dining Rooms, Mr. E. J. Banks presided over a good meeting. Mr. A. Harrington was elected a Vice-President. A long discussion took place re purchasing cups, and it was agreed that this stand over until the annual general meeting. Nominations were taken for 1917 season. Mr. H. C. Smith and Rev. C. B. Jolliffe were elected auditors. Messrs. Bosley, E. Wan, H. Nowell, H. Hodges were elected members. Resolved that sec. write to all members who have joined the colours.—E. Thomas.

BACUP ROLLER C.C.

Annual meeting, Park Hotel, Bacup, Feb. 15, with only a moderate attendance, owing to the election being on same day. Report and balance sheet submitted, showing a balance in hand of £15 15s., which was considered eminently satisfactory. Officers elected: President, Mr. John Ormerod; Treas., Mr. J. T. Johnson; all members present to act as Committee; Mr. Geo. Johnson was elected Sec. Decided that we hold our annual open contest Nov. 23, 24. Decided, after a long discussion, that we join the Federation of Roller Clubs; will fanciers who intimated their desire to join please communicate with me? Subs. for 1917 will be as last year, 2s. 6d., entry fee 6d.—Geo. Johnson, Sec.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Judging competition and table show of Norwich Plainheads, Feb. 19, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W. In the absence of Mr. Hodder, as final judge, a worthy substitute was found in Mr. W. H. Wills, whose exhibits at recent shows won the admiration of all present. A large number of members first judged the birds, their slips being handed to the Secretary, who compared them with the judge's awards. The winners proved to be Messrs. Stretton and Shearer, who tied. By a coincidence both members are successful Yorkshire breeders. The winning birds in each section were staged by Messrs. Walmsley, F. C. and A. Knight. A charming Crestbred owned by Mr. Kent met with no competition. Classes averaged 7. In according a vote of thanks to the judge, Mr. P. Johnston (chairman) complimented the members upon the excellent quality of the birds, remarking that an indifferent specimen was not present. Five new members were nominated. Next meeting, March 19, British table show and judging competition. Judge, Mr. H. Norman. The show promises to be a record one.—F. C. Knight.

SHETTLESTON C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, good Templar's Hall, Feb. 17, Mr. W. Lunn presiding. Balance-sheet for 1916 was adopted, which showed a good balance on the right side. Prize-money was paid to winners at annual show. Agreed to hold meetings on second Sat. of month. Office-bearers for 1917 elected: Hon. Pres., W. S. Boyd and Dr. Duntop, Pres., J. Hood; Vice-Pres., C. Divens and W. Carrick; Sec. and Treas., S. F. Wood, 4, Tolleross Rd., Parkhead, Glasgow. Committee, Messrs. N. Yule, J. Johnstone, J. Kirkwood, A. Wallace, and H. J. Johnstone, J. Kirkwood, A. Wallace, and H. Picken; auditors, N. Yule and J. Hood. Agreed to hold pair show second Sat. in March. Classification, yellow cock, buff hen, and buff cock, yellow hen in each of the following varieties: Crests, Norwich, Borders, cl., tkd., or var., Borders, green or cinn., Yorks., and one class for muling pairs. Entry 2d. per cage; judge, S. F. Wood. New members elected, Messrs. T. McGregor, H. Savage, W. Kennedy, and A. Mather. Decided to allow new members to show at pair show if subs. were paid by day of show. Fanciers wishing to join can have full particulars by applying to the sec.—S. F. Wood, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Feb. 21, Crown Hotel, Hill St., Mr. W. Pitman presided over one of the best attended meetings of Roller Fanciers held in Birmingham and District. New members elected, Messrs. Clarke, Ryder, Glasgow, Markham, Carpmail, Watson, France, Bridge, Wilson, Chantrey, Earnshaw, Woodall, Atkinson, Green, Pullinger, and Mrs. Bird, and there is every prospect of the club forging ahead. The meeting was given up to listen to the birds present, great interest being taken in the rendering of the bell glucke tour song by birds that had taken special for same this season, one bird singing it in two keys. Also we heard the new bell glucke; both styles were very good. Mr. Tomkins explained the different tours as the birds sang; next meeting we hope to have three birds present that have won first prizes this season. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the members that had brought birds to the meeting, also to Mr. Tomkins for explaining the tours. We hope new members will attend and make any suggestions with regard to making our future meetings both interesting and instructive; intending members should apply to W. Taylor, Hon. Sec., Council School, Hospital St., Birmingham.

A Useful Gardening Book.

"Vegetables and their Cultivation," Messrs. W. H. and L. Collingridge, Aldersgate St., E.C., 5s. This is one of the most concise and most useful works which we have had the pleasure of perusing, and is especially valuable at a time when everyone who is possessed of a piece of ground, even though it be only "a back garden," should make the most of his opportunities in producing food. With this manual, and a weekly journal such as "Food," the veriest tyro should be able to grow successfully an all the year supply for his own table. The directions are arranged in alphabetical order, so that reference to any particular vegetable is an easy matter, and the information given is subdivided under headings such as Uses, Soil, Manures, Propagation, etc., and the book is fully illustrated by actual photographs well reproduced. There are separate chapters on soils, manures, cropping, miscellaneous items, and pests and diseases. The latter chapter is illustrated by coloured plates, and is worth the price charged for the whole book. The only criticism we have to offer is that it would have been better to indicate the natural sizes of the vegetables shown in the photographs.

Readers are advised to use our Deposit System when dealing with Advertisers. See rules at head of small advertisements.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Note.—Only the details asked for on our cards can be published. Such phrases as "a large attendance desired," etc., must not be included. Classification for forthcoming shows, appeals for new members, and any other matter in the nature of an advertisement will only be inserted it paid for at advertisement rates.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—March 8, Bodmin St. Schools, 8. Preparations for breeding.—D. Havenhand.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—March 6, St. Thomas's Schools, 8. Show arrangements, balance sheet, and auditor's report, and social.—A. E. Thorpe.

Abertillery C.B.S.—March 10, Prince of Wales' Hotel, 6.30. To pay prize money for pair show, fix date for next open show, etc.—Jas. Webber.

Ashton-u.-Lyne C.B.S.—May 1, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 8. Postponed meeting, ordinary monthly business.—J. Whitehead.

Bacup Roller C.C.—March 6, Park Hotel, Bacup, 7.30. Roller Fanciers heartily invited; subs. due.—G. Johnson.

Bowling B.F.A.—March 5, Barley Mow Hotel, 8. Usual business, and arrange another date for prize distribution and smoker.—J. Nicholl.

Bootle C.B.S.—March 6, St. Andrew's Hall, 8. Hints on the breeding season, by Mr. T. Evans, and important business.—A. E. Huyton.

Bristol E.C.B.S.—March 3, Glass House Hotel, 8. General business to choose annual show date, judge, colour foods, etc.—W. J. Norman.

Bolton C.B.S.—March 7, Church Inn, 7.30. Discussion on breeding.—J. Brooks.

Bradford East O.S.—March 3, Park Chapel Schoolrooms, 8. Special business.—J. Spencer.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—March 7, Lamb Hotel, 8. Table show and judging competition, Norwich Plainheads; final judge, Mr. C. Stubbs.—W. Pounsett.

Coventry O.S.—March 7, Dolphin Inn, Market Square, 8. Very important.—J. Kent.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—March 7, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 7.30. Arrangements for lectures, N.F. and open shows.—A. C. Shirley.

Croydon F.F.S.—March 7, Gun Hotel, Church St., 7.30. Special meeting to elect officers and arrange programme for 1917.—J. R. Goodlife.

Doncaster C.B.S.—March 11, Black Bull, 7.30. Presentation of cups, electing auditors, etc.—H. Lumby.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—March 6, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E., 8. Experiences, general management, breeding Canaries, by Mr. Geo. Sands and Mr. C. H. Grendell; open debate to follow, fanciers invited.—W. Hodson.

East Ardsley.—Mar. 5, Black Swan, 7.30. Judges and syllabus.—A. Walton.

Edinburgh North Eastern O.S.—March 5, Regent Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Important business.—R. S. Spence.

Falkirk, Grangemouth & Bannockburn Combined.—March 10, Union Hall, 7.3.—D. Aitken.

Haslingden Roller Club.—March 6, Victoria Hall, 7.30.—H. Nuttall.

Hornsey, Wood Green C.B.S.—March 7, Nightingale Hotel, 7.30. Pair show, Canaries, Muling and Hybrid pairs; silver medal for best novice pair, also silver teapot competition; judge, Mr. J. Hodder.—C. G. Martin.

Hirst East End C.B.S.—March 3, Social Club, 7.30. Elect officers and enrol new members.—W. Hall.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—March 8, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Business important.—G. Vipond.

Idle C.B.S.—March 7, Springlitt Hotel, 8. General business, show dates for F.F., etc.—L. Lloyd.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—March 7, Victoria Hotel, 7. General business.—W. Ayers.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—March 7, Railway Hotel, 8. Business important.—J. Pownall.

Leeds Roller C.C.—March 3, Griffin Hotel, 7.30. Club business, judging exhibition by the Federation judges connected to the Leeds Club.—H. Best.

Lancaster C.B.S.—March 3, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. General business.—H. Hoyle.

Leeds C.B.S.—March 3, Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, 7.30. Pair show; judge, T. Baldwinson.—W. A. Wilson.

Liverpool B.B.A.—March 8, Oldham Hall, 8. Egg food making competition for novices; 3 specials.—T. R. Jones.

London & Counties A.C.B.—March 8, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 7.30. Lecture by Mr. H. Norman; fanciers and friends will receive a hearty welcome.—W. Gilbert.

Leith O.S.—March 10, Liberal Club Hall, Leith, 7.30. Classification for annual show, etc.—J. A. Carr.

Loanhead C.B.S.—March 10, Mason's Arms, 7.30. Booking of hens and nomination of judges for show. —W. B. Smart.

Middlesbro' and Teesside C.B.S.—March 3, Crown Hotel, 6.30. Subs. and any other bus.—I. C. Deans.

Morley C.B.S.—March 6, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.—B. Cook.

Northern Border F.C.—March 7, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle, 7.30. Annual general meeting, season's specials, and other important business.—J. Johnston.

North Manchester C.B.S.—March 6, St. Stephen's School, Conran St., 8. General business.—A. Colley.

Nelson Roller Club.—March 6, Ambulance Hall, 8. Distribution of rings; short lecture on the breeding and management of the Roller Canary, by the Sec., followed by discussion; new members and friends invited.—J. Earnshaw.

Pontypool C.B.S.—March 10, headquarters, 6.30. Question of purchasing cup, and other important business.—W. D. Lewis.

Port Glasgow C.B.S.—March 6, Co-op. Hall, 7.30. Table show, matched pairs and Brit., 9 classes; judges, Messrs. S. McKay and J. Forrester.—T. Adair.

Queensbury C.B.S.—March 7, Granby Hotel, 7.30. —W. Jagger.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—March 7, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Business general.—J. W. Jackson.

Stanley Garden House F.F.C.B.S.—March 4, Club Rooms, 6.30. Balance sheet, fixing of date for next show, and other business.—T. Nicholson.

S.W. London C.B.A.—March 7, The Plough, St. John's Hill, S.W., 8. Pay prize money for pair show; address, "Preparing for the breeding season," Mr. J. Jeffrey; fanciers and friends welcome.—A. J. Nason.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—March 5, Victoria Hotel, 8. Paper by J. Glover, "The relation of a member to his Society"; subs. due.—J. Glover.

Scotland Gate (Choppington).—March 3, Social Club, 7. Election of officers, etc.—H. Seely.

Wigan Roller Club.—March 7, Legs of Man, 7. Business of special importance.—P. Greenall.

Wigan C.B.S.—March 3, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30. Lecture on breeding.—J. McAndrew.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—March 3, Market Tavern, 6.45. Balance sheet, sub-committee's recommendation, delegates' fees, any other business. —S. Midgley.

Bird-Lime and How to Make it.

So many enquiries are received from time to time asking for instructions how to make bird-lime that tht following particulars, taken from a curious old work published in 1799 and kindly lent us by a reader may be found useful.

BIRD-LIME is a viscid substance, prepared in different ways. The ordinary bird-lime is made from the bark of the holly, boiled for the space of ten or twelve hours, when the green coat, being separated from the other, is covered up and set in a moist place for a fortnight. It is, after this, pounded into a tough paste, so that no fibres of the wood are discernible, then washed in a running stream till no motes appear, then skimmed as often as anything arises, and finally laid up for use. When it is used, a third part of nut-oil, or thin grease, must be incorporated with it over a fire.

Substitutes for Holly Bark.

The juice of holly-bark is a very peculiar substance, but, if trials were properly made, it is highly probable that other juices might be found of an equally clammy nature. The mistletoe affords a juice superior in viscosity to the holly, and if a young shoot of the common alder be cut through there will be a stringy juice follow the knife, drawing out into threads like bird lime. In this wood it seems to lie in the veins within the circles on the heart rather than in the bark. Hyacinths also afford a tough, stringy juice within their roots, and so do the narcissus, the asphodel, and the black briony.

A Waterproof Bird-lime.

When twigs, etc., are smeared with bird-lime and put in places subject to wet, the common bird-lime is apt to have its force soon taken away. It is necessary, therefore, to have recourse to a particular sort, which, from its property of bearing water without being hurt, is termed "water bird-lime."

Take a pound of strong and good ordinary bird-lime, wash it thoroughly in spring water till the hardness is all removed, then beat it well, that the water may be clean separated, so as not a drop may remain; then dry it well and put it into an earthenware pipkin, and add to it as much capon's grease as will make it run. In this state of the preparation add to it two spoonfuls of strong vinegar, one spoonful of oil, and a small quantity of Venice turpentine.

Let the whole boil gently for some minutes over a moderate fire, stirring it all the while. Then take it off, and when there is occasion to use it, warm it and cover the twigs well with it. This is the best bird-lime for Snipes, or such birds as frequent wet places.

How to Lime the Twigs.

A successful method of using the common bird-lime is this: Cut down the main branch or bough of any bushy tree whose twigs are thick, straight, long, and smooth, without any knots or prickles. The willow and the birch are the best for this purpose. Let all the superfluous shoots be trimmed off, and the twigs be made neat and clean; cover them all well with bird-lime, within four inches of the bottom, but the main staff from which they grow must be left untouched with the lime. No part of the bark where the lime should come should be left bare, but if it be too thickly laid on it will give the birds a distaste, and, on the contrary, to use it too sparingly would let the birds escape, so that it is a matter of nicety to apply it properly.

When the bush has been properly prepared set it up in some dead hedge, or among some bushes near the skirts of a town or farm-yard, for these are the principal resorts of small birds in the cold weather. In the summer a quick-set hedge or grove, or white-thorn bush near fields of corn, hemp, flax, and the like, are more frequented. Let the sportsman imitate the chirp of such birds as he sees around the spot, or use a bird-call, which may be purchased for the purpose. The time for this sport is from sunrise to ten o'clock, and from one to sunset.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN

ADDRESS WANTED.

W. S.—The address you require is "Briardene," Idle, Bradford, Yorks. You would find a list of all the best judges, etc., in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

SQUEAKING NOISE.

Puzzled.—You do not give sufficient data to form any certain clue as to what is wrong. Does the squeaking occur at regular intervals after eating, does the bird seem distressed with the chest pulsating whilst it lasts, does it occur more at night than other times, or when there is a cold change in the weather, and does it eat well? All these are points which might help to throw light on what is the matter. Try the following treatment for a week or ten days and report result, and give the fullest particulars you can. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed, and in addition give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days either a morsel of banana, or a piece of bread not larger than a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water add every second day for a week six drops of syrup of buckthorn and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. See that it is kept in a fairly comfortable temperature, not necessarily very warm, but as equable as you can manage it, just away from the chilly side, and quite free from cold direct draughts.

GONE OFF SONG.

E. Smalley.—Possibly the bird has got a chill, either from too free bathing during the recent severe weather, or, maybe, from exposure to cold draughts or rapid fluctuations of heat and cold. See that any or all of these probable causes are removed, keep the bird in a fairly warm temperature, where the heat is as equable as possible, and treat as follows. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only, and give separately every second day about half a teaspoonful of well-boiled summer rape, and on the alternate days give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with maw seed. A morsel of banana may be given two or three times a week in lieu of green stuff or other fruit. Add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week, and after this give instead ten drops of lemon-juice and two of pure honey in the water two days in every three for a week. The fact of the bird singing is not necessarily conclusive evidence that it is a cock, though if the song is given in an uninterrupted strain, without breaks and snatches, and the bird well inflates its throat and the pulsation of it is pronounced as the song is produced, there is the probability that it is a cock, but it is by no means a certainty. Some hens sing very fairly, but as a rule the song of the hen is more of the nature of a more or less broken twittering.

CURIOUS BEHAVIOUR.

Drooped Wings.—I do not gather that there is much wrong with the birds, especially cocks, which go about now and again with the wings drooped and fluttering. It is by no means unusual for cocks to show themselves off in this way whenever they can see a hen at this season, and it is nothing more serious than spring turning their fancies in the direction of proposals. If your bird is in sight of the hen this may quite possibly be the case with him. Anyway, you may try the following treatment for a week or so, and then if there seems anything still wrong, write again and repeat full particulars as to any apparent symptoms of ill-health. See that he is not exposed to sudden extremes of heat and cold, nor to direct draughts, and note in particular whether he appears to be paying attention to a hen which may be in view. Give a morsel of banana in preference to apple every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Otherwise continue your present dietary. In the drinking water for three consecutive days add six drops of syrup of buckthorn and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and afterwards give instead six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week. A fairly warm temperature, but not a heated one, would suit it best for a few days until it has pulled itself together if the looseness should be due to it being out of condition.

BREEDING IN AVIARY.

F. Spink.—The aviary you describe is really only a fair-sized cage, and the limit of its accommodation is three birds, say, a cock and two hens, and if this number were turned in for breeding you would need to remove the successive broods as they became quite able to cater for themselves to prevent overcrowding. On the whole it would really be better to limit the inmates to one cock and one hen, as if two hens are used they not infrequently make a hash of things by interfering with each other's nesting arrangements, or both wanting to sit in the same nest, etc. I am not quite clear what you mean by wanting to breed with a cock and hen once, and then breeding those two with a few other birds. If you mean mating these two originals with any of the progeny this season you will certainly not be able to do it, as the young would not be fit for mating before next spring, besides which there are other material objections to mating such closely related birds without some very definite object in view. Then you go on to ask if I can suggest any nice coloured birds to breed with, but do not say what class of birds. If you mean Canaries, you can get practically all varieties of colour and markings we have in Canaries in the Norwich, Yorkshire, Crest, Border Fancy, or Roller. To make a pair for a beginner I would suggest a clear buff and a lightly ticked yellow, which would probably breed a majority of clears, or nearly so. On the other hand, if you mean nice coloured British or Foreign birds, then my advice, considering your accommodation, is to drop the idea and limit your operations at present to the one pair of Canaries. To pair them, put in a partition of the cage, place the birds one in each division, and leave them so until you see the cock calling the hen to the wires and feeding her with tit-bits, and frequently singing furiously at her through the wires. Then, if the hen is very active, and responds promptly to his calls, towards the end of March you may remove the partition and let them go on with their business according to their own ideas. Do not be too anxious to get them together until they really show signs of wanting to begin nesting, and when together do not be too curious or meddlesome with their affairs. You should get our manager to send you a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, which will prevent you making many mistakes.

ALWAYS MOULTING.

New Reader.—(1) There is rather too much linseed in the sample of mixed seed you enclosed, but beyond this there is very little fault to be found with your general treatment. The continual state of moult which you describe is practically always due to exposure to direct draughts, damp, or frequent fluctuations of heat and cold, and the only one it seems to me your bird may be subject to is rapid extremes, and perhaps some draughts from being too near the glass of the window. You should look into these exciting causes and see if any of them are present, and remove them at once if any of them are present. A comfortable and equable temperature, not necessarily very high, but just off the chilly side, would help it to recover its normal condition. Having seen to these points, treat as follows for a month or so. In addition to the staple diet of plain canary seed, give half a teaspoonful of scalded summer rape every third day, and on the intervening days give first a pinch of the seed mixture and a morsel of banana, and next a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. If you can make the following slight alterations in the seed mixture do so, i.e., reduce the proportion of linseed by two-thirds, and double the quantity of white millet. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week, and for the remainder of the month give instead 20 drops of the following mixture two days in every three. Mixture: Dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add 20 drops of syrup of buckthorn, and add 20 drops to water as advised. Offer the bath three times a week now the weather is getting milder, and the bird will probably soon take more freely to it. (2) The slightly dirty appearance of the bird around the neck is a certain griminess which is quite common on birds kept in cages which do not bathe freely; and voluntary bathing on the part of the bird is not sufficient to remove it. Only handwashing would do so. (3) The seeds of which you send samples are all of first-rate all-round quality. The canary seed especially is excellent.

MOULTING AND MATING.

Ex-Cpl.—(1) Keep the bird in a cosy part of the room, and in addition to the staple diet give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana, and a pinch of the seed mixture advised to "Foundry, D.S.M." in this issue. In the drinking water add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day. Continue this until the feathers have quite ceased dropping. There is no reason why the bird should not be quite ready for mating by the end of March or beginning of April. The latter date will probably be quite early enough this year. (2) You will certainly get a much improved type of songster from the Yorkshire-Roller cross, which should also prove good, free singers. It would, however, be a decided advantage if you could place the young cocks under a good singing Roller cock for tuition, instead of allowing the Yorkshire cock to do the training. (3) No, it is not necessary to give the cock any change of diet or medicine after taking him away from the first hen before mating him with the second one. (4) After removing him from the first hen you may mate him with the next hen in a day or so if she is ready for him. There is no vital necessity to give him a certain length of rest, but if he is not immediately in request a few days may be given him alone. (5) Yes, if the hens get to work promptly, it is quite possible to get two nests from each of two hens from the same cock in one season. This should be quite easily accomplished.

MATING BIRDS.

Blackie.—(1) The bickerings you refer to are, I expect, chiefly amongst the cocks, and there would be no objection at all to transferring them to the one end of the breeding cages they are intended to occupy for breeding, assuming, of course, that the breeding cages have already been properly prepared for the season, and keeping them there until it is near the time to start mating up. It would be best if you could so arrange it to keep the hens in the aviaries until near the middle of March, but if this is too inconvenient you may, as you suggest, keep them in the breeding cages beside their respective mates, but separated from them by the wood slide. Birds in this condition will not require much feeding up for breeding. If you commence to give a little extra feeding about the middle of March, and mate at the end of that month or the first week in April, it should be all that is needed. (2) The aviaries would each accommodate two hens and one cock, but they need to be of a sociable temperament to succeed very well, flying loose in these cage-aviaries. It would also be necessary to remove the young of each brood as soon as they could quite cater for themselves to prevent them unduly interfering with the nesting arrangements of the hens. It would probably succeed better to keep in the divisions with a hen in each end compartment, and the cock in the centre. Mate him with each hen in succession, and when they have gone to nest shut him off in the centre again, and leave the hens to hatch and rear the young by themselves, and when ready also use the middle compartment for the young when the hens begin nesting again. (3) As regards allowing the birds to choose their own mating time, you might possibly risk this if the prospects are for a few weeks of settled weather about the middle of March. But you must know there is a risk.

SONG AND MOULTING.

A Young Novice.—(1) Yes, the Roller hen certainly has a great influence upon the singing qualities of the progeny, and consequently if you are aiming at producing a really good strain of songsters you must be just as careful to see that you use only hens of a good singing strain as you are of avoiding cocks from a strain with serious defects in their vocal abilities. (2) It would be utterly useless trying to breed with the hen whilst she is moulting. You should first of all see that she is not exposed to direct cold draughts, or rapid extremes of heat and cold, which are the commonest causes of this moulting out of the proper season. Keep her in a moderately warm temperature, but do not overdo it, and see that the warmth is as equable as you can manage it, and, above all, avoid direct draughts. Give a staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together, and in addition to this give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, and also a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on these days add to the drinking water six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and four of tincture of steel. Continue this treatment for a month if necessary, though you may stop it sooner if the moulting has quite ceased. Do not mate the bird until the feathers have quite ceased dropping for three weeks at least. Your Mule query should have been written on a separate sheet. See Mr. Norman's column for reply.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

MYSTERIOUS DEATHS.

J. R.—Sorry, but I cannot even hazard a guess at the cause of the deaths of the pair of birds which you mated on the 14th Feb., doubtless in compliance with the old superstition that this is the date on which the birds mate naturally, and which both appeared in robust health at the time, but were both found dead in the cage two days later. As these are the only two affected it does seem a wee bit strange, but you give me not the slightest clue upon which to found a guess—and it could be nothing more in such a case. Let us hope they did not funk the weighty prospect of the family cares to come. The only thing that could be of any use at all in such a case would have been to have had a proper post-mortem on the remains of one or both of the birds.

SOFT-SHELLED EGGS.

Three Bad Bargains.—(1) I have no doubt whatever that the hen is a naturally delicate and weakly subject, and is not one I should consider a suitable stock bird at all if there was any means of replacing her with a more robust bird. The laying of soft-shelled eggs in every clutch shows an abnormal condition, probably of an inflammatory nature, of the lower part of the oviduct. Try the effect of a morsel of bread and milk dusted with chlorate of potash about every third day for the next three or four weeks, and after mating when she appears about going to nest, add 20 drops of chemical food to the water ever second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add instead a small teaspoonful of lime water to each ounce of the drinking water. (2) For a bird recovering from congestion of the liver you could not do better than keep it quite on the warm side, give a staple diet of plain canary seed, and a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of scalded summer rape. In the drinking water you might add an aperient, such as a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea with six drops of dilute sulphuric acid three times a week for a fortnight or so, or sufficiently often to keep the droppings of a normal consistency.

LOST VOICE, ETC.

Novice, W. D.—(1) The best you can do for a hen that has lost her voice is to remove the exciting causes of the condition by seeing that she is not exposed to direct cold draughts, sudden extremes of heat and cold, and not to allow it to hang near or over burning lights in the evenings. Then, in addition to the staple seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight or so, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana and half a teaspoonful of scalded summer rape seed, and add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice, two of pure honey, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. Keep the bird fairly warm, but let the warmth be as equable as possible, and do not overdo it. (2) Without some little data to go upon I cannot have any opinion at all about a bird panting. Such a symptom may be due to serious bronchial trouble or merely over-fatness, to name only two of many probable causes. You had better repeat this query with full particulars of all symptoms exhibited and the way you feed and treat generally and where you keep the birds affected. (3) If in good robust health and not mated too early birds really require little extra feeding before mating. In addition to the staple seed diet commence about the beginning of March to give the cocks a little egg food, or any substitute you may use, twice a week, and a small teaspoonful of seed mixture on two other days, and after the first week increase the frequency to every second day for each, so that one or the other is given every day, and begin at this time to treat the hens the same as you did the cocks during the first week. Give a little green food every second day, and to any that seem backward in condition search out crisp young dandelion, which you will find in sheltered corners and on the warm side of ditches, etc., and give this daily, or every second day, as green food, according to the apparent backwardness of the bird in question. By the end of March they should be in good condition for mating. For rearing the young give the usual seed diet, and add egg or soft food in moderately small quantities fresh at least twice a day. Begin to give green food when the young are about four days old; from this time onwards give a fresh supply morning and afternoon. For all the details from egg to perch, which cannot be given here, get our Manager to send you a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," post free for 7d.

HOW TO FEED.

W. J. P.—(1) For general diet, in addition to the staple of canary and rape, which is quite correct, give about half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats twice a week, and on one or two other days, according to condition, give a morsel of egg food or bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, or occasionally as a change with maw seed. In winter give a morsel of sweet fruit two or three times a week, and when green salads can be readily obtained a morsel of some greenstuff daily in summer, and two or three times a week in spring and autumn. (2) See that this bird is not exposed to cold draughts, keep in a fairly comfortable temperature, which is equable, and give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre, and give a morsel of banana. If bird is not quite well in a fortnight write again and repeat particulars. (3) The best book to put you on the right road is undoubtedly "Our Canaries," which you will see advertised on back page very often now. The best cheap books for your purpose would probably be "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, or for information on the different breeds, House's "Canary Manual," 1s. 2d. post free, both from our Manager.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRID

Answered by H. NORMAN.

THRUSH LOSING FEATHERS.

J. Brooks.—It appears your Thrush is having a soft moult, caused probably by being placed in a draughty position or by sudden changes of temperature, say, from a hot room to a cold one. I scarcely think your food, composed as it is mainly of pea meal and hemp seed, is a suitable one for a Thrush, A Skylark might do on it as he has a stronger digestion. Anyway, I would advise a change of food; you could make it with the egg and milk, but use wholemeal flour instead of the pea flour and hemp, and give with it a little grated carrot or chopped watercress. Also let the bird have a piece of apple or other soft fruit. You can continue with the mealworms or other insects that you can procure. Keep the bird in as even a temperature as possible, not in a hot room or one where the gas is constantly burning. You could give him the bath on fine days, letting him have it in the early part of the day.

FEEDING A GOLDFINCH.

"Spink."—Occasionally one gets a Finch that is very difficult to feed, such birds preferring their own choice of seed to the one the owner considers best for them. I would advise you to feed your bird as you are doing (by the way, you do not give me the proportions), but limit the niger, as I do not consider this to be a desirable seed to give in any quantity. The other three seeds are good, particularly the teazle and thistle, and although it would be desirable to add a little canary and hemp I would advise you not to mix these with the others, but give a little of each in a separate pot, or in a corner of the cage. Then if in time he eats them, they could be added to his staple mixture. It is so seldom any of the Finches refuse hemp seed that it makes me wonder if your seed is of good quality. Just crack a little and see if the kernel is white and plump; if not, procure some fresh from a different source. Lightly crack it for the Finch, and do the same with sunflower seeds—anyway, until he will crack it himself.

A MIXED COLLECTION.

Birdmad.—Your aviary would hold all your birds, but I would not advise you to put in the pair of Budgies, and you had better confine your collection to one sex—an odd hen or so would only cause trouble. As you have kept your birds inside all the winter, I would not advise you to turn them out until the end of March, and then only if the weather is fairly settled. Any that are not in good condition then had better be in the cold room for another week or so.

MATING GREENFINCH AND BULLFINCH.

S. Wells.—The Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid is a very desirable one to breed if you can manage it. If the birds are on good terms, do not interfere with them, let them be together, and when the hen shows signs of wanting to nest, which she will probably do in April or May, give her a nest box and some short lengths of hay moss and hair, or, better still, supply her with an old Finch nest. Keep the perches low and cover the floor of the cage with some soft material, such as moss or fibre, as sometimes they drop the eggs from the perch in the early morning.

GETTING FINCHES INTO CONDITION.

Revivor.—I do not believe in hurrying birds into condition early in the year, especially when they are healthy and doing well; the longer days and better atmospheric conditions do more to bring them into song than any particular seeds. As regard your Linnet, it appears to me that he is doing splendidly, and if he belonged to me I should soon expect his chatter to break into a song, but if you would like to hurry matters, give a little cracke

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hemp daily, a spoonful of soaked seeds three days a week, and a leaf of dandelion. Your Goldfinch is certainly backward, but then these birds are late breeders when at liberty. Your feeding is pretty good, and I would not feel inclined to alter it; give dandelion, and keep a sharp look-out for the early seed pods, and let him have a good supply when obtainable. If he will eat mealworms offer him one occasionally. Give him the following tonic: 3 grains of the crystals of citrate of iron and ammonia in one tablespoonful of water, night and morning, for a week.

LINNET WITH EYE TROUBLE.

A. T.—I fear you have waited too long before seeking advice about your Linnet; had you attended to it when first noticed, it would possibly have recovered. You do not say if the bird is blind in the affected eye, although by your description I should imagine it was. I would advise you to bathe it in a little warm water with a few drops of laudanum in it; this will ease any pain and give the bird great relief. Feed as you are doing, adding greenfood when procurable, and give the tonic advised to "Reviver" in this issue. I have seen a similar case, and although the bird lost the use of the eye, he bred Mules. You are feeding your Chaffinch quite right; all I can suggest is a little soft food with a spoonful of ants' eggs in it, and give green-fly as soon as obtainable. You could also offer soaked seeds three days a week, and let him bathe when the weather is suitable. Get our Nutshell on the Chaffinch, 2½d. post free, from our manager.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERIST

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BREEDING LINNET MULES.

A Young Novice.—Your birds should not be ready to nest until April, and therefore you should not be in a hurry to get them into breeding condition. If they are both healthy I would advise you to simply feed them as you are now doing, but you might give a spoonful of soaked seed two or three times a week, and a pinch of maw seed occasionally. I presume you are using some kind of green food; you will in a week or so be able to get young dandelion leaves, these should be used as they are very helpful, and are much better for the birds than giving them a lot of hemp or other forcing seeds.

BIRDS FOR AN AVIARY.

Schoolboy Fancier.—I would advise you to have all cock birds in your aviary, and you would find Finches and Buntings interesting and least trouble to feed and attend to. Your collection might be composed of two Goldfinches, one Bullfinch, a Linnet, Greenfinch, Redpoll, Siskin, Yellow Bunting, Reed and Cirl Buntings; these would give you plenty of song and be bright to look at. If you could fix up one or two small branches it would improve the look of the aviary, and the surroundings would appear more natural to the birds.

A FIGHTING GOLDFINCH.

E. Townsend.—I expect you have made too much of a pet of your bird, and like some pampered animals he has become bad in temper. The treatment I would suggest, if you can manage it, is to let him fly in a large aviary, and feed on a rather lower diet, or an abundance of wild food. If you cannot do that, put him in one of the compartments of a double breeding cage, and the Bullie hen in the other, with a wire slide between, then limit his diet somewhat, and do not take any notice of him beyond giving food and water, and when the hen is ready to go to nest run him in for an hour or so night and morning. If the bird is healthy and in condition, I see no reason why he should not breed if the hen takes to him.

WHAT BIRD?

W. R. W.—The bird you describe is the Redwing; they are winter visitors to these shores and have been particularly plentiful this year, having been driven here probably by more severe weather further north. It is probable you have seen them before in your district, as they would be almost certain to visit you every year, but possibly you did not notice that they were different from the ordinary Thrush. We have had quite a number of them here in Surrey this year. (2) The "Cock of the North" is the Bramblefinch.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AVIARY FOR BUDGERIGARS.

P. G.—The chief fault of your outdoor cage is its shallowness from back to front, in consequence of which the wood back will always be more or less damp owing to rain, etc., being blown in and saturating it, and also the branches on which the birds perch, and any food in vessels placed against it. It would improve the aviary to have the whole of the roof covered except the end six inches, and if a perch be arranged under the open part the birds could get a rain bath whenever they chose. If you provide a portable cover for the front during the winter months—it need only be used during wet periods—they should be quite comfortable and snug during the winter. There is another alternative: a wooden screen a little higher than the aviary, fixed three feet away from it, would check driving winds and rain and be valuable at all periods of the year. You have space for three breeding pairs, but I advise only two pairs, as then the accommodation for any young you may rear will be greater. The outside of the back and shelter end, front, and roof should be well tarred so as to keep the aviary cage as dry as possible. I look upon the roof extension named above as a necessity, and if the situation is at all an exposed one, the screen is also. The dietary you name will about meet the case. When in season the flower and seed heads of any kind of grass is the best green food for them: even with the roof covered in you might have grass growing inside the aviary right along the front. It would get ample moisture except during very dry periods.

AMAZON PARROT SCRATCHING ITSELF.

R. W. C.—While very pleased to hear of the improvement in your bird, I was also greatly amused. Most certainly bathing or washing the head with glyco-thymoline would not have the desired result, as it would probably set up a slight smarting on the bare parts and cause the bird to start scratching at once; whenever I advise the use of glyco-thymoline it is for bathing, spraying, or cleansing the nostrils only. A tepid weak solution of Condy's Fluid is excellent to use for the bath solution when spraying the bird at all periods of the year.

RED-HEADED FINCH BALD.

S. W. B.—I am very pleased that you succeeded in getting your hen bird into good plumage again, and also regret that the ardour of the cock makes him too loving a husband. You will have to separate them again and renew the treatment; when the plumage is again perfect, if you can give them a cage double the size of the present one and fit it up with a nest box and perches at either end only, so that they must fly to get from one to the other, they will probably begin breeding, and under the stress of domestic duties the cock will have less time for preening and plucking his spouse's plumage. Keep her warm at present, and give her a dose of fluid magnesia (one teaspoonful) once a week, and half a teaspoonful of chemical food twice a week, in the drinking water, and she will soon pick up again. In the aviary this plucking is a rarity, but when caged, and also during importation, very many of the "small Ornamental Finches" so pluck their mates, and the only course is to separate them till the plumage is renewed. The present male may not act so all the year round. It is the ardour preceding the breeding season.

AMAZON IN BAD PLUMAGE.

Miss E. W.—I cannot help you as I would like, as you say nothing about how the bird is fed and treated generally. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intermediate days well colour the water with chemical food. Give daily a little honey and borax thinly spread on bread, biscuit or plain cake, whichever the bird will eat most freely, and in the same manner give cod liver oil emulsion—say, the former in the morning, and the latter in the evening. Before I can prescribe any direct treatment for the swelling, I must know something of its character. Is it merely a fleshy swelling, or does it show any evidence of developing into a festering sore? If you will supply the information asked for I will try and help you more definitely.

DESCRIPTION OF RED-HEADED FINCH.

E. P. M.—The Red-headed Finch is a sort of glorified Cutthroat or Ribbon Finch. It is fully half as large again as the Cutthroat. The whole of the head is brick-red; the body colouring is similar to the Cutthroat but slightly greyer; the underparts are regularly covered with cream-coloured blotches margined with black. The hen has no red on the head, and blotches of the underparts not so well defined as those of the male. I do not know of any record of them having bred in cages in this country, but many have been bred in English aviaries. Both sexes are quite ready to pair up with a Cutthroat in the absence of a mate of their own species, and very pretty hybrids are the result. I have referred your query re "Canary Hybrids" and "British Birds" to the Editor.

BUDGERIGARS THROWING OUT EGGS.

A. C. Moore.—There are several causes which may contribute to this such as frequent disturbance, odd unmated birds, mice, or the presence of a pugnacious pair, but if none of the above causes exist, your query is somewhat of a conundrum, and I have more than once put down such conduct to sheer cussedness; there would seem to be some disturbing cause, either in their surroundings or their demeanour. If you are speaking of recent occurrences, the severe weather may have been the cause. Probably as the weather becomes more congenial their unnatural behaviour may not continue. There is one precaution you may well take: well soak the husk, or husks, in hot (boiling) water, and as soon as dry replace them. However, you tell me nothing about how and where they are kept and treated, if you supply this information I may be in a position to give you a more helpful reply.

KEEPING AND BREEDING BUDGERIGARS.

Young 'Un, Novice.—In future you must enclose name and address or we cannot give you a reply, see rules on this point. Budgies and other foreign species have their own ideas as to the proper season for breeding, and often decline to defer to human judgment and try to breed in our winter, that being their proper season in their native haunts. In such case they must be coerced by separating the sexes and removing the nest receptacle. They should and can be allowed to breed how and when they please between April and October inclusive. Canary and white millet seed, with a "dash" of white oats, forms a good staple mixture. Grit and cuttlebone must be regularly supplied. When feeding young keep a tin of broken biscuits in the cage, and supply as much seeding and flowering grass as they care to eat; at this time they also are very fond of a millet spray. If you purchase a pair now, put them into their quarters at once, and hang up a couple of cocoanut husks for them. When in breeding condition the cere surrounding the nostrils of the male is bright blue, that of the hen may be anything from cream colour to dark brown. The roomier your cage the more probable are your chances of success. Flowering and seeding grass means the flower and seed heads of any kind of grass, from the ordinary lawn grass to any kind that grows in hedgerow or meadow. If a hen is egg-bound, put her in a small cage and stand the cage on the top of the kitchen range till the egg has been laid. Note replies to other queries, and get our Nutshell "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free, from our manager.

FEATHER PULLING.

W. H. S.—Very often feather pulling is the result of improper feeding. I recommend you to get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our manager. In some cases it is a vice, and is then practically incurable. However, cease giving milk, and treat as under, and in time there may be some material improvement, if not actual cure. Put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day (leave the water continually in the cage), and on the intermediate days lightly colour the water with chemical food. Also lightly dust the daily supply of boiled maize with flour of sulphur—this treatment must be persevered in, as a cure will be a work of time. As the weather gets warmer spray it twice a week with tepid water containing a little quassia essence: even in winter it may be sprayed almost weekly by choosing a genial day as opportunity offers, and keeping the bird carefully out of draught, and cold air till the plumage is dry. Also supply ripe fruit daily (apple or banana at this time of year), it can have a few nuts, also dry crusts, biscuits, and a little plain cake. Get the book referred to above, and as soon as possible, and get your bird on to the diet given therein, but the change must be gradual and not sudden. Report progress with full details about two months hence.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Warbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

MORE TROUBLE WITH BUDGERIGARS.

Boy Roy.—I do not keep queries by me, and before I can give you a helpful reply you must tell me how and where you are keeping them, and the size of your aviary and cage. In the meantime you must take out the odd cock, as the sexes of adult birds must be equal for you to have any success, especially in smallish quarters, and I opine some of your present trouble arises therefrom. Presumably you lost the hen bird from egg-binding owing to a chill. However, I have had Budgerigars in my own aviary guilty of similar annoying procedure, and several clutches have been wasted, but later they settled down to serious nesting and reared a good number in the later part of the season. It might help matters to rearrange the husks and place them as far apart from each other as your space permits—of course, you will not move any husks containing sitting birds. The husk opening (entrance) should face the light. If you get another hen to mate up with your odd cock, keep them together in a cage for about a fortnight before turning them into the aviary; and if there are any birds incubating you had better wait till the young are fairly fledged before putting in new birds. (See also replies to other correspondents.)

EGYPTIAN QUAIL.

Reppiks.—(1) I expect the Quails offered you are the common migratory Quail, and they require similar accommodation to domestic poultry, but the run should be covered with wire netting of one inch mesh. There should be a dry sand heap for them under cover, and their run should be grassed, or sown with canary seed and various cereals. Also a small spreading evergreen bush (berberis is good) is an advantage for them to shelter under. (2) Chicken mixture to which a liberal portion of canary and millet seed has been added will about meet their needs. They will also eat a little moistened chicken meal, and will devour any insects, worms, beetles, and their larvæ that you can secure for them; but they will thrive on seed and green food alone with what insects they can secure for themselves in a grassed run. (3) They are usually wild and dash upwards when disturbed, so it is well to keep the flight feathers of one wing well cut continually. If given the accommodation indicated above, they should do well with you and live long.

GREY PARROT UNEASY.

M. S. Adcock.—There is not much wrong with your bird, but it is probably suffering from the effects of the milk sop and animal food. If it has been accustomed to these for a considerable period you must not cut them off suddenly, but it will be to the advantage of its health generally if it is weaned from them as quickly as possible. Put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in its drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food. To thoroughly clear the mouth and throat of all slime, etc., give it a little honey and borax, lightly spread on biscuit, bread or plain cake daily, so long as the contents of the ordinary small box lasts. When milder weather comes, lightly spray it twice a week with tepid water containing a little quassia essence. When you receive the "Grey Parrot" Nutshell, it will be well to get your bird on to the diet advised therein, but some birds sulk at a changed dietary, and to force it upon them at once would mean short rations, which must be avoided.

BUDGERIGAR WITH SWOLLEN JOINTS.

S. H. Wrightson.—I have carefully considered your query and consider that the best course—the kindest course would be to painlessly destroy it. If you do not wish to destroy it, then soak its legs and feet in hot water (as hot as you can bear your hand in), dry with a soft cloth, and paint with tincture of iodine so long as there are no open sores. When the latter occur, the legs and feet must be cleansed daily with tepid water and then anointed with spermaceti ointment. I, however, can hold out little hope of a cure being effected.

CARDINAL WITH FEATHERS TURNING OUTWARDS.

Puzzled.—Such cases are not as uncommon as you appear to think, and I am afraid you will have to put up with its unsatisfactory appearance till the next moult, when probably the plumage will be normal. Your diet is quite satisfactory, but I advise the omission of hemp from the seed mixture. It will tone the bird up generally if you put it on a course of magnesia and chemical food for a few weeks. One teaspoonful of the former in the drinking water twice a week, and half-a-teaspoonful of the latter, also in the water, on the intermediate days. Shall be interested to hear how the bird progresses.

TREATMENT OF ZEBRA FINCHES.

Esperance.—There is no Nutshell on the Zebra Finch, but they are described, and food, etc., given, in my "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1½d. post free, from our manager. I have already stated all there is to be said about keeping them with your Budgies; must refer you to my last two replies. Your aviary should now be much more cosy, and the occupants ought to be very comfy even in the present acute weather. Yes, they must have a bath, and they usually take a daily tub, twice a day in summer. Perhaps your bath is too deep for them; if so, put in a small, shallow dish, three-quarters of an inch depth of water will be ample, standing on a small block of some kind, and then they will use it freely. For the aviary a shallow photo-developing dish makes an excellent bath. They do not need mealworms, though when they are feeding young a few daily often help in the successful rearing of their offspring. A good soft food is easily made by crushing a dog biscuit adding an equal bulk of dried flies and ants' eggs, and making the daily supply crumbly moist with boiling water. Osborne biscuit or sponge cake would do in place of the dog biscuit. You should keep mealworms in a tin containing a little bran, with a few pin-point holes in the lid. The seed mixture you supply for the Budgies will suffice for the Zebras, but when they are feeding young keep up a continuous supply of millet sprays and greenfood. Hope you will have luck with them.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. H. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. The Post Office regulation is that bodies of birds must be sent at the letter rate of postage, and must be packed in hermetically-sealed receptacles which must themselves be enclosed in strong wooden, leather, or metal cases. If this regulation be infringed the packets may be destroyed by the authorities. **Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away,** and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

ABOUT A BOOK.

E. P. M.—The book you mention is not published by us, but by the Waverley Book Co. We believe it is now out of print, so far as the publishers are concerned.

IMPERFECT PLUMAGE.

Kilty.—If you will say what birds you keep, whether British birds, Canaries, or Foreign birds, and say how you feed them, we shall be very pleased to publish your letter, or our experts would give you special advice. No helpful information could possibly be forthcoming without some particulars as to the kind of birds and the method under which they have been heretofore kept and fed.

SEXING BY A SUSPENDED COIN.

Perplexed Novice.—From August to October last practically every issue of our paper contained letters on this subject. Many believed in the efficacy of the method, and many did not, and there the matter ended. The coin mentioned was a silver coin, the needle an ordinary steel needle, and the suspending material a silk thread.

EGG CAKE FOR CANARIES.

R. Jackson.—Neither yeast nor water is used in the making of the egg-cake. It is expressly stated in the recipe "use no water," and the eggs give all the lightness necessary.

WILL MULES BREED?

S. W. B.—This is a question which is continually being asked, and can only be answered generally. Here is a copy of a reply we gave quite recently: "Generally speaking, we can only say that Hybrids are sterile. Hybrids between closely allied species, such as tame pigeons and wild pigeons, various kinds of ducks, etc., are undoubtedly capable of producing fertile eggs, and it has sometimes been claimed that hybrids between the Canary and a British Finch have proved fertile. Such cases as the latter, however, are few and far between, and when investigated scarcely ever bear the test of enquiry."

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WANTED

Canaries,. Norwich and Yorkshire, Parrots, and foreign birds; also litters of Fox-terrier pups, or other small breed: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (843)

15/- PER PAIR

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Mainly Canaries.

CREST cock for yellow Norwich hens, or sell 15/-: Martin, 55, Old-rd., Huntly, Scotland. (844)

EXCHANGE good grey crested cock for dark crested hen, 1916; approval both ways: Roberts, North Creake. (842)

HOUSE-moulted Finch, bred Mules, sell 10/-; exchange good cock Canary: Bulpin and Roberts, 74, Barclay-st., Bridgwater. (838)

EXCHANGE Roller cock and Norwich hen for black and tan Manchester terrier bitch: Mr. Southworth, 13, Southley-st. Burnley. (836)

PAIR Norwich, yellow cock, buff hens (1915), 20/-; buff cock (1916), 12/6; exchange Rollers: Cripps, 65, Shere-road, Deptford, London. (844)

GUARANTEED genuine pure double yellow-bred Sib cock, 1916, 15/-; or exchange pair of good boots, tens: Laidlow, Painter, Langholm. (844)

CHAMPION pair Yorkshire Canaries, Ambers strain, 25/-; pair Norwich, Muckley strain, 25/-; yellow hen, 15/-: 81, High-st., Long Eaton. (846)

BUFF Cinnamon Norwich cock and yellow hen, 25/-; or exchange for good buff Norwich hen; yours first: D. Clacker, 18, Forth-avenue, Kirkcaldy. (841)

WILL exchange for Norwich or Yorkshires, 8 vol. bound "War Budget," and 2 unbound, up to date; cost 6/- vol.: Burton, 11, Hawthorn-st., Derby.

O.E.G.B. cock and 3 hens exchange Lancashire—Norwich cross or large Norwich cock, or sell 10/-; yours first: Alex Philp, Milton, Markinch, Fife.

PAIR unrelated Norwich greens, 13/6; or exchange good singing Roller cock; approval both ways: J. Geldard, 9, Leonard-st., Barnoldswick, nr. Colne.

YELLOW Norwich cock, two buff variegated hens, 25/-, or exchange tweeds to value: John Cartney, Pisgah, Camingstown, Turriff,. Aberdeenshire. (836)

EXCHANGE two Norwich hens for Roller cock or would sell; also pure-bred Roller hens, 3/- to 5/- each: Cooper, 164, Wolverhampton-road, Walsall. (839)

PAIR short-face Tumbler Pigeons, cock winner two prizes; cheap; £2; what offers; exchange canaries; Crests preferable: H. Bryant, 41, Newfoundland-st., Bristol. (841)

MARKED Goldfinch Mule cock, pair Siskin Mules, sell £1; or exchange good yellow Yorkshire cock, or clear Norwich hen to value: Harrison, Ellenborough-place, Maryport. (842)

HAVING chosen my breeding pairs I have 6 pairs of prize-bred Yorkshires left; will exchange for war trophies or sell 25/- to 35/- per pair: Knowles, Chemist, Earlestown, Lancs. (828)

SELL or exchange good typical Pekinese dog, 12 months, clean, good head, coat, no fault, approval willingly, for good Yorkshires or Norwich canaries; trio of Borders for sale, buff cock, 2 hens: Hurle, 19, Blanche-st., Williams Town, Penygraig, Rhondda. (841)

Mainly British.

COCK Peathroat Goldfinch, sell or exchange exhibition cock Linnet or Siskin; yours first: Cranston, 39, Salisbury-rd., Maidstone. (839)

EXCHANGE exhibition cock Blackbird for good Siskin; or offers; approval: Taylor, 266, Watling-street, Bridgtown, Cannock. (844)

GRAND Linnet Mule, good songster, exchange house-moulted Goldfinch; offers: Weatherill, Burbank-street, West Hartlepool.

GENUINE hand-reared Thrush, 7/6; 1lb. thistle seed, 5/-; exchange Goldfinches: 5, Beechcroft-terr., Maybank-rd., South Woodford. (838)

BARGAIN.—Exchange 3 exhibition Bullfinches for yellow Border cock, or cock Hawfinch; or sell: Williams, Church Island, Menai Bridge. (842)

WHAT offers in large yellow Norwich hens, 1916, for a 1916 cock Goldfinch Mule: E. Carroll, 18, Robert-street, Oldham-road, Failsworth, Manchester

THRUSH in full song, sell 6/-; exchange Hardbills or two hen Canaries; approval; seen by appointment: Edwards, 103, Glamorgan-st., Pontcanna, Cardiff. (840)

SELECTED cock Twites; exchange for good cock Goldie or Bullie hens: W. Muir, 30, Helen-st., Arbroath. (845)

EXCHANGE three large well-marked cock Greenfinches, suitable for muling, for Yorkshire or Norwich hen; or sell 2/- each: Gibbons, 7, Pennygate, Spalding. (840)

TWO good singing cock Linnets, 5/- each; make good mulers; will exchange for hen Canaries, cock Bullfinches, or Goldfinches: John Caine, 102a, Mill-st., Liverpool. (844)

GOLDFINCH and Linnet cocks, H.-M., muled two seasons; will exchange for good yellow Yorkshire cock, or sell 12/6 two: Macklow, 29, Branksome-rd., Southend, Essex. (839)

EXCHANGE two large cock Greenfinches, house-moulted, mulers, and two hen Canaries, for young yellow Norwich cock, or sell: Smith, Stags End, Hemel Hempstead. (838)

SALE or exchange; to Mule breeders; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 8/-; house-moulted cock Linnet, 4/-; or exchange, Rollers preferred: F. Morris, 7, Croft-st., Newcastle, Staff. (845)

FOR sale, or exchange, two Goldfinches, twice house-moulted, good mulers, exchange for good pair of Norwich, on approval, or sell £1: Denman, Asylum, Ardesey, Bxls. (838)

ALL aviary moulted; 3 large grand colour cock Bullfinches, 3/6 each; 2 not so bright, 5/-; one hen 2/-; 3 very good cock Chaffinches, 4/6; all in aviary with canaries; offers: Jackson, Postman, Downham, Norfolk. (842)

BARGAINS.—Grand exhibition cock Bullfinch, 3/-; pair Bullies, 4/6; cock Chaffinch, hen Roller (mulers) 4/6; exchange Bantams, anything: H. E. Collingwood, Yafferton, Driffield. (841)

EXCHANGE clear yellow cock, cost £2, 1915 bred; big buff hen for (exhibited) field-moulted Goldfinch and Linnet; no rubbish; stamp reply: R. Campbell, Moors Houses, Stanly, Crook. (840)

A GRAND cock Goldfinch, bred mules last year, and grand cock h.-m. Linnet, sure muler; exchange them for Yorkshire or Crested hens, breeding cages or sell 15/-; or what offers: Hasdell, 13, Pleasant-st., Kidderminster. (842)

WHAT offers in Goldfinches for collection 35 birds' eggs, also Adams' Illustrated Book of Nest and Eggs, and Beckstein's Book on Cage Birds: "B," 25, Rossall-rd., Ansdell, Lytham. (840)

THREE good cock Goldie mules, 8/6 each; few hens, colour-fed, 2/6; non-fed, 2/-; F.M. exhibition cock Bullfinch, 5/-; ditto cock Greenfinch, 3/-; h.m. cock Greenfinch, monster yellow, 4/6; cock Linnet, muler, 3/6; hen Bullfinch, 3/; approval, cash or exchange for unflighted Norwich hens: Sutherland, Rambodde Forres. (843)

Mainly Foreign.

WHAT offers in Crests for pair of Australian Grassfinches (well known winners): Leslie, 277, High-st., Arbroath. (844)

EXCHANGE pair Parrakeets, hen little bare at chest, but healthy, for pair Norwich for breeding, or what offers: 108, Capstone-rd., Bournemouth.

COCK Grenadier Weaver, out of colour, 12/-; when in colour, 25/-; exchange for pair of Yorkshires or offers other canaries: Kay, Portland-road, Blackpool. (843)

Miscellaneous.

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EXCHANGE huge rabbit for cock Canary; or anything useful; sell 7/6; no dealers: Johnson, 4, Seaside-terrace, Swanage. (842)

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DOUBLE breeder, also single, complete, 7/-; exchange yellow cinnamon Border cock or pair Borders: Routledge, Queen-st., Carlisle. (841)

EXCHANGE six-compartment Roller breeding cage for Canaries or British, or sell 12/-.—Jones, 136, Ellor-st., Pendleton, nr. Manchester. (845)

WHAT offers in Rollers for ¼-plate hand camera, 2 printing frames, 2 developing dishes, or sell 15/-: E. Baker, 13, Gainsboro-st., Blackburn. (844)

EXCHANGE solid silver watch-guard, stamped, value 15/-, for 3 good coloured cock Bullies; birds first: Jones, Cranbourn-street, Brighton. (839)

TWO pair of ladies' shoes, size sixes, almost new, 7/6 pair; or exchange watch, cobby Nor. cock, anything useful: Wallace, Dalderse-av., Falkirk. (845)

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FOR sale, half-plate stand camera complete, 50/-; or exchange for Roller Canaries, seed: approval: C. James, 60, Commercial-st., Aberbargoed, Mon. (840)

LARGE gramophone, 40 records, oak sound box, large brass horn, sell £4: exchange talking parrot or toy dog: T. Woodhall, 177, Burntree, Dudley Port. (844)

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THREE April White Leghorn pullets, Cam's strain, laying, 10/6 each; two pounds condition seed, exchange unflighted large Norwich: Porter, 8, Devonshire-street, Worksop, Notts. (841)

TWO single breeding cages, 23 by 18 by 11; two double, 46 by 18 by 11, rack and fittings; ladies' cycle or sewing-machine wanted: Delves, Maidstone-road, Paddock Wood, Kent. (839)

WHAT offers Norwich Canaries? Strap cushion ½-size billiard frame, fit ordinary table, complete 3 cues, cloth, marking board, balls; sell 30/-: Jeffrey, 1, Vicarage-rd., Harborne. (846)

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WHAT offers in Canaries for magnificent set of new black wolf furs, latest fashion, large muff and stole, with heads and tails, worth £6 6s.?: Mrs. Harrington, Dalmeny Cottage, Dunstable. (838)

EXCHANGE Edison phonograph, Gem, perfect order, with brass horn, worth 30/- alone, and 72 records, for two large Norwich Plainhead cocks, yellow and buff, or two yellows, short and cobby, with massive heads and chests, or sell £2 10s.; birds first: Jackson, 37, Kellins-st., Tooting, S.W.

FOR sale of exchange, green Amazon Parrot and round cage; talks plain, 30/- or offer; wire Fox Terrier bitch, pedigree, soon be in season, 3 years; 25/- or exchange; no dogs: Apply Burridge-square, Toddington, Beds. (842)

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EXCHANGE single-barelled breechloading ejector gun (12 bore), by Harrington and Richardson (nearly new), for foreign birds, small variety, or sell 30/-; billiard cue and case, good condition, 10/-: Cooke, 27, West-parade, Lincoln. (827)

WANTED, offers in good trained Rollers for a champion Old English Game cockerel, blue red, and his hen; approval both ways; no rubbish wanted or offered; or sell £2: Haines, 71, Robert-street, Ynipyhwl, nr. Pontypridd. (841)

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EXCHANGE half-plate Lancaster camera, double extension, three double dark slides, good lens, value 30/-; also two high-class Roller hens, 10/-; wanted gent's bike to value, or motor bike engine: H. Bilsborough, Duflins, Healey, Rochdale. (841)

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GOOD wire bitch, nine months, full pedigree, due in season; sire, Paddy Mack; exchange Yorkshire cock, self yellow, or sell 20/-: Rigby 24, Howorth-st., Oswaldtwistle. (836)

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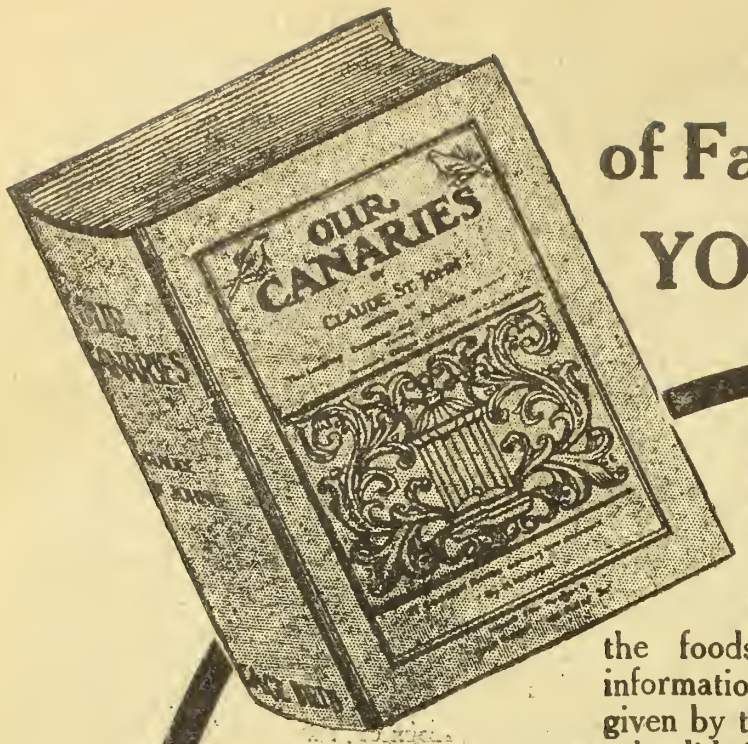

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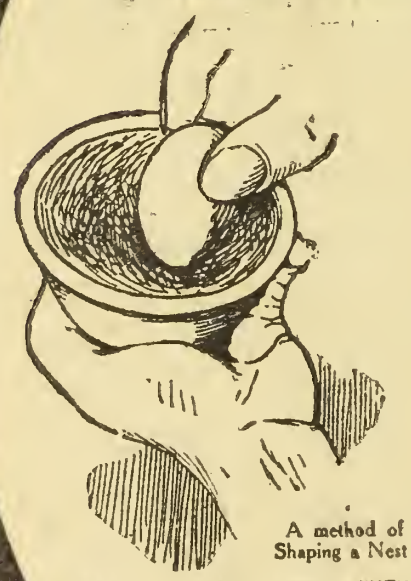

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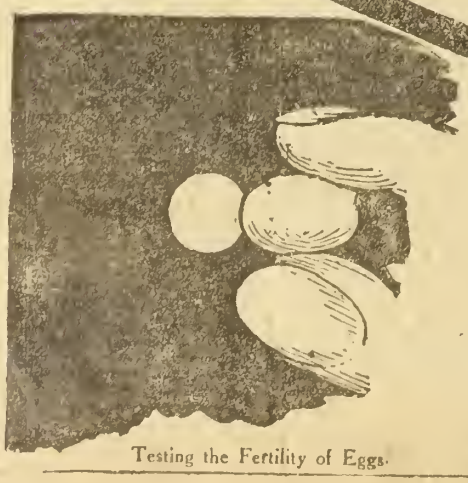

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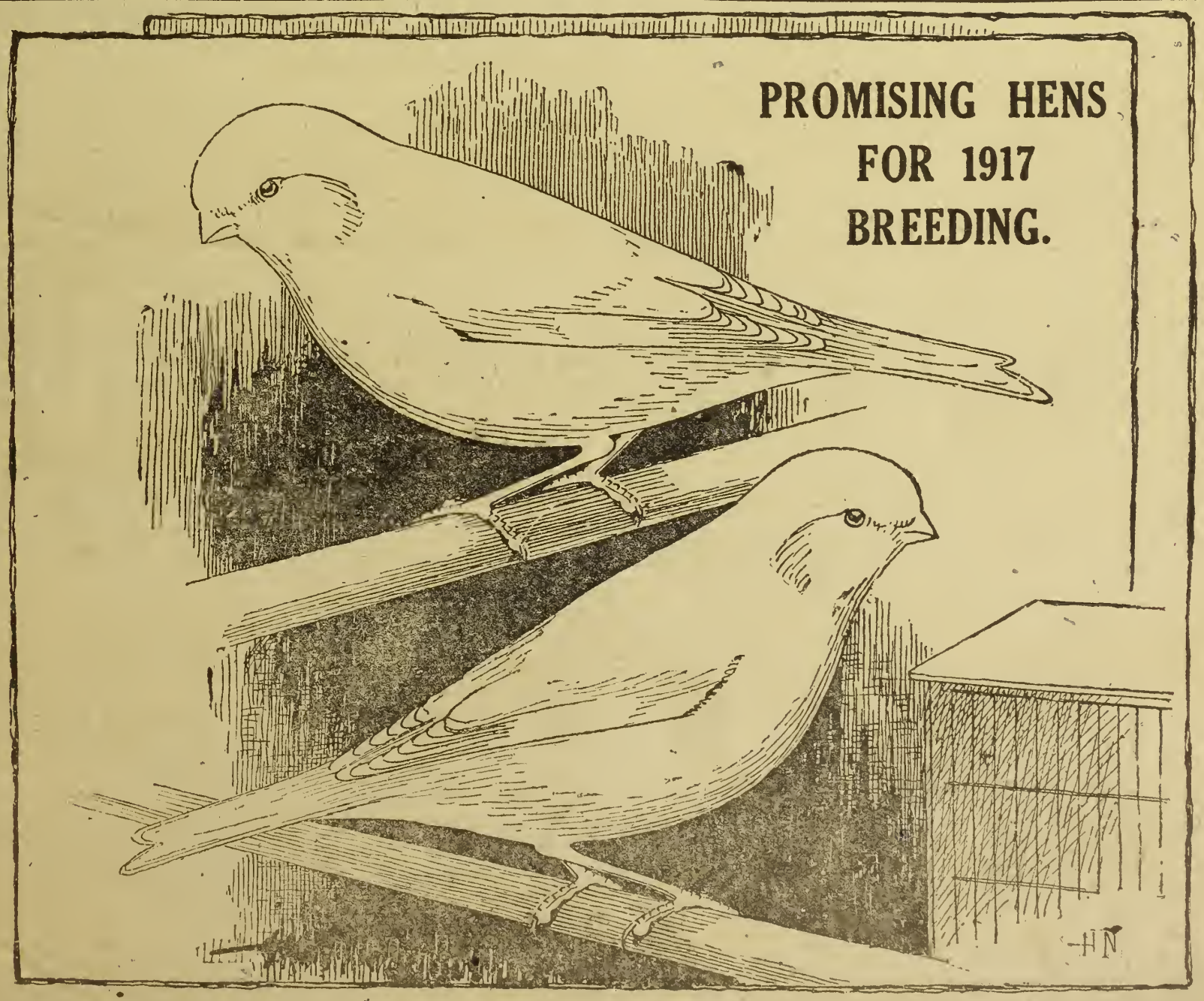

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REDUCING stock, big buff cock, 1915, yellow hen, 1916, 30/-; two pairs unflighted, buff cocks, yellow hens, 25/- pair; few buff hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each: H. Greaves, 88, Richards-st., Mardy, Rhondda, S. Wales. (855)

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MATCHED pairs. Big yellow cock and fine buff ticked hen, 25/-; another pair, 25/-; fine yellow cock with big buff hen, 27/6; two pairs Yorkshires, yellow cocks and buff hens, 25/- and £2: Franks, 55, Regent-st., Leamington. (859)

BIG-headed Norwich, no fancy prices; bred from my best, odd cocks, 10/- to 20/-; pairs from 15/- to 30/-; a few winners reasonable; this stock can be seen any time, or approval: Symons Bros., Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall. (836)

YELLOW cock, fine bold front, good heads, grand feather, rare stock bird, 42/-; unflighted buff hen to match, 20/-; two large buff hens, grand feather, quality, 15/- each; splendid value: Hoddinott, Stores, 8, Humphrey-st., Swansea. (853)

McKAY, 73, Grace-st., Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne, breeder and exhibitor high-class Norwich hens; some unflighted buff cocks for disposal, last year's winner 60/-, another 20/-; several 15/- each; bred same as winners; approval; stamp. (852)

REDUCING Norwich, 1914 clear buff cock, 1st and two 2nds, amateurs, £3; 1915 Greenf. yellow cock, bred from above, 30/- each; 2 unf. Buff cocks, 2 unf. yell. hens, extra blood, 30/- per pair: Stuttard, 5, Hollins-lane, Accrington. (854)

FEW good unflighted Norwich, cold room bred and colour fed, cocks 10/6, 12/6 each, hens 6/-, 7/6 each; buff unflighted cinnamon marked cock, yellow hen to match, £1 the pair; 2 hen Goldfinch Mules, 1 hen Goldfinch, 2/- each: E. Grimmer, 2, Burgess-sq., Sandyland, Wisbech. (853)

CHAMPION Norwich; must sell; expecting to join Army shortly; neck-ticked yellow cock and clear buff hen, both unflighted, £6 10s. the pair; clear yellow cock and variegated buff hen, unflighted, pair £4 10s.; unflighted yellow cock and 1915 variegated buff hen, £4 10s. the pair; hen, good breeder, also clear buff cock, with clear yellow hen, both unflighted, £4 the pair; young marked buff hen, grand hen for stock, £3; approval in England only; stamp reply; cash or deposit: Wren, 57, Norreys-avenue, Oxford. (860)

EXTRA large 1915 ticked buff cock, show bird, £5; very large 1915 clear buff cock, £2 10/-; two large 1916 clear and ticked buff cocks, £1 each; 1916 buff cocks, 15/- to 20/- each; 1915 yellow cocks, 20/- to 40/- each; 1916 ticked yellow cock, show bird, £6; few 1916 yellows, cocks from 20/- to 40/- each; extra large 1916 buff cinnamon cock, £4 10/-; 1916 buff cinnamon cocks, from 15/- to 40/- each; also a few pairs matched for breeding, from 30/- to 60/- per pair; approval, stamp: E. Godley, Knowles-st., Rishton, near Blackburn. (854)

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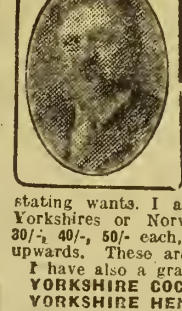

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FRANK CULSHAW, 188, Anlaby-rd., Hull, breeder and trainer, British Rollers (Randall's); member Hull R.C.C.; state wants, full particulars, stamp; approval. (711)

FEW pure-bred Roller hens, 4/- each, two for 7/6: Gray, Warthill Station York. (856)

MEMBERS wanted, Hull Roller Canary Club: Details, Baggaley, 18, Somerset-st., Hull. (842)

TWO pure Randall cocks, related to cup winner, 20/- each: Hill, 58, Joshua Road, Sheffield. (856)

ROLLER cocks, singing, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, wanted hens, give 3/6 each: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam.

GOOD pair Rollers, young birds, breeding condition, 12/-: J. Kenyon, 36, Major-st., Accrington.

PURE-BRED 1916 Roller, in full song, and box singing cage, 15/-: Close, 33, Chesterfield-rd., Blackpool. (854)

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ROLLERS, grand songsters, best strains, 12/6, 15/6; none better at the price: John Bennett, 28, Enville-st., Stourbridge. (857)

GLUCKE Roller hens, Tomlinson's strain, direct, B.R.C. rung, 1916, 6/- each; 2 for 11/-: Macready, Jeweller, Stranraer. (859)

HIGH-CLASS Roller cock, cold-room bred, 1915, 17/6; 1916 hen, 8/6 (guaranteed healthy); 7 days' approval, receipt cash, or "Cage Birds" deposit; stamp reply: Johnson (Chef), Noon's Hotel, 69, High Holborn, W.C. (852)

ROLLER hens, noted strain, grand stock birds, 1915-1916, 5/- and 7/6 each: Pope, 69, Palace-rd., Streatham Hill, S.W. (861)

SHOW cage, 3 Rollers, hens, lot, 12/6; approval, cash, deposit; William Thomson, Carment Drive, Stevenston, Ayrshire. (850)

ROLLER cock, 1916 bred, good colour, and hen to match; £1; approval: T. Ashton, 3, Hill-st., Carnforth, Lancashire. (852)

ROLLER hens, champion glucke, water glucke strain; 6/-, 7/6 each; approval: Thos. Walton, 6, Cross Green Crescent, Leeds. (854)

GRAND Roller cocks, full song, 12/6 upwards; hens, 4/-; Randall's and Willow's direct strain: Blows, 8, The Clyde, Ilford, Essex. (856)

ROLLERS, champion strain; ten pairs; cocks, 15/6; hens, 7/6 each; nest at once; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (855)

ROLLERS, also Yorkshires, 12/6 pair, bred outdoors, splendid condition, cocks, in full song: Brown, Beechwood, Newbury-st., Wantage. (853)

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HENS, hens, glucke and water glucke, Willow's and Randall's strain, cold-room, from 5/-, deposit: F. Owen, 66, Wolverhampton-rd., Cannock, Staffs.

ROLLER hens, few left, 5/-, 6/-; six variegated Roller-Yorkshire cross, cocks, grand for song, only 10/- each; Yorkshire hens, 5/-: Hunnick, March, Cambs. (854)

A FEW Glucke and water Glucke hens, same strain as my International winner, etc.; good condition; 6/- each: Parkes, 8, Green-lane, Blackheath, Birmingham. (860)

BARGAINS. Pure Randall's, 3 deep Glucke and Water Glucke Roller cocks, B.R.C.C. rung, 25/- each: Henry Howarth, 4, Orchard-terr., Cloughfould, nr. Manchester. (861)

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CANARIES, Glucke Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, same strain as my 3rd and 6th Leeds, two commends Manchester, 1st and special Bacup, two hc Wigan, vhc Wolverhampton, vhc and special Birmingham, vhc Bolton, 3rd, 6th, and special London; cocks, £1 upwards; hens, 7/6 and 10/6; wanted, Blue Budgerigars: Kimpton, Stafford-st., Walsall. (861)

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SCOTCH Fancy cocks, cheap, pair feeding Canaries 10/-; wanted, big Buff Norwich cock: Strachan, 30 Maull-st., Arbroath. (859)

YELLOW Piebald Scotch Fancy cock, young, first class strain; particulars from: John Hannay, 52 College-st., Maxwelltown, Dumfries. (859)

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SMART Yorkshire hen, take 7/6: Miss Ellis, 42, Eastree, Bridgwater. (857)

FEW cocks and hens; prices moderate to clear: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (825)

YORKSHIRE hens from 12/-; seen week-ends: Shrimpton, 47, Links-road, Tooting. (855)

SEVERAL typical yellow cocks, 20/- each: Eadie, 103, Portobello-road, Archer-street, W. (857)

GRAND Yorkshires, cock for Roller cock, yours first, or 12/-: 76, Woodbine-st. East, Rochdale.

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SEVERAL well-bred 1916 Yorkshires to clear; price reasonable: Troke, 71, Parchment-st., Winchester.

YORKSHIRES, Ambler's, cocks, 15/-; matched pairs, 25/-: Saunders, 117, Boyson-rd., Walworth.

YELLOW cock, 15/-; buff cock, 15/-; singing, from prize strain: Fitzpatrick, 1, King's-parade, Tottenham. (852)

YORKSHIRES: A few good cocks for sale, cheap, bred from my winners: Macready, Jeweller, Stranraer. (859)

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SAWER Bros., Alfreton, offer one pair of Yorkshires, 25/-; also yellow marked cock, 17/6; approval deposit. (858)

TWO buff Yorkshire hens, 17/6; good enough to win, and 8/6: Miss Bowyer, Kirtling, Newmarket. (861)

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FIVE grand yellow hens, 6/6, 10/-, 15/-, 25/-; half value: Appleton, 74, Heywood-st., Moss Side, Manchester. (851)

YELLOW and buff Yorkshire cocks, winners; reasonable; stamp reply: Stothard, 8, St. Pauls-st., Stockton-on-Tees. (82

REDUCING stock. Pairs or singles for sale; prices reasonable; inspection invited: Fairman, 28, Pepler-rd., Old Kent-rd. (838)

GOOD Yorkshires, yellow cock and buff hen £1, 1916 buff cock 12/6; approval; deposit: Pepper, High-st., Dunmow. (852)

WRIGHT, 11, Montrose-st., Darlington, can spare 1915 yellow cock, good bird, also yellow marked 1915 hen, price 15/- each. (859)

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PRIZE-BRED unflighted Yorkshire hens, from 5/- each; seen Saturday afternoon: Hicks, 33, St. Kilda's-rd., Stoke Newington, N. (861)

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BRED from winners, unflighted buff Yorkshire cock, 15/-; also 1915 buff cock, 20/-; approval deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (853)

GRAND Yorkshires, 1916 Buff cock 20/-; 1916 yellow cock 15/-; 1916 yellow-marked cock 15/-; approval, deposit: Arthur Radley, 48 Kilner-bank, Moldgreen, Huddersfield. (860)

UNFLIGHTED Yorkshire yellow cock, 12/6; good 1915 yellow hen, good cock Goldfinch, cheap; call Saturday afternoon or Sunday: Lettis, 2a, Lismore-Circus, Gospel Oak, N.W. (854)

LONG typical Yorkshire cocks, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; racy hens, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; lovely pairs from 21/-; bred from actual winners; only want seeing; approval: R. Hanford, Derby. (838)

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P. S. COWLEY has still a few more buff cocks and hens for sale; bargain prices to clear; no yellows; inspection invited; approval: Holmdene, Finnemore-road, Little Bromwich, Birmingham. (856)

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REDUCING stock, 6 pairs of high-class Yorkshires, or cock and 2 hens, 35/- to 55/-; several have been in the money, in good company; approval; cash or deposit: G. Simeson, 63, Beaconsfield-st., Acomb, York. (860)

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ROOM wanted, must clear, matched pair £1, from winners, 1916 rung; unflighted buff cock, £1, winner; card sent; these are genuine bargains; healthy and cold-room bred; wanted yellow variegated hen: T. Penman, 9, Angus-st., Springburn, Glasgow. (855)

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FOR sale immediately, clear yellow cock, winner first only time out, £2; clear yellow hen, splendid type and quality, £1 10s.; genuine bargains; these birds are bred from parents that cost up to £5 each, and have won at Portsmouth, Bournemouth, Wimbledon, Southampton, Frome, Sale, Dublin, etc.; approval, deposit; Williams, Dolgarrog Hotel, Talycafn, North Wales. (851)

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WANTED, anything alive, send price to: B. Onions, 66, Rushall-st., Walsall. (853)

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WANTED, a cock Roller for breeding; state price: G. Key, 52, Lever Street, St. Luke's, London. (856)

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ALL wanting Canaries, Mules, Finches, etc., should send for my free list: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

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WANTED, all kinds of Canaries, also British, for spot cash, healthy: Jack, Cage Maker, 6, Stirling-st. (City), Glasgow. (830)

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WANTED Canaries, British birds, dogs, cavies, pigeons, monkeys, Parrots, rabbits, mice, etc.; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

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BULLFINCHES, 2/9 per pair; Goldfinches and Siskins, 3/- per pair; Canaries, either sex, best prices given: Frank Sparks, Bird Dealer, 200, Overgate, Dundee. (765)

WANTED dozen box cages, "shop"; dozen 1916 stout Norwich hens, 36/- dozen given; common cocks, 6/- each given: Chalmers, 33a, Stevenson-st., Calson, Glasgow. (850)

WANTED all kinds of Canaries for re-sale; state lowest price; prompt cash; also Goldfinches and Bullfinches, from catchers, any quantity. Mrs. A. Porrill, 8, Doncaster-rd., Barnsley. (836)

WANTED, Bullfinches, 3/- per pair; Goldfinches, 3/3 pair; Siskins, 3/6 per pair; all varieties of Canaries wanted; highest prices given: Dan Patterson, Bird Dealer, 37, St. Peter-st., Dundee. (854)

WANTED, Goldfinches; will give 24/- dozen for cocks and 12/- a dozen for hens; also Bullies, Chaffinches, Siskins, Redpolls, Chaffinches wanted: J. Flower, 76, Sclater-st., Bethnal Green-rd., London. (840)

WANTED, Canaries, British and Foreign birds, Persian cats, toy dogs, Parrots, monkeys, bantams, poultry, etc.; best prices, prompt cash; bankers' references: Standard Menageries, Newton Heath, Manchester. (856)

WANTED, cock Goldfinches, Siskins, 32/- doz., hens 17/- doz., cock Goldfinch-Linnet Mules, 7/6 each, hens 2/- each; tip-top prices paid for British cocks or hens any quantity: C. Hobbs, 141, Kings-road, Camden Town, London. (856)

WANTED weekly, will pay per pair, Goldfinches 3/-, Bullfinches 3/-, Siskins 3/-, cock Linnets 6/- dozen; cock Chaffinches 5/- dozen; cock Yellowhammers 4/- dozen; cock Bramblefinches 4/-: Spark, Bird Dealer, West Ealing. (850)

WILL buy for cash any quantity cock Goldfinches, 24/- dozen, hens 12/-; Norwich, Yorkshire, 3/-; common hens, 2/- each; best prices for cock Canaries, Goldfinch, Linnet Mules, cocks 7/-, hens 1/6; Bullfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, Linnets: Helyar, 55, Patmos-rd., North Brixton. (860)

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The Song Birds of Australia.

[We are indebted to "The Field" for the following interesting article. Many of the birds mentioned have been kept by English aviculturists, and it is astonishing that the opinion should prevail that Australian birds are without the power of song.]

SOME years ago an uninformed tourist who visited Australia announced on his return to England that all the birds there were beautiful but mute, and all the flowers lovely but scentless. This libel on the avifauna and flora of Australia is still apparently believed in by many people, and has been repeatedly quoted in print. As a matter of fact, a great many of the Australian birds are singers, while others have very melodious calls and whistles, which almost entitle them to be called songsters.

One of the commonest in South Australia is the Piping Crow, or "Magpie," as it is called from its colour (*Gymnorhina tibicen*). Gould said that to describe its call was beyond the power of his pen, and the late Dr. A. R. Wallace thought it had "a wonderfully modulated whistle . . . unequalled amongst European birds." Its call is a deep rich carol, and to hear a number of these birds piping on a fine clear spring morning is something glorious.

The most treasured songbird in Australia is the Grey Thrush (*Collyriocincla harmonica*), a native of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia. It lives in the bush, but is a very sociable bird. It has a rich note, deep and full, and very flute-like, heard chiefly in the spring.

Then there is the Butcher-bird (*Craticus destructor*), which, like some of the European Shrikes, gets its popular name from its habit of killing and impaling the small birds on which it preys. It has a loud, mellow, flute-like warble. Some of the so-called "Thick-heads," of which there are eight or ten species belonging to the genus *Pachycephala*, are included amongst the Australian songbirds, one of the commonest being the White-headed, *Pachycephala gutturalis*, which has a clear sweet voice, and is oftenest heard amongst the flowering eucalyptus. Its notes often end with a good imitation of a whip crack.

Amongst the smaller song-birds is the Australian Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus australis*), which lives amongst the reed beds in the creeks, and is not unlike the well-known Reed Warbler of England. Its loud and varied song may be heard on any fine evening along the river sides.

The Bell-bird (*Oreoica cristata*) is a well-known songster everywhere, and its ringing, bell-like note may be often heard in the secluded gullies of the back-blocks. Mr. A. J. Campbell in his *Nests and Eggs of Australian Birds* states that it is an accomplished ventriloquist, and that some of its notes, which resemble the ringing of a small bell, often deceive the settlers when looking for their horses into the belief that they hear the bells attached to the bridles.

The beautiful little Blue Wren (*Malurus cyaneus*) of South-Eastern Australia is one of the gems of the bush; but its animated song may be heard also in many a garden. Mr. D. Seth-Smith, writing in the *Field* a couple of years ago after his return from Australia, gave an eloquent description of the tiny Blue Wren, to be seen in every garden of the Eastern States where there were suitable shrubs; the cock bird clad in brilliant enamel-like blue, his crown, cheeks, and back set off by jet-black, and his long tail erect over his back. Mr. Seth Smith brought three or four of these beautiful little birds home with him, and one of them lived a long time in the Zoological Gardens.

The Honey-eaters are a numerous family in Australia, and may be classed amongst the Warblers. The White-plumed Honey-eater (*Ptilotis penicillata*) is one of the commonest species. It is known to everyone as a frequenter of gardens, and has a melodious whistle. The Yellow-plumed Honey-eater (*Ptilotis auricomus*) is another common species, which has a loud, ringing call.

The "Robins" of Australia, so called from their red or orange-coloured breasts, are more nearly related to the Flycatchers, as may be judged from their habits, the construction of their nests, and the colour of their eggs, which resemble those of the English Spotted Flycatcher. Their song, though soft and pleasant, is not very pronounced, but one of them, the Yellow Robin, has a cheerful piping note, with which it greets the dawn.

From these brief remarks it will be seen that the oft-repeated statement that Australian birds have no song is altogether without foundation.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Nov. 1.—Blaenavon C.B.S.—(Geo. Broome, 82, King St.)
Nov. 3-5.—Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—(Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.)
Nov. 14.—Coventry O.S.—(J. Kent, 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.)

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Twitterings.

The date of the Annual Show of the Blaenavon C.B.S. has been fixed for Nov. 1st next.

Mr. J. A. Withers, sec., Bristol C.B.S., writes that he has removed from 20, Little Paradise to 4, Church Road, East Street, Bedminster, Bristol.

Will societies please note, to avoid clashing, writes Mr. J. W. Watson, South Shields Always Ready C.B.S., that we have fixed our show dates for July 21 and Nov. 17?

We shall hold our members' pair show on Wednesday, March 4th, at the Council Chambers, Eastleigh, writes Mr. J. Alderslade, hon. sec. Eastleigh C.B.S. Mr. Fellows, judge. Visitors will be admitted free from 6 till 8. We have decided to hold our annual show on Nov. 14 and 15. Will Secretaries please note to avoid clashing.

We have received the balance-sheet of the Croydon F.A., from which it appears that there was a small profit on the Young Stock Show, and a nice balance of £9 8s. 11d., upon the Annual Show. The balance brought forward from 1915 was £5 18s. 6½d., and the present cash in hand and at bank is £21 19s. 9d., a very satisfactory result of the year's working.

The London and Counties A.C.B. are holding a social evening and a light supper on March 26th at the Victoria Hotel, the corner of Farringdon Road and Charterhouse Street, E.C. Chairman will be Mr. J. Robson, and a grand company of artists will appear. Admission, 1s. 6d., including tax; doors open, 6.30, start 7 sharp. Fanciers who would like to spend an enjoyable evening kindly communicate not later than March 20th with the Secretary, W. Gilbert, 42, Cowcross Street, E.C.—(Advt.)

The frontispiece of the February issue of the "Avicultural Magazine," the journal of the Avicultural Society, is a beautiful photograph by Miss E. F. Chawner, of her tame Spectacled Owl. The principal article in the issue is "The Influence of German Aviculture" by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, whose occasional contributions to our own columns are so much enjoyed by our readers. This article, which is "to be continued" is written in the author's best style, and is of very great interest. Among the many tit-bits is the information that two hundred and thirty years ago the Germans were supplying trained Rollers to half Europe. "They had recognised the possibilities of the Canary as a singing bird; they had acclimatised it, taught it portions of the songs of the Nightingale and Titlark, and had succeeded in breeding it on so large a scale that they could supply trained song-birds to half Europe. Other articles are "Are Birds Easily Deceived?" by Dr. A. G. Burles, "Sheathbills," and "The Ocellated Turkey," by Dr. Graham Renshaw, and "The Arrival of Kate," Kate being a hen Indian Shamah, by Mr. G. E. Low.

The catalogue of Mr. J. Pitchford, cage maker, 218, London Road, Stoke-on-Trent, is to hand. Everything that may be required in the bird-room seems to be listed, and the prices are most reasonable. A copy will be sent free on application.

The incorporation of the "Zoologist" with "British Birds," Messrs. Witherby and Co., High Holborn, 1s. monthly, is much to the advantage of the latter journal, and the issue of March contains the annual notes by Mr. J. H. Gurney, on the bird life of Norfolk, which hitherto have been published in the "Zoologist." These are now arranged under heading "Migration," "Food," etc., which add much to their value. Under the heading migration we learn that numerous flocks of Redwings appeared in the county in October, some of them numbering as many as a hundred birds. Under "Foods" the Rook is given a very bad name, and the Starling not a much better one. The Bearded Tit is said to be holding its own in Norfolk, and the total number of nests is given as about eighty. Two Hoopoes were reported in the county during 1916; a Robin's nest with nine eggs was found, and there are numerous other interesting notes.

A Fine Record.

I beg to thank you, writes Mr. W. Fairhurst, for the honour you have conferred upon me by portraying my 'Twite in your valuable journal, Cage Birds. He has taken eleven successive firsts under such well-known authorities and judges as Messrs. Houlton, Davis, Watson, Arrighi, Johnson, and your artist and judge, Mr. Norman. He travelled over 800 miles in six days to compete at Glasgow and Llanelly, and took first at each place. Great credit is due to Mr. Norman, his sketch shows the beautiful work and markings of the bird to perfection.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. J. Green, Sec., Manchester and N.C.O.S., that I have to announce the great loss our late treasurer, Mr. J. T. Brown, has sustained in the death of his wife. Mr. Brown has a great task before him, being left with a family of young children, and it is to be hoped that he will have the best of health and strength to pull him through, though he has not fully recovered from the serious illness he had some 18 months back. I am sure Mr. Brown will have the deepest sympathy of all the members, and his old friends from far and near.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. Geo. Lane, hon. sec., S. Moor Social Club F.F. and C.B.S., that we have to announce the death of Mrs. John Armitage, wife of one of our members. She died suddenly, after having gone through an operation in Newcastle Infirmary, and we extend Mr. Armitage our deepest sympathy in his sad bereavement.

A Roller Club for Radcliffe.

A club, amalgamated with the National Federation, having been formed at Radcliffe, meetings will be held every third Wednesday each month, at the Boar's Head Hotel, at 8, writes Mr. J. Pearson, Sec., 26, Church St., Radcliffe. We shall at all times welcome new members. Entrance fee 1s., subs. 2s. 6d.

Judges at Wakefield O.S. Shows.

We are sorry that a mistaken statement was made in our issue of last week that Mr. Wilcock would judge the Boxing Day Show of the Wakefield O.S. The judges appointed for the shows of the society for the forthcoming season are — Oct. 27, Mr. H. W. Battye; Nov. 24. Inter-Club Show with Ardsley C.B.S., Mr. F. Self; and Boxing Day Show, Mr. T. Bennett.

In the Courts.

Cruelty to Brace Birds.

At Bristol Police Court, John Knowlson, 46, was summoned for unlawfully using a net and two call birds, namely, Linnets, for the purpose of taking wild birds, on Feb. 15. There was a further summons against defendant for cruelty to the Linnets, contrary to the Wild Birds Protection Acts.

A Special Police Sergt. stated that he was at Crew's Hole, and saw nets being used for the purpose of snaring birds. Defendant had two captive birds, and they were tied to the nets with string. The stick to which the birds were tied was so arranged that the two birds were kept moving. The string was tied round the birds under the wings.

Inspector Burton, of the R.S.P.C.A., gave evidence of examining the birds. They were very much bruised and cut, and were in a very exhausted condition. In witness's opinion the birds had been very cruelly treated. Defendant was fined 20s. for the cruelty.

A Lecture on the Yorks. Canary.

At the meeting of the Sunderland C.B.A. this evening, Saturday, Mar. 10, at the Station Street Cafe, Mr. Farrar will lecture on the Yorkshire Canary. Fanciers will be welcome.

New Secs. for Penygraig.

Mr. G. Padfield writes that Mr. W. Hollinshead, 19, Tyncear, Penygraig, has been elected secretary of the Penygraig C.B.S., and Mr. Edward assistant secretary in place of Mr. T. L. Evans and himself respectively.

TEN SHILLINGS FOR A LETTER

NOW that pressure on our space is relieved by the closing of the show season we hope to be able to afford more room for the correspondence section of our paper, for we know that very many of our readers look upon the correspondence pages as being of great interest.

With this view we have pleasure in renewing the offer which met last year with such a fine response, and we shall award a prize of ten shillings for what, in the opinion of the Editor, is the most interesting letter in each issue of Cage Birds, beginning with next week, March 17.

The weekly prize we are offering will be open to all our readers alike. The letters may be on any subject, so long as they are on birdy matters. They may be sent at any time, and every week a prize of ten shillings will be paid for one of the letters published.

We are sure that every reader of any issue of Cage Birds, or of any page of Cage Birds, must, as he reads, find something on which he would like to express an opinion, or something which suggests something else which he knows would be of value to others if expressed in print. Let him then sit down at once and send us a note. It may not be published the same week perhaps; but when it is published the writer may get ten shillings for his trouble. Even if he does not win the prize, he will have the satisfaction of knowing that he has helped to make the only paper devoted to the hobby of bird-keeping interesting to his fellow bird-keepers, who in their turn are helping to interest him.

An advantage of the proposition is that no reader need be in want of a subject. He may take the current number or any back number, or even this proposition itself if he so chooses, and write in support of or against anything he may find, or the letters may be quite independent of anything that has gone before. The field is practically illimitable; the idea is before our readers, and it is for them to help us in our endeavour to make Cage Birds interesting to one and all alike.

It is by the interchange of views that the hobby of bird-keeping is kept to the front, and the reader who in any particular week is giving of his knowledge and experience for the benefit of others may himself learn something from the letters published which may repay him for his trouble, even though he may not win the cash prize.

Further, the fact that he may not win the prize with any particular letter should not deter him from writing another. The prize will be given weekly so long as the idea is supported, and someone must take it.

One thing we would mention, however, and that is that the letters must be original; if by accident a prize is awarded to a letter which is not original, the award will not hold good.

There may be some readers of Cage Birds to whom the idea of winning a monetary prize does not appeal. Readers who are so fortunately placed as not to need the money may allot their prize to any charity they may select, or they may endorse their letters "not for competition."

We would say just one word to lady readers, however. Will they please take "he" when written in this offer to mean "he or she." Some of the very best letters and articles published in Cage Birds have been from the pens of our lady readers, and we should not like them to think we are leaving them out of the present offer.

Musical Evenings and Prize Distributions at Bradford.

The joint prize distribution of the various specialist clubs and the Yorkshire Union, writes Mr. S. Midgley, will take place today (Saturday), Mar. 10, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, commencing at 6.30. All fanciers and friends are invited, especially ladies. Some good talent has been engaged.

I have changed my address from 1, Grosvenor Road, to 5, Laburnum Place, Manningham, Bradford, writes Mr. F. P. Terry, sec. Bradford West C.B.A., and the Bradford West C.B.A. have changed headquarters from the "Shoulder of Mutton" to the Girlington Hotel. Our annual social and prize distribution has been postponed from Mar. 10 to Mar. 24, owing to the Yorkshire Union prize distribution coming on the former date.

Readers are advised to use our Deposit System when dealing with Advertisers. See rules at head of small advertisements.

The Fate of the Flamingo.

A Flamingo has been shot at Marschapel, Lincs. The bird measured 5ft. 6ins. from beak to tail.

Increase of the Pied Flycatcher.

Mr. Owen R. Owen, Oswestry, says that the Pied Flycatcher is yearly becoming more common in the district.

Early Nesting of the Dipper.

A pair of Dippers were noted building their nest on Feb. 13 on the ice-covered banks of a stream in East Lothian.

"Quite."

"The Schoolmistress" for March, under "Nature and Science Notes," says "It has been ascertained that quite fifty different sorts of birds arrive in this country and scatter themselves over the land."

A Mistake in Price.

The price of Norwich in my advert. in Cage Birds for March 3, writes Mr. W. R. Stevens, Abertillery, should have been 12s. 6d., not 1s. 6d. I have had in two posts 15 letters and seven P.O.s, and the mistake will cost me a few shillings for stamps to return P.O.s before it is cleared up. The birds are sold at 12s. 6d., and I have returned all P.O.s to date. I thank those who have enquired for particulars but did not send stamp for return, and I have written to all those who did.

Where the Bird Laws Fail.

The statement is frequently made, writes Mr. W. E. Collinge, in "Nature," that, notwithstanding a little harm that certain birds occasionally do at particular seasons of the year, as a class they are beneficial. If this be so, it seems to me most important that we should know which species are the culprits, the extent of the damage or loss they occasion, and the frequency with which they occur throughout the country, in order that so beneficial a class of animals should be rid of their "black sheep," and their fair repute remain impeccable.

Unfortunately such a statement is only partly true, and in the present state of our knowledge it cannot be denied or upheld upon practical evidence. This, at least, we do know, that many species of wild birds are protected that are distinctly injurious, in consequence of which hundreds of thousands of pounds' worth of food is annually destroyed by them; that there are many species of wild birds which are annually destroyed in large numbers, and that the food of these species has been proved to consist almost entirely of farm vermin, which latter exact an enormous toll upon the produce of the land; finally, that there are a number of species with reference to which we know comparatively very little as regards the nature of their food and feeding habits, and before they can be said to be beneficial, injurious, or neutral, much more detailed information is required.

WAR TIME FOOD.

Why Not Eat Sparrows?

WE find, says "Town Topics," that these Puritans who prate about poultry, pigs, potatoes, pheasants, foxes, and food for the people have peculiar views with regard to Sparrows, which, abounding, are working havoc with the said food of the said people. They advocate the wholesale poisoning of the spadgers. They bellow from Bethel, and in their boomerang broadsheets that the birds in question must be spared at this time of year, when they are feeding on bugs, beetles, wireworms, aphis, and other pests, but should be ruthlessly slaughtered in time of harvest, when their provand is corn. But, you see, if you kill them in August you can't have them in February. You can't have your pudding and eat it. Which brings us to the point, which is pudding, or pie.

Instead of poisoning these passerines, thereby, endangering the lives of precious beasts and birds, and wasting good food, the Sparrows should be shot or trapped, and subsequently cooked.

Sparrow-pie is a dish for the gourmet. Good for the home-stayer, it would be a godsend to the dear, good chaps in the trenches, who, reading this, will smack their lips. And you won't spoil your Sparrow pie, or pudding, by the admixture of Blackbirds, Thrushes, Fieldfares, Larks, or even Ortolans, Quails, or Beccaficoes—if you can get them, and if the Minister of Manger permit.

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MY OUT-DOOR BIRD ROOM.

By W. WOOLDRIDGE, HARLESDEN.

Telling how a Fancier built an ideal Bird Room as a spare-time occupation.

I AM enclosing a photograph with a few particulars of my out-door aviary and bird room combined, thinking some readers of our only birdy paper, CAGE BIRDS, may be interested in the experiences of a novice Canary fancier.

For many years I have been very much interested in the keeping and breeding of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, and I have bred many good birds, but owing to business circumstances I was never able to remain long at one address, and I have been compelled to part many times with my stud of birds after being able to get them together ready for show purposes. Hence my position still as a novice in the show world.

The Fascination of Canary Breeding.

Through the same circumstances I have met with many disappointments in the building of outdoor bird rooms and aviaries, and it has many times made me feel that I would never again trouble any more about Canaries and Canary breeding as a pleasant hobby, but so often as I visited some brother fancier's bird room I felt the same old longings come over me again, and it is impossible for me to resist these longings, so once again I have recently become the proud possessor of some of the gems of the Canary fancy.

My first three pairs of Yorkshires I secured through the exchange columns of CAGE BIRDS in the early part of last year, and in the middle of April I paired them up. My final result of strong, healthy young from the season's breeding was 28 young, which I think is a very good result from three pairs in such a bad season as most fanciers experienced last year.

My first bird room was a bath-room, but this became so inconvenient and unsuitable for my birds that I removed them to a large greenhouse attached to the house, and leading into one of the rooms. This greenhouse I found was also very much to my disadvantage in the proper rearing and breeding of my birds, so again I began to think what was the best thing to do. I hardly knew what was best, for I think that if one wants success in the breeding season the birds must be kept in fine, healthy condition, and studied in every way, not only in just giving them seed and water, and cleaning them out regularly, but in seeing that they have pure fresh air, perfectly clean sand trays, sound grit, wholesome seeds, clean water vessels, and fresh water every day, together with attention to keeping down red mite, disinfecting the bird room, and keeping it well scrubbed out with soap and hot soda water not less than once a week. These are the fundamental principles which lead to a fine and healthy stock, and if attended to will eliminate most ailments in a bird lover's bird room.

Why the Bird House was Built.

I am afraid I am running away from the subject in hand, viz., the building of my outdoor bird room, and I am putting the cart before the horse, so to speak, so I will return to the subject. Finding, as stated, that my greenhouse was unsuitable for success I talked the matter over with my wife who by the way is a lover of birds, and a great asset to me in the breeding season in attending to my pets when I am away all day at business.

Finally, after talking seriously over all points relating to making a bird room of another room in the house, we decided that the ones we could spare were quite unsuitable either owing to insufficient light, wrong aspect, or the window opening on to a dead wall of the next house. So as luck came my way in the shape of a week's holiday in the early part of September, instead of leaving home for other pleasure I decided that I would build a garden aviary and bird room combined.

I secured a copy of Mr. H. Norman's book on Avairies and How to Construct Them, and after a good digestion of same I set to work. After I had made all my calculations for the required quantity of timber, in four days I had my bird room erected, and covered in on top. Next I set to on the interior, which I distempered all through with a light blue distemper, made of size, whitening, blue, and some Jeyes' fluid, and put on hot.

The bird room is built of 4-in. ¾ matching, and 2-in. square framing, built in sections, and bolted together. The whole can be removed to any position at any time, and is a tenant's fixture.

The top is covered with patent asphalt, and painted ivy green, including the whole wood work outside, except the sashes, and these are painted white to give a nice appearance on the front view.

Inside the bird room I have made a partition three feet from the flight end, with a wire door, so as to form sleeping quarters for the birds in the outdoor flight. The bird room is ten feet long, eight feet to the ridge, and six feet wide, so that beyond the partition there is a space of seven feet by six for cages.

These are 24 in number, large single breeder type, and set on staging nine inches from the floor. The floor is built of 1-in. floor boards, and covered with light coloured lino., which makes a nice finish, and is easy to keep clean. I am now arranging to have it heated on Mr. Gordon Stewart's idea CAGE BIRDS of September 23 last, for this I think is very simple, and a good arrangement when properly fitted.

The flight, 7ft. 6in. long, 6ft. wide, 8ft. to ridge, I originally built of all open wire, underneath trees at the end of my garden. Inside the flight are tall privet shrubs, planted around the sides, and the ground space is covered with turf. Natural and other perches are provided, and also a glazed sink let into the ground for the birds to bath in, with a pit underneath the outlet, so that it can be easily cleaned out, and all waste water run into the pit instead of having to be scooped out.

At this stage I thought very much about the aspect of my bird room and flight which is: Front West, flight end North, and being under large fruit trees I thought it would be very much protected also by the end wall of the garden.

Where to Seek Advice.

Still, after considering all these points, I had my doubts about its position, and I was also under a kind of fear of putting it in any other position of my garden, which I should have liked to do. My fear was that of obstructing the view of neighbours, so I wrote a query to CAGE BIRDS asking the best thing to do under the circumstances, saying, also that I wanted to protect the shrubs in the aviary, and keep them from withering.

The answer by Mr. H. Norman to my query was that I could not expect to get green shrubs and birds in a small flight, also that, being under the trees, I should sacrifice a good deal of sunlight. He also recommended me to cover in the top with a span roof or tarpaulin to keep the birds dry, and free from the dripping from the trees overhanging the flight.

This advice I took as quite sound, and I have covered over the flight with 8-in. boards and patent roofing felt, as will be noticed in the photograph. I have also pruned off all the heavy branches of the trees to prevent the continual dripping from them.

The bird room is ventilated on Mr. Norman's principle of one 10in. by 8in. ventilator, covered with perforated zinc right up to the roof ridge in one end of the building, and another of the same size in front, right up to the eaves in front. (See also photograph.) These are always open, night and day, and my bird room is always fresh and sweet with pure fresh air always going through it.

The sides of the flight are of ½-inch mesh wire-netting, and I have another outer fange of wire-netting 3ft. high, 14 inches from the flights as a protection from stray cats. This is the finest protection any fancier can have against such prowlers.

In closing I should like to say that if only lovers of cage birds would like to give me a visit at any convenient time by appointment I shall be very pleased to show them my bird room and flight, and my birds, which are at present in the pink of condition, and to talk birdy matters with them.

I am always pleased to learn from brother fanciers, as knowledge is power, and can be obtained easily and pleasantly by friendly visits to other fanciers' bird rooms, and by joining societies and discussing birdy matters more often than at present done.

I have through the medium of CAGE BIRDS' advertisement columns secured a nice lot of good class birds, Norwich and Yorkshires, and I am perfectly satisfied with them. I feel certain that the cage bird fancy would be entirely lost without such a paper as our CAGE BIRDS. I can claim to be a very old, regular reader, and I look forward every Friday morning to my copy, and would not care to be without it.

The building of my outdoor bird room and aviary was a success both in the final results, and as a change from the every day routine of business life. It was built and fitted by myself single handed and finished in about eight days with the exception of a few minor things to do at other spare moments.

As the work of an amateur at building it may have many faults, but to me the results of my work give great pleasure and satisfaction, for I know that the comfort, health, and privacy of my pets are now more assured in this their new home than in any room that I may have arranged for them in the house.

Mr. Wooldridge's Out-door Bird Room.

Seasonable Hints on Useful Weeds.

By RICHARD MORSE, F.R.H.S.

A new weekly feature which will be found of the highest value to all who keep seed-eating birds, and of interest also to all who appreciate the beauty and usefulness of the flowers of our way-sides and meadows.

A great deal of attention has recently been given in the Press to matters concerning the collection and cultivation of British wild plants with medicinal properties, and undoubtedly one effect of this campaign has been to direct our thoughts to the many treasures our fields and woodlands hold in store for us, if only we have the knowledge and patience to seek them out.

I hasten to say that I am too great a lover of the beauties of our countryside to approve of the reckless collection or destruction of some of the rarest of our most charming wild flowers, and feel that the very small benefits which might accrue from such spoliation would be outweighed a hundred fold by the loss to our native flora; but there are, of course, many plants against which this objection cannot be raised, for some of the plants much sought after are so abundant, and withal so thrifty, that their extermination would be well nigh impossible, even if we set out with the avowed intention of achieving that end.

Those of us, however, who desire to collect foods and medicines for our feathered friends only, are hardly likely to be accused of bespoiling the hedgerow, or of exterminating rare species of flowers, for those plants with which we are concerned are for the most part of wide distribution and extraordinary hardihood, and we are on that account justified in collecting their various parts throughout the season as opportunity permits.

Only those who are in close touch with outdoor botany can have any idea of the vast wastage of bird-food material during the course of the year in our country districts, and with the daily increasing need for economy in every direction, it behoves us all to do what is in our power to utilise these food-stuffs, and so save expenditure on imported articles from the shops.

With this object in view, I propose each week in these short notes to deal with the various wild plants and shrubs as they appear, and to show how even the veriest novice can with a little patience identify and gather, or even cultivate, the most valuable of our food-plants for use in the aviary.

Apart altogether from the economy to be effected in this way, the study and collection of seeds and weeds becomes in course of time a fascinating hobby, and one gets, moreover, into very close touch with our native songsters in their natural haunts, and so picks up countless items of interest and value in connection with their habits of life and food which can be put to practical use at home.

It will be my special endeavour to avoid almost entirely the use of scientific terms, so as to make the descriptions easily intelligible to those unacquainted with botanical matters. Drawings, too, of various plants and their parts will also be included from time to time, and readers who experience any difficulty will be invited to send along doubtful specimens for identification.

(To be continued.)

FAVOURITE FOREIGN BIRDS.

By "TYRONE."

Some practical hints upon the treatment of the more inexpensive of the many beautiful foreign birds which may easily be kept as pets

The Avadavat.

(*Estrelda Amandava.*)

AVADAVATS are imported in normal times in such large numbers that they can frequently be bought for the low price of 2s. a pair, and, being very hardy and prettily coloured, they are good birds for a beginner to start with. The cock when in full colour is bright red, with brown wings and tail, red beak, and small white spots on wings and side. In some birds the crimson is toned down to copper red, but there seems room for doubt whether this is due to their having faded while in the dealer's shop, or whether they come from a different neighbourhood originally. The crimson coloured birds are frequently called "Tiger Finches," and sold for a higher price than those of a coppery tint.

The hen is brown, with fewer white spots than her mate possesses, but he strongly resembles her when out of colour. All the hens I have owned have sung nearly as well as the cocks, but I do not know if they are all able to do so.

A peculiarity with Avadavats is that they seem to change colour more frequently than most birds. I do not suppose they moult more than is usual, but there are frequent minor changes which are very puzzling, and where several cocks are kept together it is difficult to follow these changes exactly.

When caged indoors, these little birds have an annoying habit of plucking one another's feathers, so that many of them will be quite bald on the head and neck. When once this is begun, no more feathers are allowed to reach their full growth unless the victim is caged by itself during their reproduction, and kept in a fairly warm temperature.

Avadavats are very hardy, and, although such tiny birds, they will even live through our English winter in an unheated garden aviary, provided they are well fed, and have plenty of shelter from rain and wind. They should have boxes filled with hay to sleep in, though they will not always use them at first.

When kept under suitable conditions Avadavats have been known to live seven or eight years in captivity, and in their old age they sometimes develop patches of white in their plumage. These little birds rarely breed in this country, because their nesting season begins in our autumn. To rear them a temperature of 60 deg. at least would be required.

The Avadavat is easily fed. He requires white and spray millet, a little canary, and pure water. Ants' eggs should also be given occasionally, and any live insects, especially green fly from rose trees. If exposed to cold a good insectivorous food, or flaked egg and biscuit, will help them to withstand it.

The green Avadavat is olive green above, and lighter green beneath, covered with dark, wavy lines. The beak is dark red. It is not quite so hardy as the common Avadavat, and requires care and warmth until it is acclimatised. Then it will live for years, and even pass safely through the winter in a sheltered garden aviary without heat, if fed as suggested for the common Avadavat. These birds have bred in England, but they are not likely to do so in a small aviary.

The Golden-breasted Waxbill.

(*Estrelda Subflava.*)

The Golden-breasted Waxbill is a general favourite. Its back and wings are dark greenish brown, the throat and breast are yellow, tinged with bright orange red, and a red line runs from the beak above the eye. There is another little patch of red at the root of the tail. The hen is duller in colouring, and has not the golden breast.

These little Waxbills are very tiny, and it is surprising through how small a hole they will escape. The cage or aviary should, therefore, be close-wired, and if they are kept in a cage made for Canaries the holes before the seed and water glasses should be blocked up, or the little things will slip through and probably be found dead.

Dr. Russ was very successful in breeding the Golden-breasted Waxbill, and eggs have been laid in English aviaries, but the young Waxbills are not easy to rear, and would require warmth and plenty of fresh ants' eggs.

Dealers frequently call this bird the Zebra Waxbill, from marks on the sides, which are supposed to resemble the stripes of a zebra. The food should be the same as for the Avadavat.

The Orange-cheeked Waxbill.

(*Estrelda Melpoda.*)

This is another tiny little bird from West Africa, and it is quite as great a favourite as the last. The principal colour is greyish brown, with a very conspicuous patch of orange colour on the cheeks. It is a tiny little bird, but active and intelligent, and well suited to live with others of its kind in a large cage indoors.

Like the Golden-breasts, they should not be exposed to the cold and damp of our English winters. Food: Millet, spray millet, and canary, with egg-food and insects now and then. All these little birds enjoy flowering grass and chickweed.

This species has been bred in England, but none of the Waxbills are easy to rear in captivity.

The Cordon Bleu.

(*Estrelda Phœnicotis.*)

The Cordon Bleu is one of the most delicate members of the Waxbill family, and, though hundreds of these lovely little birds are imported annually, a large percentage die within a very few weeks. Even when they are acclimatised they are not hardy enough to winter out of doors, but require heat during the cold weather. Their beautiful plumage and gentle ways make them most attractive inmates of the drawing room cage.

The Cordon Bleu is greyish brown above, with face, throat, breast and sides bright blue. The blue is richer in colour in the cock, and he also has a crimson patch on the ears to distinguish him from the hen; from this he gets his other name of crimson-eared Waxbill.

Anyone who wishes to procure Cordon Bleus will be wise only to purchase those imported during the summer months, as these little birds are very liable to pneumonia when they first arrive. They should be caged in a warm place (a temperature of 60 deg. or 70 deg. would suit them well), and generously fed.

In addition to millet, spray millet, and canary, they need fresh ants' eggs, and plenty of live insects, including green fly. Be careful that these are not collected from laburnum or other poisonous shrubs. They will also eat small mealworms and tiny gentles well cleaned in bran.

Cordon Bleus have been bred in Germany, but in England the young ones seem difficult to rear. A good many are hatched each summer, but most of them die within a week, probably from insufficient insect food. The Cordon Bleu builds a domed nest in a bush, and does not seem to care much for an artificial nest box.

The Common Waxbill.

(*Estrelda Cineria.*)

This is the most easily obtained of all the Waxbills, and, though more soberly tinted than some of them, is, nevertheless, a very pretty little bird. In colour it is brownish grey, with tiny wavy lines all over it. On the breast is a reddish tinge, and a crimson streak passes across the eye from the base of the beak.

The common or grey Waxbills are such tiny birds, and so very active, that ⅜-inch mesh wire should be used for the aviary that is to contain them. They are very hardy for their size, and have wintered out of doors in a sheltered aviary where they had always access to a pan of soft food.

Waxbills have such tiny bodies that they cannot fast for very many hours at a time; therefore, deaths will be averted, and the little things will thrive better, if they are provided with a light to shine on their food tins during the long winter nights, or in foggy weather.

Food: The same as recommended for the Orange-cheeked Waxbill.

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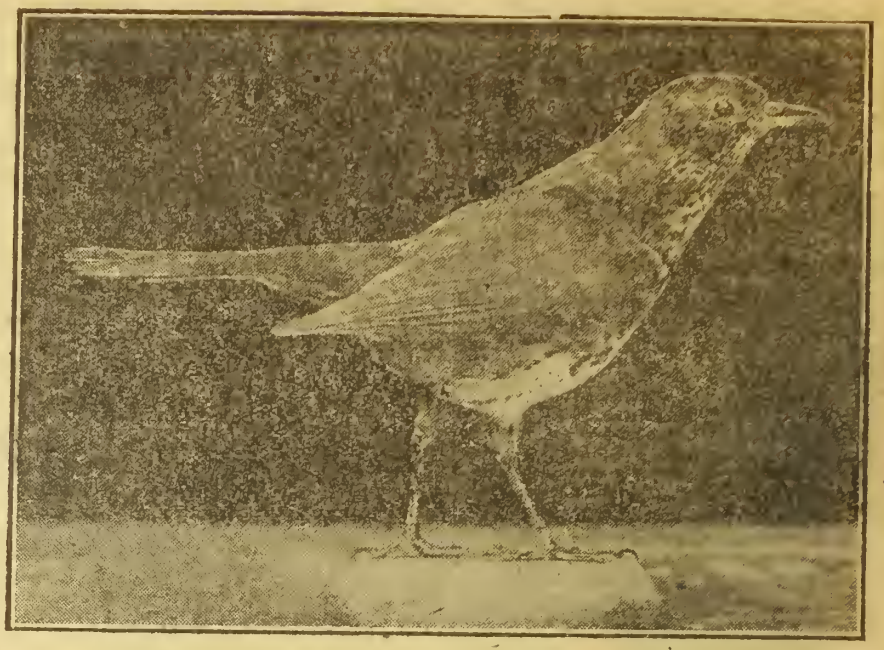


Mr. Anderson's Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid.

A Notable Hybrid.

AT a scientific meeting of the Zoological Society, held on February 6th, Mr. Gerrard exhibited, on behalf of Mr. G. Crabb, a mounted specimen of a Hybrid between a Song Thrush and a Blackbird. The bird is one of those bred last summer by Mr. Anderson, of Darvel, from parents which he said had also reared a nest of three in the previous season.

This year the young birds showed their Blackbird parentage more distinctly than those of last year, and there could be no doubt of their being as claimed, namely, Hybrids between a Song Thrush and a Blackbird. This one arrived home dead after a show, and Mr. Anderson kindly sent us the body with a view to its being preserved and added to the collection of prize winners belonging to the London and Provincial O.S.

The collection of stuffed specimens to which this bird forms so interesting an addition will shortly be deposited at the People's Palace, Mile End Road, where it will be on view. The Palace is within a short walk from Stepney Green Station, and the motor omnibuses from the Mansion House pass the doors.

The photo reproduced is by Mr. D. Seth-Smith, of the Zoological Society, who sent a copy also to "The Field" with a letter of which the following is an extract. The note of the Editor of "The Field" is also appended:—

"The bird exhibited, and of which a photograph is herewith reproduced, proved by dissection to be a male. Both in plumage and measurements it corresponds more closely with the Song Thrush than the Blackbird, and it might, in fact, be mistaken for a dark variety of the former species. Its general colour, however, is of a much darker hue than that of the Thrush. The ear-coverts are very dark brown, and the buffish-white eye stripe characteristic of that bird is absent. The chin, which in the Thrush is generally devoid of spots, is in this bird spotted. The throat, breast, and flanks are spotted like those of a Thrush, but on a darker ground. The upper mandible is black, the lower blackish at the tip and yellow at the base, and the legs and feet are intermediate in colour between those of the two parent species.

I am not sure whether there are any properly authenticated records of wild Hybrids of these two species, but it is evident from the appearance of this captive bird that such Hybrids might be easily overlooked; that is, if the male bird were the Song Thrush. It would be interesting to see the reverse cross, i.e., from a male Blackbird and female Song Thrush, which might be much more like the Blackbird.

D. Seth-Smith.

[The interbreeding of Thrush and Blackbird has been frequently reported, although not always on such good evidence as in the present case. The earliest of such records as we have noted may be found in Loudon's "Magazine of Natural History for 1834." Macgillivray has alluded to it in his article on the Thrush, and Newton in the first volume of Yarrell's "British Birds" (page 282), states that the Blackbird will breed with the Song Thrush, and in one case on record (i.e., Loudon's) Hybrids were produced from such a union in two successive years. In Harting's "Handbook of British Birds" (second edition, p. 39), after quoting Loudon and Macgillivray, several references are given to such Hybrids reported in the "Zoologist" (1883, p. 123; 1884, p. 146; 1892, p. 270; 1895, p. 233), and "Transactions of the Norfolk Naturalist Society" (vol. iii, p. 588.]

Correspondence.

Ringed Aliens.

Starlings as Well as Sea Gulls.

SIR,—I noticed in CAGE BIRDS of Feb. 17 that my old friend, D. J. Thomas, of Cardigan, records the capture of a Sea-gull in that town bearing a ring marked "Vogel Warte Rossiten Germania 28538 E." It may be interesting to your readers to know that about the same time a dead Starling was picked up near Clonmel, Ireland, with a ring marked "Vogelwarte, Rossiten, F 34603." These birds must have come from Germany among the hosts of winter migrants.

Rossiten is a small fishing village on the Baltic, where a few years ago the German Ornithological Society established a permanent vogelwarte or ornithological station.

W. F. Lloyd James.

The Posting of Schedules and Show Catalogues.

A Knotty Point.

SIR,—No doubt fanciers have read the latest Board of Trade restrictions as to the delivery of tradesmen's catalogues or price lists through the post, and I presume that societies who anticipate holding shows during the coming year will come under the order, unless we can come to some arrangement with the proper persons that schedules of shows should be exempt. I am writing this so that we can make sure of seeing into the matter, and perhaps you will be kind enough to make enquiries and publish same in CAGE BIRDS, so that all concerned may know, and committees of various societies can make their arrangements, without fear.

O. C. Smith.
Sec., Reading C.B.S.

[We are making enquiries into the matter and will make the result known when an answer is received.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS]

The Disqualified Hawfinch at Bristol.

How Judges Sometimes Judge.

SIR,—Mr. House's reference to Mr. A. Birch in support of the Hawfinch incident recalls the only time it has been my fortune to enjoy Mr. Birch's company. I soon gathered he was something of a raconteur. It was at a judges' lunch, and Mr. Birch was telling us something of his experiences at shows. At one show (I believe it was in North Wales) he was asked to judge British and Canaries, because the appointed judge had not turned up, and he very humourously outlined his feelings. In choice phrases he allowed us to infer that he did not know a Goldfinch from a Seagull, so he gave the prizes to the nicest cages.

When I recall that lunch, I can imagine his feelings when asked his opinion on the Hawfinch's bib. But perhaps he has improved his acquaintance with our smaller birds since then. Anyhow, it will surely become an addition to Mr. Birch's stock of humorous after-dinner stories when in the company of his pigeon friends.

T. Johnson.

(*Correspondence continued on next page.*)

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 138.)

A Carrion Crow as a Pet Bird.

Sir,—Perhaps a few lines about my Carrion Crow may interest readers of your invaluable paper, Cage Birds. Two years ago next May I found a Carrion Crow's nest well secured in the main forks of a tree at about 30ft. from the ground. I climbed up, and found the contents were five eggs hard-set. A fortnight passed, and I visited tho nest again. This time there were five nice young birds with their quills just beginning to shoot. As I was looking and admiring the youngsters I saw a game-keeper making for my way, and when he arrived on the scene, he told me his intentions were to destroy the old birds and the young, but I claimed the young after he had shot the parent birds.

I reared these on flesh and a little Thrush food; they were great eaters, and thrived wonderfully on it. I sold all but one, and he has turned out a champion. He talks as plainly as any parrot, mimics dogs and poultry, and whistles like a man.

I should like to know through Cage Birds if any reader has a Carrion Crow which talks. I can highly recommend them to readers who have not added one to their collection. My bird will say quite a lot of words, in fact one would think some one was conversing in his aviary if they did not know.

Stoker F. W. Stowe.

Egg Cake for Rearing Canaries.

Only Eggs and Flour Used in the Making.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Bull, nothing whatever is added to the wholemeal flour beyond the eggs. The sugar is added (say one in eight) when the food is being measured out for feeding the birds. A private correspondent asks me if war flour will do as he cannot obtain the wholemeal, and in view of the opinions expressed when Rev. Jolliffe raised a kindred question some time ago, I have replied in the affirmative. The words "steam oven" in my first letter should have read "slow oven," of course; be sure it is a very slow oven; you will get a far thinner crust, and not such a hard one I find. Of course, the cake rises in the baking to a certain extent on account of so many eggs, and turns out a light cake.

If you take half a quartern of flonr, weight 1¾ lb., you will find the cake will weigh a good 2 lb., this will yield you rather over 200 moderate teaspoonfuls, supposing the sugar is added. Reckoning that 14 to 16 eggs are used, each dozen teaspoonfuls represents about one egg. This, of course, before the water is added.

Hy. W. Gutierrez.

Adds a Little Butter.

Sir,—In answering Messrs. Butt and Kenneth I may say that I have added a little butter on the last few occasions. I also add the sugar before baking, two teaspoonfuls to a lb. of flour, and a little salt. I beat the eggs well before I put them in, but I use no barm or anything to make it rise. I give this egg food to the hens a day or two before the young are due, and I continue till after the moult. I had a gentleman to see me about this egg cake, and he tells me that he grinds it in a coffee mill.

G. W. Grimsditch.

The Federation of Roller Canary Clubs.

One Who Will Ignore the Exclusion Rule

Sir—May I claim the privilege of your popular pages to say a few words with regard to the rule passed by a meeting of Federation delegates (not fully representative of all the Federated clubs, I believe) to the effect that no member of a Federated club shall be permitted to show at a non-foderated club's show. I am a member of the Birmingham Roller Club, also of the Midland Roller Club. Birmingham has joined the Federation, and the Midland has not. In view of this rule, then, I have to choose between one of these two clubs, as I cannot exhibit birds at both.

Well, sir, my choice is—I am going to remain in both. And I am going to exhibit at both shows, as I please. If the Federation bar my birds from their shows because I have shown at tho Midland they may do so, and in that case I shall appeal to the club of my native town, Birmingham, to be righted on the matter. I would like to point out to those who passed this rule that it will be quite as simple for a club to leave the Federation as it was for that club to join, providing there is any injustice in the government of the Federation.

I make this stand for liberty of action, and for British freedom. I claim my rights, as a member of both clubs, to remain in both, and to exhibit at both shows, and I call upon every Roller fancier to stand with me, to demand the right to exhibit his birds at any show he pleases, in spite of this rule that a handful of men at a delegates' meeting were pleased to make on behalf of the Federated clubs.

May I ask if this question has been thoroughly thrashed out, and been assented to, by the committees of those clubs whose delegates voted for the rule?

I am not against the Federation; I would like to see the word stand not for a clique of clubs, but for every club in Britain. I was never against the principles of the Federation, which, as explained to me, were an equal voice for every club in the management of the Fancy, and for decentralised shows and meetings pertaining to that management. I was against tho reform needed in the Fancy being taken out of the hands of the proper authorities, the British Roller Canary Club. But as, in the face of that club's inactivity, the Federation is an established fact, I would like to see every club take its place in the new regime, with a view to a united Fancy, and a single ring. But if the Midland decides to stand out, I say they have a perfect right to their freedom of choice; and that I, as a member of the two clubs, have as perfect a right to remain in both, and to exhibit my birds at the shows of my own clubs, whether those clubs are in the Federation or outside it.

I feel pretty sure that if this rule were brought before each of the clubs which have joined the Federation, and thrashed out at a general meeting, the rule would be smashed. I ask those clubs to discuss the matter, and, if necessary, rescind the ruling of their delegates at the meeting at which this rule was rushed upon them, and passed.

H. G. Hill.

A Suggestion as to Its Origin.

Sir,—With reference to the first paragraph in Mr. Willows' letter in Cage Birds of Mar. 3, I think he must have read the Federation Secretary's letter on the rule in your issue of Feb. 3; comment is therefore unnecessary. If he were to write from now until the crash of doom he would still be unable to get round the fact that the said rule is not in operation until next show season.

The answer to the second paragraph is contained in Mr. Tomlinson's article on Bell Glucke, where he states definitely that it was mentioned to him at the Midland Show. I readily accept Mr. Willows' word, however, that he, personally, knew nothing about it.

The fourth paragraph is not a satisfactory answer. It is not what Leeds might have done (since they were in the field with their date long before Wolverhampton), but what the latter might have done as an act of courtesy, and to avoid clashing. This was the primary cause of the short entry from Leeds. The meaning of my sentence, "We knew that," is plural, and refers to Leeds members as well as myself.

The last paragraph dealing with the British Roller Club I am not inclined to answer, unless Mr. Willows will furnish the particulars asked for in your issue of Feb. 3rd, with reference to the committee of this club. It is a straight, honest question, and I want a plain, honest reply. References elsewhere will not do. Should the question be eventually answered, fanciers will not need any assistance from myself in order to elucidate one at least of the reasons why it was absolutely necessary to form a Federation.

A. Montague.

Natural Perches for Cage Birds.

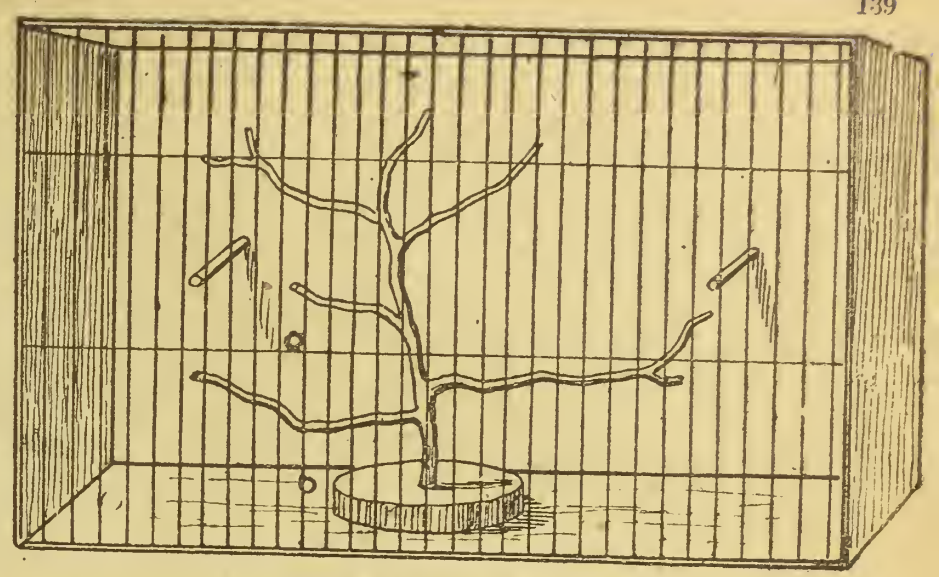
A Departure which Adds to the Appearance of the Cage and to the Comfort of the Birds.

Sir,—The articles, notes, and correspondence in Cage Birds are always so delightfully interesting and instructve that I am tempted to try and add a little in the form of a few remarks on what might be called "bird comfort."

From an artistic standpoint, and as far as I can judge from a bird standpoint, perches formed of small branches of trees, arranged to suit the particular cage, are a welcome innovation. Theso havo the advantage of affording a tapering perch and irregular positions which are to be commended, as they give a variety of grips and positions for the bird's feet.

The cage under consideration is of the box type, 30 inches long, 8 inches wide, and 15 inches high, and is the residence of two pairs of "Budgies." Every endeavour is made to give them comfort and afford them variety and amusement by having perches as described. The sketch will convey more than words, and will show that the effect is really pleasing, and gives quite a natural look to the bird's home.

The suggestion is limited to cages, because aviaries are generally better provided, and there is more scope. In the limited space of a cage it takes a little ingenuity to avoid depriving the inmates of any freedom, which is most important. The perches can be cut from any hedge when one is out walking, having an eye to suitable branches for the particular purpose, and after drying can be fitted to the cage.



A CAGE FITTED WITH NATURAL PERCHES.
(See letter on this page.)

For a stand the illustration shows a wooden disc, or base, of heavy wood 5 inches in diameter by 1½ inches thick. In the centre is a hole ¼ inch in diameter tapering to ⅜ of an inch in diameter. This tapering ensures a steady catch. The end of the branch which fits into this hole is also slightly tapered. In addition it may be necessary to have one or two ordinary spars. The branches chosen should be somewhere between ¼ inch and ⅝ of an inch in diameter.

The little extra labour entailed makes a more artistic cage for the birds than one fitted with ordinary perches, and will be amply rewarded by their interesting and inquisitive antics.

W. F. Brown.

Nets, and How to Use Them.

The Treatment of Freshly-caught.

Sir,—Having proved the value of Stoker Stowe's most interesting article, "How to Catch Bullfinches," which recently appeared in Cage Birds, I should also be pleased to read his experiences of catching with clap-nets, and saving fresh-caught Goldfinches and Linnets.

E. J. Brown.

Does Bird Catching Pay?

Sir,—I am thinking of taking up bird-catching next season, and would be glad if Stoker Stone would kindly say what size of clapnets he uses for catching Goldfinches and Linnets, also what colour net he uses (i.e., whether drab or green) on grass land. Will he also tell me what a side net is, and if bird-catching is a paying hobby? There are plenty of birds about here (Cardiganshire). Will Mr. Stone say how he gets the birds out from under the nets (when they are together) without taking the pegs of the guy lines up from the ground.

J. D. Griffiths.

Aa Offer Accepted.

Sir,—I accepted Mr. McNaught's offer in Cage Birds of Feb. 24, and paid him a visit on Saturday, March 3, at his home in Kilmaurs. We went out together with a friend of his to a field where he put down his clap-nets and explained to me how to set them, and also how to draw them for a catch. I noticed a few mistakes that I had made when I set my own nets, but everything will go right now, after seeing them set. Mr. McNaught and I would be very much obliged if F. W. Stowe would explain how he uses his side nets, his length of nets, with length of poles, and does he use them on uneven ground?

Springburn.

Nets and Rough Ground.

Sir,—In answer to Stoker Stone's question as to how I would set nets in a field as described by him, I should first find the best pitch I could, along a furrow for preference, set the nets as sketched, take out a bit of ridge to let staves lie flat, peg down the nets along the furrow, and if there were an anthill or two I should level them down a bit. I think I could get a few of the Goldies but could not be sure of hauling them in as fast as an old hand; the Goldies might not want to be handed in.

I have used nets as shown on an old sewage bed, all furrow, big stones, and rank weeds, and on water-land full of holes and big clumps of reeds, which grow on damp land, and are quite as bad as anthills.

It was after reading Mr. McNaught's letter and noting that he said nets were not used to any great extent in Holland, because of the nature of ground that I sent the sketch, thinking it might help fanciers who use nets. The way to lay nets was shown me by an old hand, who used nets, and his father, another old hand used nets before I ever thought of nets or birds. There is nothing extraordinary or in the way of a novelty about it when tried. Let us have your way of using nets, Mr. Stone, ordinary or any other way.

Yelneh.

What is a Ticked Bird?

A Definite Decision Desirable.

Sir,—Mr. Midgley's letter, defining a ticked bird, as per Yorkshire Union standard, is far from being clear, especially to the novice. Is it to be understood that a ticked bird may be a one marked or a two marked bird?

I read it that a ticked bird is one with dark feathers on thighs, rump, or any part of an otherwise clear body. It may also have a mark on one eye, wing, or tail. The very fact that a technical mark is allowed with another tick anywhere on the body makes it an uneven marked bird, but if there are more ticks than one, like Messrs. Stubbs' bird, in addition to the mark, the bird becomes lightly or heavily variegated as the case may be.

Again, taking the definition as read, "Dark feathers," etc., and supposing a bird had dark feathers all over with just one or a few light feathers on the body, would it still be considered a ticked, and what? Further, assuming that a single tick was found on the tail, apart from the body, would that be a ticked bird? and is the tail to be reckoned as part of the body? These matters need clearing up or making more simple.

It is unnatural to call a bird with ticks on the body, and a technical mark on the eye, wing, or tail, a ticked bird. It is also ridiculous to call an invisibly marked bird a ticked bird, and I adhere to my previous definition, viz., that a ticked bird is a single ticked, not one with a multiple of ticks or marks, and it is for the Fancy once and for all to specify the extent that a single tick should carry on the surface only of a bird's plumage.

I have not yet seen a ticked bird defined by Mr. House. If he is able to say that a bird is not a ticked, he should be able to say when a bird is, and what constitutes a tick without outside information, and in his own words.

J. Kershaw.

A Ruling Body After the War (Perhaps).

Sir,—I had not intended writing further on this subject, as the evidence from the bulk of the Fancy is against the disqualification, not to say the actions of those influential judges who have allowed the bird to stand under the same classification.

This individual bird has been known to Norwich fanciers in Lancashire and Yorkshire during four exhibiting seasons, and, although not technically marked according to the rules of Blakston and the Yorkshire Canary Club, it has always been considered by Norwich fanciers as a variegated bird. The classification at Port Talbot was for marked or variegated, and although Mr House does not consider it a marked, it ought to have been allowed as a variegated, and 90 per cent. of the fanciers would have let it compete.

I quite agree with Mr. House that we should have a standard classification for all breeds, but Norwich men as a whole do not consider the Blakston idea up to date, and they object to be ruled by the Yorkshire Union. They are a very powerful organisation, and are ruled by energetic and influential fanciers; still,

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they are behind the times in regard to a few regulations, notably the one above mentioned, and the one relating to the novice £5 limit rule, which the rest of the Fancy does not recognise.

The only way out of the difficulty is for a national society to be formed on the lines laid down by Mr. Bastock, but without the ponderous machinery of the late C.B. Union. Mr. Bastock must not be downhearted because he does not get sufficient support for the scheme. Most fanciers are in favour of it, but we are passing through times of stress, and fanciers are relegating other matters to the background. If I may offer a suggestion, I should say wait until more favourable times before launching a scheme of such importance.

I cannot agree with Mr. House in his remarks regarding the judge's interpretation of the schedule. I believe in my own mind that the Port Talbot Committee in drawing up the schedule as they did, viz., "cl. or tkd," intended clears and almost clears to compete together, leaving the other class for birds with more variegation; in fact, the Fancy's definition of a tick is a bird that is almost clear. That is the most popular definition, and we cannot afford to run counter to popular opinion.

Mr. House does not strengthen his case by resorting to cheap sarcasm about my Fancy knowledge. It does not need a twenty years' old discussion to teach anyone anything about so simple a subject. It can be learned in five minutes. I simply quoted a few sentences which seemed to me to put paid to some of his arguments of to-day. He said then that two colours make variegation. He does not deny it, and I do not notice that he has altered his opinion. That being so, these questions arise: Is Stubbs' bird a two coloured bird? And was the class at Port Talbot for variegated birds?

I can assure Mr. House that the volume of "Fur and Feather" was given me by Mr. Cook for a very different purpose to the one he suggests, and if he knows Sam as well as I know him—and I am sure he does—he knows that Sam will be very grieved at his suggestion. It was a genuine coincidence that those letters attracted my notice; and the fact that he is so incredible points to a few uneasy moments. Anyhow, Mr. House is nothing if he is not an old hand at the controversial game of literary hide and seek, and it is only to be expected he would make a brave show.

I admire Mr. House's principles. He looks with disfavour on backsliding in whatever form it appears; and I do not like a judge who is as clay in the hands of all exhibitors. When a bird should be disqualified for any reason, I like to see a big label on its cage saying so; but I cannot help thinking that sometimes he allows his zeal to overcome his discretion.

T. Johnson.

Simplicity Makes for Clearness.

Sir,—Messrs. Stubbs say it is very difficult to define a tick in a way that would be accepted by all. That is because in these latter days fanciers have tried to split hairs.

I believe in simplicity, and the definitions of classification should, in my opinion, be the same for all varieties. It used to be so years ago, and the only instance I can remember of a dispute in the days when I was an exhibitor, was in 1886, when Blakston admitted a four-marked Norwich of Mr. Goatcher's in a variegated class in a show at the Albert Palace, Battersea, although an even-marked class was provided.

I was one of those who thought Blakston wrong. When a class is provided for a certain kind of bird I hold that it should go into that class, but I like to view these things as a sportsman, and endeavour to let the spirit of the Fancy guide me rather than mere technicalities.

That was the line I took in the Cheltenham case, to which Mr. Johnson referred, and it was also the line I took at Aberavon. I, therefore, can at least claim to be consistent seeing that thirty years ago, twenty years ago, and at the present time I have held the same opinion.

Every bird that has a mark or tick of the most minute character is variegated, but the Fancy does not so read it. The Albert Palace case had most to do with the introduction of the wording "unevenly marked." One of the strongest advocates of that wording was Mr. T. Heath who, like myself, has always tried to work for simplicity in classification.

Messrs. Stubbs ask what I should have done had there been no class provided for clears or ticks. This question, as put, is rather vague, but I will try to give a definite answer. Had Class 55 at Aberavon, "Clear or Ticked," had no existence, and Class 56 had read as it did, "Uneven, or Variegated," I should not have wrong classed their bird. Why? Because I could not have agreed it was not eligible for Class 56.

Even had Class 55 read "Clear," only I should have admitted the bird in Class 56. A judge must be governed by the wording of the schedule. A ticked bird, like an even-marked bird is variegated, the first representing the lowest form of variegation, and the latter the highest.

But when special classes are provided in a schedule for ticked, and (or) evenly-marked birds, I hold that they can only be shown in those classes. I take it that at Aberavon the officials who drew up the schedule intended that ticked birds should be shown in the class provided for "Clear, or Ticked," and not in that for "Uneven or Variegated," and that was the spirit in which I judged.

Certainly Messrs. Stubbs' bird is a two-coloured bird. It could not be a ticked bird unless it had two colours. I have explained this before, even as I have explained it again in the previous paragraph. Messrs. Stubbs say my explanation to Mr. Johnson was a failure. They are at liberty to think so. I do not. I would refer Messrs. Stubbs to their first letter on Dec. 2. Their contention was that the bird I wrong classed is a "marked" bird, and they made a money challenge on that point. Now they talk of two-colours and variegation. Why? Because I, some weeks since, gave the actual wording of the two classes at Aberavon. In answering Messrs. Stubbs' first letter I said their question should have been: "What is a Marked Bird?"

As to sitting upon Mr. Allsopp. Never! I answered Mr. Allsopp's contentions. In the early part of their last letter Messrs. Stubbs say they will not bring in the names of those who said I was wrong, but they do not hesitate to mention Messrs. Allsopp, Houghton, Robson, and Roe, in the latter part. I suppose these are the four judges who have awarded the bird first prizes. But, as I have said before, it does not follow that I am wrong, or they right. It all depends on the classification.

Twice I have asked for the classification at the shows, not knowing who the four judges were, but that question has never been answered. From this I conclude the wording was not the same as at Aberavon. If so, it is quite possible the four gentlemen named were right. But the point in this discusion has been the classification at Aberavon, and my decision under it, not what took place at other shows, of the classification of which I know nothing, and not even the name of the shows. Only in their last letter have Messrs. Stubbs given us the names of the four judges. Messrs. Stubbs do not say it plainly, but they insinuate that I have said these four gentlemen are unable to define a tick. I have not. Neither do I say so now.

Messrs. Stubbs also infer that I have said only my opinion "should stand final." Not so. In Cage Birds of Jan. 13, I said if the Norwich Clubs gave us a ruling of what they consider a ticked bird, I should accept it, even though it was against my own opinion.

I am in hearty agreement with the last paragraph of Messrs. Stubbs' lotter, and I can assure them I entertain nothing but good will towards them.

In Reply to "Old Hand."

"Old Hand" says we cannot have clearness and simplicity. Few people will agree with him. I have always understood that these two naturally followed each other. As to what he says about what constitutes a tick, I agree that any small mark is a tick. "Old Hand" cannot understand my saying that "invisible ticks" and "variegated" court trouble. First of all these so-called "invisible ticks" are sometimes visible owing to slight derangement of plumage. What then becomes of their invisibility? As to "variegated" it is a loose term, and covers everything outside of "clear" when used generally, and it is because of its being used generally instead of specifically that the trouble arises.

"Old Hand" draws attention to a certain classification, and asks an abstract question which does not at all help in the settlement of the concrete question which arose at Aberavon. The classification which he quotes is one that is not on all fours with that which was scheduled at Aberavon. It is more detailed, and I should say little difficulty would be experienced in deciding for which of the three classes a certain bird was eligible.

C. A. House.

[This letter must be the last upon the much debated question whether Mr. House was right or wrong at Aberavon. It is a matter of opinion which will never be settled satisfactorily. We shall be glad to find room for short letters devoted to the establishment of a classification which will preclude such differences of opinion in the future, but the letters must deal with this phase of the subject only. The personal side is now closed. —Editor, Cage Birds.]

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to any Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

NOTE.—Only the details asked for on our cards can be published. Such phrases as "a large attendance desired," etc., must not be included. Classification for forthcoming shows, appeals for new members, and any other matter in the nature of an advertisement will only be inserted if paid for at advertisement rates.

Alfreton C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Red Lion Hotel, 6.30. General meeting; table show of mules and hybrid pairs; W. Evans, judge. Birds staged 6.30; special in each class.—G. Sawer.

Bolton Roller C.C.—Mar. 13, Joiners' Arms, 7.30. National Fed. rule books and song tours; important business.—T. Ormston.

Barry F. and F.S.—Mar. 10, Headquarters, 7.30.—H. P. Thomas.

British Roller C.C.—Mar. 13, 7.30.—J. W. Norris.

Barrow C.B.A.—Mar. 10, Weights and Measures Office, 7.30. Washing competition for novices; judges for Nest Feather; and general business.—T. A. Croft.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Mar. 15, Morrison's Restaurant, Kilbowie Road, 7.45. Nomination of Judges, annual show, and other important business.—R. McCardle.

City of Bradford O.S.—Meeting for Mar. 10 postponed, owing to Yorkshire Union prize distribution.—J. Bolton.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Mar. 12, Church Institute, 60, Paddington St., Baker St., W., 8. Lecture by H. Norman, on "Topical Items."—F. J. Martin.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 7. Lecture by Mr. Martin on "The Basis of a Strain." Orders for pepper should be sent at once.—W. D. Fryett.

Hull Roller C.C.—Mar. 15, Argyle House. Business important; rings now to hand.—A. Baggaley.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Queen's Head Inn, 7.30. Usual business.—R. H. Dixon.

Huddersfield O.S.—Mar. 12, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Monthly table show, 8 classes Yorks., 2 Nor., all cocks; judge, Mr. H. Mallinson.—A. Lawford.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Castle Inn, 7. Settling up for table shows.—T. Smith.

Landore, Plasmarl C.B.S.—Mar. 10, George and Dragon, 6.30.—Hy. Fry.

Leigh C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Orders for nest linings and rings to be given in.—R. Charleson.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Mar. 17, Y.M.C.A. Halls, 7. Canary washing exhibition by president and vice-pres.—A. Thomson.

Lanarkshire British, Mule and Specialist Club.—Mar. 17, Sloan's Restaurant, The Arcade, 100, Argyle St., Glasgow, 6.—W. F. Campbell.

Manchester and N. Counties O.S.—Mar. 12, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Table show of Borders; judge, Mr. C. Dooley; and general business.—F. Wilkinson.

Maesteg C.B.S.—Mar. 17, Bird-in-Hand Hotel, 7.30. Members not having paid levy towards cost of trophy kindly do so at meeting.—O. Williams.

Newsham C.B.S.—Mar. 17, Institute, Newsham, 7.30.—W. Gibb.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—Mar. 14, Shield's Cafe, 8. Cup and other business.—Wm. Mather.

Oldham C.B.S.—Mar. 13, Volunteer Inn, 7.45.—G. Mills.

Openshaw Corton C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Room, back of stage, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. Gen. bus.; subs. due; anal. tickets and monies due, most important.—A. W. Newton.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Mar. 13, Trinity Schools, Beresford St., Woolwich, 8. Pair and Finch show; judge, Mr. Taylor, Leytonstone; diploma best pair shown; friends invited, free. Please notice change of meeting night (see Club Reports).—G. H. Macfellan.

Sacriston F.F. and C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Mr. Abbot's Tea Rooms, 6. Very important.—R. J. Sivier.—(Please note that announcements must be sent in duplicate if they are to appear both in Cage Birds and "The Poultry World."—Ed.)

Sunderland C.B.A.—Mar. 10, Station St. Cafe, 7.30. Lecture on the breeding of the Yorkshire Canary, by Mr. J. Farrar; and any other business.—F. Riseborough.

Springburn Possilpark C.B.C.—Mar. 14, Reid Hall, 8. Show of British also lecture.—A. Hamilton.

Walton, Everton C.B.S.—Headquarters, 7. Business; British bird show, and classes for cock Canaries; judges, Messrs. Holden and Wilkins.—J. Lloyd.—(Date not stated.—Ed.)

Wanstead F. & F.S.—Mar. 15, Cambridge Park Hall, 8. Adjourned annual general meeting.—H. J. Maynard.

Wallsend Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Mar. 14, Station Hotel, 7. Fixing annual show and N.F. show date; nominations for judges; table show of British for novices, 5 classes; for champions 3 pair classes and 2 Linnet classes.—G. Greenwell.

Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Always Ready).

Annual pair and British show, Feb. 24, St. Thomas's Institute, with 40 entries. The exhibits were well arranged by the Stewards, Messrs. R. Stephenson, R. Honeyman, W. Thompson, and J. S. Dixon. Norwich were a good collection, and Brit. were of good quality, Mr. C. Waters taking spl. best exhibit in show with a splendid Goldfinch, W. Duke won spl. most points, W. Thompson spl. best Nor. pair, G. Greenwell spl. best Bord. pair. Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) judged, and his awards were very satisfactory. Nor. Pairs (10): 1, Thompson; 2, Watson; 3, hc, c, Dixon; vhc, Stephenson. Crests: 1, 2, 3, Duke. Bord.: 1, Greenwell; 2, 3, Duke. A.O.V.: 1, Duke. Mule or Hyb. Pair: 1, Duke; 2, Simpson. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Waters; 2, Peacock; 3, Dixon; vhc, Stephenson; hc, Curry. Linnet: 1, 2, Curry; 3, Waters; vhc, Peacock. Greenf.: 1, 3 Duke; 2, Simpson; vhc, Curry. Siskin, etc.: 1, Peacock; 2, Waters; 3, Curry. A.O.V.: 1, Waters; 2, Curry; 3, Dixon. Softbill: 1, Curry.—J. W. Watson, Sec.

ABERDARE C.B.S.

Annual table show. Nor. Ck: 1, 4, Morris; 2, 3, hc, c, W. Davies; vhc, J. Davies. Yell. Hen: 1, W. Davies; 2, Reynolds; 3, J. Davies; 4, Morris. Buff Ck.: 1, 3, J. Davies; 2, Stansfield; vhc, G. Davies; 4, hc, W. Davies. Hen: 1, 2, W. Davies; 3, J. Davies. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: 1, W. Davies; 2, G. Davies; 3, 4, Evans. Hen: 1, Evans; 2, 3, J. Davies; 4, W. Davies. Unflig. Buff Ck.: 1, vhc, hc, Joe Davies; 2, 3, Morris; 4, J. Davies. Hen: 1, J. Davies; 2, G. Davies; 3, Reynolds; 4, Joe Davies; vhc, Morris. Yorks. Yell. Hen: 1, G. Davies; 2, 3, Morris. Ck.: 1, Morris; 2, G. Davies. Goldf.: 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, vhc, T. Davies. Linnet: 1, 3, T. Davies; 2, C. Morris; 4, Evans. Bullf.: 1, T. Davies. Redpoll: 1, C. Morris. Mules and Hyb., A.V. Mule: 1, 2, 4, vhc, T. Davies; 3, Jones. Hybrid: 1, G. Davies; 2, Jones. Selling: 1, G. Davies; 2, Jones. Pairs: 1, 4, Reynolds; 2, 3, vhc, G. Davies. The society has now changed its headquarters to the "Prince of Wales" Hotel, where Mr. W. Davies was presented with the members' cup for most points last season. Mrs. Wilson kindly gave a donation to our funds. Our late secretary having been in the Army for some time, I am doing the work until he returns. All communications should be addressed to 24, Davis Street, Aberaman, Aberdare.—A. J. Evans, Sec.

POTTERIES ROLLER C.C.

1st annual singing contest, Paradise Inn, Tunstall, Feb. 24. Judge, Mr. H. Best. CHAMP.—YOUNG BIRDS: 1, spl, Dudley. HR 4, HB 3, B 5 Sch. 3, FN 2, WR 1, WG 4, BT 2, BR 1 GE 5, 30 points; 2, Tilstone, HR 4, HB 3, B 2, Sch. 3, F 4, WG 3 BT 2, BR 1, GE 3, 25 points; 3 Ramsey, HR 4, HB 3, B 3, Sch. 3, FN 3, WG 4, BT 1, BR 1, GE 3, 25 points; 4, spl, HR 3, HB 3, B 4 Sch. 3, FN 2, WG 5, GE 4, 24 points; vhc, Gotham, 24; hc, Dudley, 24; c, Dean, 23. OPEN: 1, spl, Watson, HR 4, HB 3, B 7, Sch. 3, FN 2, WG 3, BT 2, GE 4, 28 points; 2, Dudley, HR 3, HB 3, B 2, Sch. 2, FN 4, WG 3, BT 2, BR 1, BG 2, GE 3, 26 points; 3 Watson, HR 5, HB 3, B 3, Sch. 3, FN 3, WR 2, WG 4, BT 1, GE 3 1 off, 26 points; 4, Watson, HR 4, HB 3, Sch. 4, FN 3 WR 1, WG 3, BT 2, BR 1, GE 4, 25 points; 4, Dudley, HR 4, HB 3, B 4, Sch. 3, FN 2 WR 1, WG 4, BT 1, BG 2, GE 3, 25 points; vhc, Ramsey, 24; hc, Dudley, 23; c, Dudley, 20; c, Watson, 20. OPEN NOV.: 1 spl Dean HR 3 HB 3, B 4 Sch. 4, FN 2, WG 3, BT 2, BR 1, GE 4 28 points; 2, Woodhead, HR 4, HB 3, B 3 Sch. 3, FN 3, WG 4, BT 2, GE 3, 25 points; 3, Woodhead, HR 4 HB 3, B 2, Sch. 2, FN 4, WR 2, WG 3 BT 1, BG 2, GE 2, 25 points; 4, Hollinhead, HR 4, HB 3, B 2, Sch. 2, FN 3, WR 1, WG 3, BT 1, BG 2, GE 3, 24 points; vhc, Selstone, 23; hc, Shaw, 22; c, Gotham, 22; c, Hearson, 20.—J. T. Dudley, Sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Table show of matched pairs, Feb. 26, headquarters. 36 pairs were staged, Mr. H. W. Battye judged and gave general satisfaction. Tkd. Ck. and Buff Hen Yorks (13): 1, F. Sykes; 2, 3, Bray; vhc, A. Radley; hc, Smithles; c, Holmes and Schofield. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen (13): 1, Bray; 2, A. Radley; 3, Cheetham; vhc, Beaumont; hc, Smithles; c, F. Sykes. Cinn. Mkd. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen (3): 1, Buttle; 2, Cox; 3, Gledhill. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen (6): 1, Morris; 2, c, Ward; 3, Cox; vhc, Buttle; hc, Holmes and Schofield. Nor. (1): 1, Morris.—A. Lawford, Sec.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.

Pair and Finch show, Clock House Hotel, Clapham Park, Feb. 28; about 70 birds were staged, the strongest class being the Yorks. novice. Mr. J. Robson judged.

Yorks. Champ. (2): 1, 2, Hawkins. Nor. Nov. (3): 1, 2, 3, Greenland. Yorks. (13): 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Westrip; vhc, Henry; c, Allen. Bord. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Westrip. Pairs for Hybrids (4): 1, Clark; 2, Hose; 3, Humphries; 4, Vale. Hybrids (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Vale; 3, Hose. Goldf. and Bullf. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Coe; 3, Humphries; 4, Vale. Linnet and Greenf. (4): 1, 2, Coe; 3, abs., Vale. Chaffinch and Bramble (3): 1, Vale; 2, 3, Humphries. Siskin, Etc. (4): 1, 2, Coe; 3, Vale; 4, Humphries. Buntings (3): 1, 3, Coe; 2, Humphries. F.M. (3): 1, 3, Coe; 2, Vale. Hardbill Hens (4): 1, Coe; 2, 4, Hose; 3, Clark. Small Softbill (3): 1, 2, 3, Vale. Large (3): 1, 2, abs., Vale. For. (3): 1, 2, Vale; 3, Hose.—A. R. Coe.

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEYS.

3rd annual pair show, Feb. 24, Llwynedyn Hotel, Porth; show manager, J. Hall. Judges, G. Watkins (Treherbert) and Wm. Borris (Blaenchydach), and their awards met with general approval; the quality in each section was good. Special prize-winners: Best pair Canaries, most entries, and diploma best pair Yorks, Hollingshead and Edwards; diploma best pair Bord., Mrs. Bevan; spl. and diploma best Mule or Hybrid pair, and diploma best Greenf., A. Legg; diploma, best Hybrid pair and diploma best Goldf., T. James; diploma best Bullf., T. Emanuel.

Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, James; 2, Legg; 3, Hall; 4, Hollingshead and Edwards. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Legg; 3, Hall. Yorks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 4, Hollingshead and Edwards; 3, vhc, Baker; hc, Hall. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Hollingshead and Edwards; 2, Bevan; 3, Baker. Bord. Yell. Cock, Buff Hen: 1, 3, 4, Hollingshead and Edwards; 2, Mrs. Bevan. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Mrs. Bevan; 2, Hollingshead and Edwards. Single Nor.: 1, Legg; 2, Bevan. Yorks.: 1, 2, Bevan; 3, Hollingshead and Edwards. Bord.: 1, Mrs. Bevan; 2, Hollingshead and Edwards. Goldf. and Can. Hen: 1, Jones. Greenf., Canary Hen: 1, Legg; 2, Reese. A.O. Brit. and Can. Hen: 1, James. Goldf. and Brit. Hen: 1, 2, James. Greenf. and Brit. Hen: 1, 2, Legg. Linnet and Brit. Hen: 1, James. A.O. Brit. and Brit Hen: 1, 2, Legg. Single Goldf.: 1, 2, Emanuel; 3, Reese. Bullf.: 1, Emanuel; 2, Bevan; 3, Hollingshead and Edwards. Greenf.: 1, Morgan. Linnet: 1, Hollingshead and Edwards; 2, 3, Emanuel; 4, Morgan; vhc, Legg. A.O. Brit.: 1, Emanuel. Mules: 1, 2, James.—A. H. C. Legg, Hon. Sec.

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Club Reports.

PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH.

Meeting, Trinity Schools, Feb. 27, Mr. Newnham, chair. Decided to carry on programme for 1917. The meeting night is changed to the second Tuesday in each month. Pair and Finch show, Mar. 13, Mr. Taylor, Leytonstone, judge. Diploma for best pair. Five new members were elected, one rejected. Members are asked to make pair show a success. A few items left over till next meeting.—Geo. H. Maclellan, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH MOOR (Social Club).

General meeting, Feb. 25, Mr. Taylor, chair, with a good attendance. Mr. Taylor was elected chairman. Messrs. Roxborough and N. March, auditors; and Mr. Lane, sec. There was a big discussion about rules. Rule 5 reads: "If a member be found guilty, twelve months after the show, of showing wrong exhibits, he will be debarred from showing at any future show." Rule 6: "If there are only 5 birds in a class and no competition, they shall only receive 2nd and 3rd prize-money." Rule 7: "If a member does not attend four meetings in a year he will be debarred from exhibiting."—Geo. Lane.

NORTHERN NORWICH P.C.

Annual meeting, Feb. 24, Shield's Cafe, Mr. J. W. Lawson chair. Balance-sheet was presented, which showed a balance of over £3. Officers for 1917, Pres. and Vice-Pres. as in 1916; Chairman, Mr. H. Wellsbury; Vice-Chair, Mr. J. W. Lawson; Auditors, Messrs. Carey and Matthewson. Sec. and Treas., F. W. Laidlow. Specials for 1916 are not yet to hand, but have been on order for several weeks and will be sent to winners on arrival. Particulars as to membership will be supplied on applying to F. W. Laidlow, 55, Colston Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Feb. 28, Mr. G. G. Fellows, chair. The chairman, in referring to the great loss the society had sustained by the death of Mr. S. Foyle, said he was desired by the widow to express her appreciation of the wreath and letter of sympathy sent by the society. The vacancy on the committee was filled by the election of Mr. Welsh. Table pair show was held, the entry being small, but some very promising birds were on show. Mr. Fellows judged Yorks., and Mr. Melhuish Norwich, etc. Best in show (champion) was awarded to Mr. W. J. Love for a pair of Norwich, and best novice to Mr. A. C. Winter (Yorks.). A judging competition, as usual, created much interest, the winner being Mr. A. C. Winter. Nor. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Love; 2, Vale; 3, Bagg. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, 3, Love; vhc, Vale. Yorks. Buff Cock, Yell. Hen: 1, Hayter; 2, Gentry; 3, A. C. Winter. Yorks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Hayter; 2, A. C. Winter; 3, vhc, Gentry. Muling Pairs: 1, 3, vhc, Alderslade and Clark; 2, Vale. Hybrids: 1, 2, vhc, Alderslade and Clark; 3, Vale.—G. J. Slade, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Annual pair show, Reindeer Hotel, Feb. 20, with a splendid entry, and some tip-top birds were staged. The Norwich and Yorkshires were a grand lot in both sections. An excellent attendance of members and friends helped to make the show a complete success. Mr. F. J. Martin won spl. best pair, and Mr. Geo. Sands spl. most points. Winners of other specials: Messrs. Hall, Dracup, Saunders, Humphreys. Mr. Robson judged, and afterwards made a few remarks on the birds staged.

Champ. Nor., Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (6): 1, Martin; 2, 3, Cole; 4, Clements; vhc, Gilbert. Buff Cock, Yell. Hen (9): 1, 2, Martin; 3, 4, vhc, Cole; hc, c, Clemmence. Yorks., Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (8): 1, 4, Hall; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Sands; c, Andrews. Buff Cock, Yell. Hen (10): 1, 3, Hall; 2, vhc, hc, c, Sands; 4, Andrews. Nov. Nor., Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (6): 1, 2, Dracup; 3, hc, Atkins; 4, Roberts; hc, Whiffin. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (4): 1, Atkins; 2, Dracup; 3, Whiffin; 4, Roberts. Yorks., Yell. Cock, Buff Hen (3): 1, Saunders; 2, 3, Field. Buff Cock, Yell. Hen (2): 1, 2, Saunders. Muling: 1, 2, Humphreys.—W. Hodson, Hon. Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Meeting, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Feb. 28, Mr. R. B. Cairns presiding over a good attendance. Decided again to hold annual show, Dec. 1, in Victoria Rooms, Crosshill, the chairman expressing the hope that every member would endeavour to make the show a success by sending as many exhibits as possible. Judges were nominated and names will be published on acceptance. Table show for British in the above rooms, fixed for Mar. 17; birds staged at 3.30; judging to commence at 4. Goldf., Bullf., Greenf., Linnet, Siskin, Mealy Redpoll or Twite, Lesser Redpoll, hens for Hybrid breeding, Light Mule or Hyb., Dark Mule, Any Variety not classed.

The event of the evening was the demonstrative lecture given by Mr. R. Jeffrey, on the pairing of birds, which was interesting and educative to old members and novices alike. He had a number of birds with him to show the good qualities and points, as well as the bad ones, and he told the meeting how with careful and judicious mating some of the good qualities can be retained and some of the bad ones eradicated. The members accorded him a hearty vote of thanks for his instructive lecture, and he promised at some future date to say a word or two on rearing and colour-feeding. The chairman intimated that Mr. Davidson, of Mossend, had promised to give a lecture at the March meeting, the secretary being instructed to make all arrangements. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—A. Foreman, Sec.

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NEWCASTLE EAST END.

Meeting, Blue Bell Inn, Shield's Road, Feb. 23, presided over by Mr. W. Espie. Members elected: Mr. J. Scott and Mr. T. Farr. Proposed as members: Messrs. Slater, Wright, and Wilson. There was also a table show, but only a moderate entry. Pair Nor.: 1, Kindness. Crests: 1, Kindness. Cinn.: 1, 2, Roy. Bord.: 1, Espie. Green and Cinn.: 1, Lucas; 2, Eades; 3, Espie. A.O.V.: 1, Coltman. Linnet: 1, 3, hc, Coulthard; 2, Coltman; hc, Espie. Greenf.: 1, 3, Coltman; 2, Newton. Bullf. and Goldf.: 1, Espie; 2, Coulthard; 3, hc, Newton; hc, Scott. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Coltman.—E. Coltman, Sec.

BLAENAVON C.B.S.

Meeting Mar. 1, Crown Hotel Assembly Rooms. Mr. J. Pitt presided over a good meeting. Sec. read a letter from the Red Cross Society, showing that a sum of £3 10s. had been paid them, this being the profit of our last open show. Decided that we hold our open show for 1917 on Nov. 1, and that the Sec. see about getting it in "Show Dates Fixed." Sec. to write Mr. J. Robson, London, to judge, and report at next meeting. Classes fixed for N.F. show, and specials came in galore. Anyone wishing to give specials please do so by next meeting, so that we can fix up the prize money for same. New members elected: J. Durham, J. Styles, and C. Brewin. Fanciers who desire to join please attend next meeting, Crown Hotel, Broad Street, April 5, at 6.30.—Geo. Broome.

HULL C.B.S.

Meeting and show held Oddfellows' Hall, Mar. 3, Mr. D. D. Longhorn chair, with a good attendance and a record number of entries for the show—Canary cocks and British. Messrs. Harland, P. P. Potter, W. E. Sowden, and Crawforth were the principal winners in the Norwich classes. The excellence of the birds shown in the novice Yorks classes was freely commented upon, Mr. W. Fox winning both the yellow and buff classes with two gems, full of type and quality, his buff being a shade too good for Mr. Towse's runner-up, both birds having a creditable record on the bench, this making Mr. Fox's 12th first and still unbeaten, whilst this is the first time Mr. Towse's bird has been placed second. Mr. Freeman was the runner-up in the yellow class. Mr. Macpherson staged an excellent show of British. Mr. W. E. Sowden judged Yorks, and Mr. W. T. Pepper Nor. and Brit., and gave every satisfaction. This closed our second successful show this year, and we are looking forward with enthusiasm to the coming breeding season. Three new members were enrolled.—W. Furnandiz, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

The N.Y.C.C. held a supper and presentation at Shield's Cafe, on February 21, when a good number of members and friends turned up to partake of the good things prepared for them. Mr. Wigglesworth occupied the chair, and after supper presented the president, Mr. Crawhall, with a silver-mounted black ebony walking stick, and the late sec., Mr. Havis, with a case of briar pipes, both presents being subscribed for by the members. The chairman, in making the presentation, spoke in glowing terms of the work of both gentlemen, and hoped they would have long life to use the presents. Both replied and thanked the members who had subscribed. Decided to try and make our society stronger in membership, and we give any Yorkshire fancier in the district a hearty invitation to join us. Our next meeting will be held at Shield's Cafe, Mar. 14, at 8, when we would like to have a good number of new members. We would like to see some of the Chester-le-Street Yorkshire fanciers join us. Members please let Mr. Crawhall know how many closed rings and how much colour food they will be wanting, so that he can put same on order as early as possible. At next meeting business is important.—Wm. Mather, Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Meeting, March 1, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, Mr. G. Dobson chair until the arrival of Mr. T. C. Crawhall, before one of the best meetings held for some time. New members elected, Messrs. Reed and Collins, Montague, Thwaites, and Thomas. Owing to the various opinions as to ticks and marks in Canaries since the disqualification of the bird referred to of late in CAGE BIRDS, we decided to hold a discussion on same. Birds with different markings were brought by Messrs. T. C. Crawhall, W. Copie, and S. Lomas, also plates and Blakston's book by Mr. Maddison. Mr. Priestley (Halifax), now in the Army and stationed in Newcastle, attended and explained the rules of the Yorkshire Union. Several members spoke on the subject, but different opinions were still held on the bird in dispute. The majority seemed to think it a marked bird and that times had altered considerably since the days of Blakston, and it was time something should be done to put the matter right, so as to cause no trouble in future show seasons. The question was asked if Blakston was the only authority on Canaries, and one member present who knew him, said he was the man when living, and we had never come across a better yet. This caused an interesting discussion. At our next meeting Mr. J. Johnston (Wallsend) has promised to give us his experience on rearing young, so we invite all to come and hear this most successful breeder of the North. New members welcome.—F. W. Laidlow, Sec.

MANCHESTER AND N.C.O.S.

General meeting and table show of Yorks. and Norwich, Deansgate Hotel, Feb. 26. Mr. Raynes presided. Mr. Thos. Atkinson, an old member of the society, judged Yorks., and Mr. F. Wilkinson Norwich. There was a good muster of birds, Nor. in particular; also a good attendance, and it was a very enjoyable evening. A hearty vote of thanks to the judges was strongly supported by Mr. Fairhurst. Mr. Atkinson responded, thanking those present and remarking that he was jealous of the society as to the progress it had made, since he was not able to be amongst the old faces which had always been a pleasure to him in years gone by. Mr. Dooley won most points Yorks, Mr. Riley most entries. Mr. Mitchell most points Norwich.

Yell. Yorks Ck. (5): 1, Drew; 2, Dooley; 3, Bottomley; 4, Green; vhc, Riley. Buff (4): 1, Dooley; 2, Bottomley; 3, Riley; 4, Drew. Yell. Hen: 1, Riley. Buff (2): 1, Riley; 2, Green. Yell. Yorks. Ck. and Buff Hen (4): 1, Dooley; 2, Drew; 3, Green; 4, Riley. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen (4): 1, Dooley; 2, Riley; 3, Green; 4, Drew. Yell. Ck. (9): 1, Green; 2, Cook; 3, vhc, hc, Turner; 4, Warburton; c, Mitchell. Buff (7): 1, c, Cook; 2, 4, hc, Mitchell; 3, A. G. Smith; vhc, Raynes. Yell. Hen (3): 1, Mitchell; 2, Raynes; 3, A. G. Smith. Buff (9): 1, Mitchell; 2, hc, Turner; 3, Green; 4, vhc, Warburton; c, A. G. Smith. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen (10): 1, Green; 2, vhc, Warburton; 3, c, Turner; 4, Raynes; hc, Cook. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen (4): 1, Mitchell; 2, Raynes; 3, Green; 4, A. G. Smith. Green A.V. (5): 1, 4, Hayward; 2, vhc, Raynes; 3, Turner. Classification for Borders at next meeting, and table show will be Cock, A.V.; Hen, A.V., Green or Cinn; Cock, A.V.; Hen, A.V.; A.O.V. Can., except Norwich and Yorks.—J. Green, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting, Feb. 24, Station St. Cafe. Mr. Farrar presided over a good attendance. The chairman gave the members present a few hints on how to make a drying cage. It was decided to give a series of lectures at forthcoming meetings. Mr. Farrar promised to give the first at next meeting, Mar. 10, on his experiences of breeding the Yorkshire Canary. It is hoped that the members will turn up in full, and we shall also be glad to see any fanciers in the district who would like to hear what Mr. Farrar has to say on this particular subject. Mr. G. Davidson also promised to give a lecture on the Lizard Canary, and Mr. J. Riseborough will give a dry washing exhibition; dates for these will be announced later. Mr. J. Copeland was elected treasurer, owing to the resignation of Mr. G. Davidson. New members were elected: Mr. J. W. Watson and G. Greenwell.—F. Riseborough, Assist. Hon. Sec.

LANARKSHIRE B,B., M., & S.C.

Meeting, Sloan's Restaurant, The Arcade, 100, Argyle Street, Glasgow, Mar. 3. Sample cages from James F. Dewar, Edinburgh, were for inspection, and a friendly discussion ensued. The cage for Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Bramblefinch, etc., and the cage for Linnet, Goldfinch, Larger Redpoll, or Twite, were very much admired and approved of. The cage for Hawfinch, etc., was considered 1½ins. too high, and the Redpoll and Siskin cage ¼in. too low. Agreed to leave over the adopting of these cages until next meeting, Mar. 17, at 6, when they will again be on view, and we hope that all members and those desirous of becoming members will be present. The secretary would be pleased if those at a distance, who cannot see their way to be present and still wish to support this big push, would send on their membership fee, which is only 2/6 per year.—Wm. P. Campbell, Sec. and Treas.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB

Special meeting, Feb. 24. Messrs. A. McFarlane and H. McDonald were admitted members. Mr. J. H. Adam lectured on "Breeding, Moulting, and Colour-feeding," which proved highly interesting and instructive, and at the close he was cordially thanked. Meeting and show, Mar. 3. Mr. A. McFarlane was elected auditor in room of Mr. FitzPatrick. The following were elected officers for season:—Pres., Mr. Wm. Dinwoodie; vice-pres., Messrs. Jas. Findlay, Jas. Cross, Jas. McGowan, and P. Eccleston; committee, Messrs. Wm. Cassells, Wm. Jack, F. McGowan, D. Dinwoodie, and R. Steel; treas., Mr. Wm. D. Fraser, 20, Maull Drive, Partick; minute sec., Mr. T. McMillan; hon. sec., Mr. J. H. Adam, 15, Alexander Street, Sandyfort; auditors, Messrs. Geo. Bannerman and Alexander McFarlane. The rules were carefully gone over, and in one or two cases amended.

Owing to Glasgow Spring Holiday, the next meeting will be held Mar. 31, when balance sheet will be read), in lieu of April 7. The management would thank all members who are indebted to the club to have same squared off as early as possible, either to the treasurer, Mr. Whitelaw, at 83, Cardross St., Dennistoun, or to sec.

A special Linnet show has been fixed for April 14; two classes H.M. and F.M. Specials for same have been kindly promised by Messrs. Fraser, 5/-; Macfarlane, Pettigrew, and Wm. Dinwoodie. Specials for table show were given by Messrs. Johnstone, 2/6; Eccleston, 2/6; P. Pettigrew, 2/6; Wm. Dinwoodie, 2/-. Mr. Jas. Findlay and Mr. Alex. McFarlane judged. Hybrid Pairs, Bullf. Hen Cross: 1, spl, Pettigrew, Goldf.-Bullf., 2, 6, D. Dinwoodie, Greenf., 3, Bannerman, Linnet; 4, Jas. McGowan, Goldf., 5, 7, Jack. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Pettigrew, Goldf.-Greenf. and Goldf.-Siskin. Goldf., Muling: 1, 3, Pettigrew; 2, D. Dinwoodie. A hen in this class was singing lustily. Linnet, Muling: 1, Geo. Bannerman; 2, spl, D. Dinwoodie; 3, Pettigrew. A.O.V.: 1, 3, spl, 4, spl, 5, Pettigrew, Greenf.-Can., etc.; 2, D. Dinwoodie, Siskin-Can.

Next meeting and table show, March 31; classes: Goldf., Linnet (H.M.), Siskin, Linnet (F.M.). Don't forget, great Linnet rally and judging competition, for good prizes and specials, April 14, at Headquarters, 122, Ingram St., at 7. Prospective members invited. The one-fancier one-club cage bird society in Glasgow. Particulars can be had from the hon. sec., J. H. Adam, 15, Alexander Street, Sandyford, Glasgow.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Annual general meeting, 142, High-st., Edinburgh, Mar. 3; Mr. Grewar, Lochgelly, presided over a good attendance of local fanciers, and a few from Glasgow and Fifeshire. The financial statement was read, and showed a handsome balance of £17 14s. 9½d., and a membership of 148 members at the end of the season. The financial statement was adopted. The ballot for officials resulted as follows: Committee, West Section: A. Maxwell 25, A. Sloan 22, W. Hutchinsou 18, J. McLay 17, A. Chalmers 15, R. B. Cairns 15; Northern Section: W. Grewar 33, W. Allison 33, G. Mitchell 23, A. G. Forrest 20, A. Harris 20, J. C. Murray 16; Eastern and Southern Section: J. Winter 34, W. Aitchison 33, A. G. Cameron 25, A. M. Gardiner 24, J. F. Dewar 26, S. Buglass 21; auditors: W. Hutchinson 25, J. F. Park 24; scrutineers: W. R. Finnie 15, J. F. Dewar 14; judges: A. G. Cameron 25, E. Barron 22, W. Grewar 18, A. Maxwell 18, W. Simpson 17, A. Harris 16; sec. and treas., E. Barron 45.

Gold medal for best young cock was won by Mr. G. Mitchell, Brechin, and Mr. J. Braid, Bishopbriggs, won gold medal best young hen. Silver medals at open shows were won as follows:—Brechin: J. Dalgety and W. Allison; Ayr: D. Harper and J. Kerr; Irvine: W. Connelly and R. Colley; Larkhall: A. Harris and J. Gallacher; Glasgow and District: G. Mitchell and A. H. McLean; City of Glasgow: P. Houston and W. Simpson. At the local club shows the medals were won as follows:—Glasgow and West, R. B. Cairns; Partick, A. Maxwell; Lochgelly, M. Smith; Glasgow West End, J. Braid and J. Procter; West of Scotland, J. Black; Queen's Park, M. Stewart; Edinburgh and District, J. Procter, Leith; Edinburgh Norwich, A. Bell; Dumfries, D. Devoy; Springburn, A. Crawford. Decided that at local shows the silver medals given by the club be awarded for the best unflighted bird. Mr. Grewar proposed that the young birds at the club's annual show be judged by the judge having the most votes in the annual vote by ballot; Mr. Nelson seconded. Mr. Winter, seconded by Mr. Houston, moved the previous question. Mr. Grewar's motion was accepted by 8 votes to 7. Decided to pay judges' fee at the annual club show. Decided also that the standard show cage of the club be wired with eighteen wires. Members elected: J. Burnett, R. Bryce, J. Beattie, J. Cuthbertson, W. Crawshaw, W. P. Campbell, T. Cook, J. Cumming, M. Clarke, E. Docherty, E. Hales, A. Hamilton, J. Johnstone, J. Muir, J. Murdoch, P. Mason, D. Main, D. Morrison, G. E. Robertson, A. Robertson, J. Sykes, J. Simpson, T. Sherridan, J. Smyth, J. Sheen, J. Aric, and D. Hannah. Closed rings can now be had from the sec. Meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman. Fanciers anxious to join the club are requested to communicate with the sec.—E. Barron, 119, Montrose Street, Glasgow.

BIRKENHEAD B.B.A.

Meeting, May 1; members elected: Messrs. T. Bunker, T. Evans, J. Rennie, S. Sprage, W. Barr, J. Lucas, and W. G. Hunt. Syllabus for next four months: April 5, selection of judges and general business; May 3, lecture on "How to feed and wean young birds"; June 7, arrangements for nest feather shows; June 16, 1st N.F. show; July 5, open night and arrangements for second N.F. show; July 21, second N.F. show. Mr. Wakem, 16, Clifton Road, Birkenhead, will be pleased to hear from any fancier who would like to join. Meetings first Thursday of each month at Abbott's Cafe, Market Street, Birkenhead, at 7.30; subs., 2/6. Mr. J. Darlington has promised to become our vice-president; his name was not mentioned in our last officers' list.—H. Wakem, Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Mar. 3, Griffin Hotel, Mr. R. Peel chair, before a crowded attendance, amongst whom was Mr. Montague, who has decided to withdraw his resignation. After the ordinary business of the meeting, which consisted mainly in doling out rings, of which 6,000 have already been sold, the meeting was given over to the newly-elected judges of the Leeds Club to show their talent before the members, four of them, Messrs. Peel, Hunter, Walton, and Best doing so, and the sheets varied very little in the aggregate, and there were some good birds on view. After the judging the various tours were explained, and some of the novice members openly said they had learned more that night than all the time they had been in the Fancy. Decided that next meeting night be given over to four of the novices, Messrs. Heaton, Boyd, Hallam, and Simpson, to give their ideas of the birds' tours. Also decided to hold our annual contest, Nov. 9, 10, connected with which we are adding £5 to a sweepstakes of 1s. each; birds to be nominated not later than Aug. 1, and ring number sent to Sec. not later than Oct. 1. Novices to have three song points start; the stakes to be called the Roller Breeders' Derby. Decided unanimously that we ask all clubs to take a vote on Rule 7, so as to let all new clubs give their opinion on this "drastic" rule, as it has been termed. Federation members please show their interest in the matter by recording their vote.—H. Best, Sec.

Singing Contests.

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LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Mar. 4. 34 birds competed for four good prizes, and some very good singing was heard. 1, H. Wigfield; 2, 3, Binns; 4, Bamfield. Judges, T. C. Summers, C. Ward; timekeeper, Rayner.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Open contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, York Road, March 4, Linnet singing, 28 birds; 1, T. Stockdale; 2, Platts; 3, G. Marshall, Wheelhouse. Also night contest, 14 birds: 1, 2, 3, G. Marshall. Judges, Messrs. Biss, Dearlove, Bomfield.—G. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

Contest, Mar. 4, Old Bird-House, Albion Hotel, Saville Green. Some excellent singing by 25 birds was heard: 1, Bott; 2, 4, Ward; 3, Parker. Canary contest, same evening: 1, Thompson; 2, Wood; 3, Sissons. Please note change of secretary, Mr. Walter Naylor retired; Mr. T. Crane has been appointed, to whom all correspondence must be sent.

Easter prize drawing on behalf of the above club will take place on April 8. For winning numbers see CAGE BIRDS, April 1.—(Advt.)

West Leeds Linnet and C.F.H. contest, Mar. 4, Prince of Wales Hotel, for Linnets, 20 birds contested: 1, H. Baldwin; 2, Jarrow; 3, C. Towes. Judges, J. Goodwill, W. Moss; timekeeper, D. Clegg. Canary contest, Mar. 4, Viaduct Hotel, 10 birds: 1, G. McNichols; 2, Conchiffe; 3, T. Sissons. Judges, W. Moss, C. Towes; timekeeper, J. Sellers. If Driver's match is for Linnets, he can be accepted if he will extend his challenge to Leeds, up to £10.—T. Cawood, Sec.

PONTEFRACT

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, club sing, Mar. 4, 46 birds entered for four prizes, three minutes time singing: 1, Skidmore, 92; 2, B. Nelson; 3, W. Nelson; 4, Merrick.—S. Pugh, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, Mar. 4. 23 birds sang: 1, Parlett; 2, Holmshaw; 3, Woodhouse.—E. Phillipson, Sec.

The challenge published in last week's CAGE BIRDS, "any bird in Sheffield, time singing," should be "any bird, Sheffield time singing," and the offer is open to any bird in the world.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, Doncaster Road, March 3. A match was sung between Hardman's Linnet and Jones' Mule Linnet for a stake, 10min. time, Hardman giving the Mule 1min. start. Result: Hardman, 7min. 47sec.; Jones' Mule, 5.27. Mar. 4, club sing, 18 birds, for four prizes; good average singing. Norburn, 3min. 40sec.; Jones, 3.27; France, 3.5; Wright, 3.4. Books to be straight by next week or members will not be allowed to sing at Easter big sing.—J. Hardman, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax Linnet Club, Headquarters, Commercial Hotel, members' sing, Mar. 3. 31 birds entered for four minutes sing, and some good singing was heard: 1, R. Collinson; 2, H. Collinson; 3, Potter; timekeepers, J. Cooper, R. Plows; tappers, H. Collinson, J. Liversedge.—R. Plows, Sec.

I will sing Driver, of Sheffield, at Pontefract Club Headquarters, the same style as advertised in CAGE BIRDS, 1½ minutes spring, 1½ minutes bluff, five seconds a break.—R. Plows.—Advt.

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Queries Answered

For rules see last week's issue.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN

SAMPLE OF RAPE.

N. W. G.—The sample of rape sent is an excellent all-round sample of summer rape for these times, though it seems rather new. This will be no serious detriment, but if you find it scours the birds use a rather smaller proportion of it. It is most suitable for feeding to any class of Canaries.

EXPECTS TOO MUCH.

Leader.—Assuming the young bird is really a cock he is not very likely to be in good breeding condition or fit for being already mated if he is always expecting the hen to feed him. Was he in good song when he was mated? And what makes you think he wants the hen to feed him? Does he merely drop his wings, stand across the perch, and gape open-beaked at the hen, perhaps making a squeaking noise meantime? If this is how he acts then it is probably his manner of courting her good opinions and not owing to be fed by her. If this is the case a little patience will probably set matters right, though it may be some little time before they set to work in earnest, as the cock is obviously not in a very forward condition. To help them along you may give the pair a teaspoonful of egg or other soft food every second day, and on alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats. It will also further help matters if you add a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure and sesame to the soft food each time you give it. Also look out for the early sprouts of dandelion which you may find even now in warm sheltered nooks, and give four or five crisp tender leaves of this daily until they have gone to nest. As you will probably have seen by other replies, it is really too early yet to put the birds together, and in your case it would doubtless have been better to have had a little more patience before doing so. If the supposed cock really does sue to be fed, and was not in good vigorous song before it was put with the hen I should be much inclined to doubt it being a cock.

ROLLER DIET.

H. Rose.—(1) Highly trained contest singers are commonly fed chiefly on a staple diet of summer rape only, while canary and the other seeds usually fed to other breeds as a more or less prominent item in the staple are limited to the place of titbits. Any large proportion of canary seed in the dietary is believed to lower the quality of the song of these birds. For full details of feeding this class of Roller you should get our Manager to send you a copy of the nutshell booklet No. 10 on the Roller, 2½d., post free. For an ordinary class of Roller I prefer a staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape, with a small teaspoonful of egg food once or twice a week, according to the season or condition of the birds, and on two other days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, black rape, broken groats, and just a sprinkling of linseed amongst the bulk. A little green salad should be given two or three times a week during early spring and late autumn, and daily during the summer, and in the winter a morsel of sweet fruit may be substituted, care being taken at all times not to give green food which is nipped by frost or sodden with rime or snow, or decaying portions from any other cause. (2). The above dietary would be equally suitable if you were going to breed with the birds, except that when you are preparing the birds for mating you may give the egg food every second day and a little of the seed mixture on the alternate days for two or three weeks, the length or quantity of extra feeding needed being dependent upon the condition of the birds. Birds in very vigorous condition need but little feeding up for breeding when the proper season arrives for mating, those in less robust health or out of condition require to be put on the extra feeding a week or two earlier.

SHELLING SEED.

J. Towler.—The sample of seed sent is really of excellent quality all round, and there is no fault with it. It is the hen that is troubled with a deranged digestion, and the following treatment should set matters right. Keep in a comfortably warm place, though you need not over-do the heat, give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and in addition give separately every second day a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of mixed seed and a morsel of banana, or a crisp tender tuft of dandelion, if you can find the latter. In the water every second day for a week add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week or fortnight as may seem necessary. Continue the above dietary for a fortnight or three weeks.

CEASED SINGING.

A Beginner.—(1) It is not unusual for some cocks to cease singing when put with the hen, and provided they are in robust health and vigour and seem to attend to their duties satisfactorily the absence of song does not necessarily mean that they are not in good breeding condition. But in your case you mated the birds a good deal too early, and it is more than doubtful if they, or at least the cock, were in a sufficiently forward condition for mating. If things have got no further I would advise you to separate them again and feed up the cock until the last week in March, and then if the weather is propitious and the birds both appear in good condition and anxious to begin nesting you may try again, but if they do not seem very forward then do not mate for another week. In addition to the staple seed diet give the cock a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, or a small teaspoonful of egg food with a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure and sesame seed mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats. Also try to find three or four tender young leaves of dandelion to give him daily. It should not be very difficult to find this herb now in warm sheltered corners. During the first ten days give the hen a pinch of niger seed every second day, and a little egg food with the seeds the same as the cock twice only, and after this time treat both birds alike until ready to mate. (2) You would get only buff youngsters from two buff birds ticked, marked, variegated, or grizzled more or less, both in extent and proportion, according to the amount of green blood in the parents, of which you give me no idea. I note you say one bird is yellower than the other, so possibly they are a pale yellow and a buff, in which case you might expect to breed both yellow and buff young with the same conditions as to markings. In a buff you will find that the yellow colour stops a little short of the extreme tip of the feather, which is white, giving the bird a mealy or frosted appearance, whereas in a yellow the colour, whether pale or warm, goes right to the tip of the feather, giving a solid appearance to the colour. (3) Your Mule query should have been written on a separate sheet. See Mr. Norman's column next week for reply, as your question will have to be forwarded to him.

SWOLLEN JOINT.

W. T. H., Dowlais.—You cannot do better than continue carefully to carry out the advice previously given as to keeping the bird as quiet and restful as possible until the effect of the swollen joint has passed off and the bird commences to move about of its own accord quite freely. From the further particulars you now give I anticipate the joint may not fully recover its normal condition, but there should be a considerable improvement, and you can do nothing better than leave the remedy wholly in Nature's hands now, beyond seeing that it has every inducement to keep quiet and at rest for the time being. It may enable it to perch better if you supplied rather wide perches with flat upper surfaces, but see that there are no sharp edges where the flat top meets the curved under surface.

FLYING ABOUT CAGE.

Rollers.—The sudden attacks you describe are in all probability due to slight attacks of epilepsy. You might first of all see if you can find any outside cause for its alarm when these attacks come on, such as any strange animal, cat, or dog, or any startling article of dress, etc., and if so remove these causes, or at least try to prevent their recurrence. Then try the effect of the following treatment for a month or so. Keep in a fairly comfortable temperature, but do not over-heat it, and give as a staple diet a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition to this give separately every second day for two or three weeks, a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, broken groats, and just a sprinkling of linseed among the bulk. On these days give also a morsel of banana or boiled carrot, or a spray of watercress or two crisp young leaves of dandelion, which you may now discover in warm sheltered nooks, the latter will be the best thing you can give in way of green food. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week, and after this give instead a crystal of sulphate of soda as above and as much bromide of potassium as will cover a three-penny-piece every second day for a fortnight. As you are feeding rather high it would benefit your stock to give an aperient at this season by adding twelve drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water all round for two consecutive days.

FOR ECONOMY'S SAKE.

Novice, B'ham.—(1) You wish to know if Pigeon eggs will answer the purpose of Fowl food in the making of egg food for feeding young Canaries, doubtless with a view to economising on the egg bill. Where the eggs of common Pigeons, or any similar eggs, are available this is an excellent form of economy, and I can vouch from personal experience that the results are all that could be desired. (2) No, it is not necessary, nor even advisable, to soak the canary seed which forms the staple diet when young are being reared.

THE MAIDEN SONG.

D. M. A.—There is no definite age at which a young Roller cock should commence to sing without fail, but you have certainly been wrongly informed that such a bird is not old enough to sing at seven months old. At this age any Roller cock worth his salt as a songster should be in his fullest song, though she may improve in technicalities, which are not usually considered in ordinary songsters, after this age. Young Roller cocks of a good free singing strain, or that are likely to come out as very free singers themselves, will very frequently be seen trying over their vocal powers almost as soon as they leave the nest, and by the time they are through the first moult will be in quite good song, and the great majority of these birds will be in what may be termed full song by the middle of the January following their hatching. I should be inclined to consider a Roller bred last season that has done nothing more than a twitter up to this time as a hen, though there is just a possibility of such a bird being a cock.

A VIOLENT WOOER.

M. Dodman.—The new change in the climatic conditions will doubtless have convinced you before this can reach you that you took rather a big risk when you mated the birds so early. Another fortnight's patience would have been of the greatest value as you may find later. The apparent violence of the cock when allowed access to the hen is of no serious import; rather the reverse, as it is an indication that he is in a high degree of vigour and breeding condition, and this apparent violence is nothing more or less than his manner of vigorous courtship. It is not at all unusual for cocks in high condition to behave in this way when first mated, but they usually cool down by the time the hen goes to nest. If he does not do so, and continues his displays after the hen has commenced to sit you should take him away and cage him separately, leaving the hen to hatch out and rear the young by herself, which she will do better without such a violent consort than with him. As they commenced the business of domestic cares to all appearance so promptly it would probably be too late to separate them now until a more seasonable time, so you can only let matters take their course and trust to luck. Glad to hear the previous treatment for the bird was so successful.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRID

Answered by H. NORMAN

BREEDING IN SMALL FLIGHT.

Frost Bound.—Your five feet flight is scarcely large enough for a couple of pairs of British birds with a view to getting them to nest. It is large enough for the four birds simply as pets, but if your desire is to try and breed, then you had better give the place up to a single pair. Greenfinches are the most likely to breed, but of course these are rather common, so why not put in a couple of Goldfinches if you have them; they will be far more interesting, and if you get some young ones they would be valuable. You will have to feed them fairly well, with plenty of dandelion and other wild food. Place a bundle of furze, heather, or birch branches in one end with plenty of moss, hair, etc., for building purposes, this need not be done until some time in April.

BEST SINGING MULES.

J. W. Fleming.—The question of the best singing Mules is rather a matter of taste. The singers they are trained under influence their song. Both the Goldfinch and the Linnet are good performers, although somewhat noisy. Greenfinch Mules are quieter, some of them being quite melodious, although lacking in variety. (2) You would gain nothing by mixing your colour-feed before baking the cake; it is much better to add it to the soft food as required, commencing first with a small quantity and gradually increasing to full strength, and also leaving it off gradually when the birds are finishing. (3) I am afraid you will find your 6ft. flight rather too crowded with the eight birds in it. You would do better with one cock and three hens; your other Canary hens you could use with your spare cock bird and the Goldfinch, keeping them, of course, in separate cages. All your hens could have a first nest with cock Canaries, running the Goldie in for the second one.

SEED SAMPLE.

Midlands.—Your sample of wild seed submitted is not a particularly good one, the bulk of it is charlock, a little sow thistle, chickweed, and burdock. It is not at all suitable for a staple food for any of the Finches; the Linnets would eat more of it than either the Goldfinch or Bullfinch. I would advise you to sift it well before using, and then give a spoonful at a time, and let the birds take what they require and throw the remainder away. I have had no experience of burning an acetylene lamp in a bird-room, but I have not known any injurious effect from a paraffin lamp when kept perfectly clean, and with a little ventilation at the top of the room. If you decide to try yours, see that the room is properly ventilated, as this, in my opinion, is very important.

SAMPLES OF SEEDS.

Six Seeds.—I am sorry to hear of your loss. I have carefully examined your samples of seeds, and I must say they are exceptionally good ones. Your No. 1 wild seed contains a fair percentage of husks and waste matter, but I can detect nothing in either this or your No. 2 that would be at all likely to injure the most delicate birds. The canary seed is nice and bold, and I would advise you to secure some while you have the opportunity. The summer rape is particularly sweet, and one of the best samples I have seen for some time.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

IDENTIFICATION OF PARROT.

F. Best.—Your bird is an Amazon Parrot, either a Blue-front or Le Vaillant's. I think the former, but I cannot be definite until the plumage is perfect. Keep the bird as warm as possible, yet in some well-ventilated position free from draught. Lightly dust its daily supply of boiled maize with flowers of sulphur. Add to your dietary ripe fruit, as much daily as it will eat. Also give it a few nuts (walnuts, pea, and Barcelona nuts are all good). Do not give table scraps or any kind of tea, coffee, or milk sops, or any kind of animal food. Put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into the drinking water daily, and twice a week half that quantity of chemical food. Persevere with the above treatment and report progress in about a couple of months. If it does not bathe, spray with a fine sprayer. Use a solution of tepid water very slightly coloured with Condy's Fluid for the purpose. Grit and cuttlebone should continually be in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon.

GREY PARROT WITH SWOLLEN EYE.

Dalesman.—I am strongly of the opinion that you should consult a local vet. about your bird. A slight operation might give immediate relief. Continue the honey and borax, even if you have to put a little on its tongue daily. Also give a teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water as often as you can without setting up chronic diarrhœa. Also give cod liver oil emulsion lightly spread on bread, biscuit or cake. Keep it in the warmest quarters you can that are not stuffy. A sore such as you describe should be personally examined, and I think a vet. could give some immediate relief and prescribe and treat it more effectively than can be done by correspondence. Should be greatly interested to hear how the bird progresses.

ZEBRA FINCHES NOT BREEDING.

W. H. Millard.—They are young birds and the weather has been all against successful nesting. I should say she would settle down all right with later nests, but if she breaks her next clutch I should advise you to procure another hen and get rid of the present one. You state that they are last year's birds, and it is quite possible that they are brother and sister. If such be the case you certainly should not attempt to breed from them, but make an exchange with someone as soon as you can. If you purchase another hen, do not get it from the same source as the present pair. Their cage should be kept in some well-ventilated position, yet where they will be free from draught and will not be continuously disturbed by movements in the vicinity of their cage. Many Zebra Finches have been bred in cages, but much more numerously in aviaries.

WHAT PARROT?

E. Peircey.—Your bird is a Ring-necked Parrakeet, a species not noted as talkers, yet I have seen quite a few which were really talented talkers, and unless yours is an old bird, there should be every prospect of it talking; at any rate, to some extent if you perserve in training it. The first thing is to get the bird steady and accustomed to you. Be very steady and quiet when attending to it. As soon as it is steady, keep it where it can hear conversation going on around it, and also when you are attending to it or giving it some tit-bit, talk quietly to it and present the tit-bit with some such remark as "Something nice for Polly." Also when it is in restful mood, teach it any word or short sentence you wish it to say. The response will come probably when you least expect, and then it will progress. Diet: Seed mixture, three parts each, by measure, canary and white millet, and one part each oats, hemp, sunflower, and shelled peanuts, ripe fruit, biscuit, dry crusts and plain cake. Grit and cuttlebone must always be in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. Water to be kept in the cage.

WHAT PARROT?

W. H. P.—It is one of the Indian Ring-necked Parrakeets, known here as the Alexandrine Parrakeet. I have known very many of this species, some of which talked quite well, and some not at all. For training see reply to "E. Piercey" in this issue. You can only tame it by dealing gently and quietly with it, avoiding any rushing movements when in its vicinity. Unless it is an old sullen bird it should pick up words and sayings it hears spoken and similarly mimic cries and calls. All Parrots should bathe, but some will not do so in captivity. Those that will not should be sprayed (use a "mist" sprayer) with tepid water two or three times a week in summer, and once a week. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

BUDGERIGAR WITH SWOLLEN LEGS.

A. M. Wrightson.—I alluded to several probable causes in my previous reply. I am of opinion that it was a case of paralysis with your bird, especially as I now learn that it had wing exercise by being allowed to fly loose in the room; but only a post-mortem examination could have definitely decided the point. With the exercise you give your birds they should intimately breed, but fix the cocoanut up in the cage with the opening towards the light, and if the birds are allowed a daily fly round the room they should breed when quite fit. Diet: Seed mixture two parts each, by measure, canary and white millet seeds, and one part white oats (whole or crushed, which they prefer); well mix and keep continuous supply in cage. A little sweet apple or frame lettuce as green food in winter, but when in season supply ad lib the flowering seeding heads of any kind of grass. When they have young to feed, supply millet sprays and keep a tin of broken biscuit in their cage. You would find the Nutshell "Budgerigars," from my pen (2d., post free from our Manager) very useful to keep by you.

BREEDING RED-HEADED FINCHES IN CAGES.

S.W.B.—A full-sized Crystal Palace type cage ought to be large enough for the birds. Fit it up as suggested in my last, putting in a nest receptacle, and when the hen is in good plumage again, then supply nesting material (hay, long grass and a little moss) at once, and leave them to themselves. As regards nest receptacle, make a box about six inches square, with the top hinged for cleaning, etc., after brood has flown. For entrance, cut a hole (elliptical) 1½ x 1½ inches near the top. Hang the box up near to the top of highest portion of cage, and put a screen of some kind over that portion of cage top, and ultimately you should have some young Red-headed Finches. When feeding young they are the better for some kind of live food, such as gentles, live ants' cocoons, smooth caterpillars, flies, earwigs, spiders, etc.; also a little soft food.

WHAT PARROT?

A. J. Lye.—It is an Indian Ring-necked Parrakeet. Some individuals are good talkers, while very many talk not at all or but little. I have given details as to training, feeding, etc., to two other correspondents in this issue, and to this I must refer you. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Keep it free from draught yet where it will get light and air. Feed as directed and keep continuous supplies of Parrot grit and cuttlebone in the cage. Also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon, and it should do well with you.

PARROT WITH SWELLING.

E. W.—Give it one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in its drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days lightly colour the water with chemical food. As regards the bath, during the remainder of the winter only give this on a genial day. Omit it altogether during severe sharp spells. Discontinue the milk pudding, as it will be far better without this. All the other items you give are wholesome, but you make no mention of seed mixture. Keep a supply of the following continually in the cage: Canary, white millet, white oats, hemp and sunflower seed in equal parts, by measure; well mix together. Keep Parrot grit and cuttlebone continually in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. As regards the swelling, paint it every other day with tincture of iodine so long as the skin remains unbroken. Be careful not to get any of the tincture in its eye. I also advise giving it a little honey and borax, lightly spread on cake or biscuit, daily, so long as an ordinary small box lasts. This bird would be best kept in the warmest (not stuffy) position you could give it for the next two months.

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Novice.—Inflammation of the bowels, accompanied with splenic apoplexy. An indication of food poisoning. There is evidently some discrepancy in the feeding to account for your losses.

GENERAL.

WILD BIRDS AND BERRIES.

J. D. Griffiths.—All the seeds and berries you name, and very many others, are described and their uses given in the book about which you enquire, "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds." Our manager would send you a copy, post free, for 1/2.

JOINING A CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

W. Henthorn.—There is a society in your own town, St. Helens, the secretary of which, Mr. J. Hesketh, 29, Kirkland St., would be pleased to give you all particulars as to membership, subscription, etc. It is not necessary for you to be an experienced bird-keeper before you join a society; novices are always welcome, and would learn much by attendance at the meetings and in conversation with fellow members of greater experience. There can be no doubt that your Chaffinch is a cock bird; the hen is very much duller in colour than the cock and would not answer to the description you give.

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SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly Canaries.

WANTED, pair of green Yorkshires; exchange Borders: Williams, 57, Brooks-st., Penry-Craig. (860)

THREE prize-bred Border hens for good clear or Cinnamon ticked buff cock: Glass, Quarry-st., Hamilton. (859)

EXCHANGE two large cock Linnets, on full song, for Norwich hen or Goldie: Potts, 66, Frithside-st., Fraserburgh. (859)

EXCHANGE, Cinnamon cock Canary, for exhibition Goldfinch, or sell, £1; yours first: 98, Brimtons-rd., Southampton. (856)

YELLOW Roller and Norwich cock, grand songsters, 10/-; exchange feeding hens: Gardner, Garstang-rd., Wisbam, Lancashire. (861)

BULLFINCH cock, grand feather, and Norwich hen; also good Norwich cage, double breeder, 16/-: Cotton, Northallerton. (860)

BUFF Norwich hen, unflighted, 3rd Darlington, 20/-; exchange and cash for good yellow-marked cock: Cotton, Northallerton. (860)

HEN Canary, proved muler, 6/-; Norwich cock, 8/-; Border cock, 7/-; Yorkshire hens, 5/6, 7/6: 81, High-st., Long Eaton. (860)

PAIR Canaries, Crested hen, Cinnamon cock, good breeding cage, sell 15/-; exchange fowls, jewellery: Hallett, 53, Church-st., Lyme Regis. (853)

BIG yellow green Norwich cock, grand stock bird, cold-room, 25/-; exchange Rollers, or Goldies; stamp: C. Degg, 77, Hamilton-rd., Normacot, Staffs. (853)

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1916 BUFF Lancashire Plainhead cock, 10/-; 1915 buff Norwich hen, 5/-; both big birds, exchange poultry, any breed: Scholes, 280, Oldham-rd., Middleton, Manchester. (856)

YELLOW variegated Yorks hen, 1915, grand type, quality, good legs, 1915, exchange for buff green or variegated unflighted preferred, sell 15/-: Ward, 16, Wark-st., Chester-le-Street. (855)

TWO sets new goat harness 10/6, 15/6; cost treble; new leather driving reins, breeching straps, leather collar, 15/6 lot; exchange Canaries: Ryder, 35, Osnaburgh-st., Euston-rd., London. (858)

SEVERAL good unflighted buff Norwich hens, 6/- to 10/6; unflighted yellow Yorkshire hen, 10/-; buff ditto, 7/6; wanted good yellow Norwich cock: Wholton, 33, Langley-st., Derby. (854)

YORKSHIRE buff cock, winner, 1915 bred, 30/-; unflighted buff, 20/-; exchange for really good Yorkshire hens, two for each cock; approval; yours first: Brotherton, 118, Doncaster-rd., Rotherham. (853)

EXCHANGE two exhibition Border hens, unflighted, one yellow, one buff, for Yellow or Cinnamon cock, unflighted, or sell 5/- each; approval; yours first: Charlton, 13, North-st., Bridlington.

WHAT offers in Canaries for copper cap off German gun, from Belgium, 3/6; large piece of copper with bolt holes in, off Nelson's flagship, Foudroyant, wrecked at Blackpool, 1807, 5/-: H. Kay, 21, Portland-rd., Blackpool. (854)

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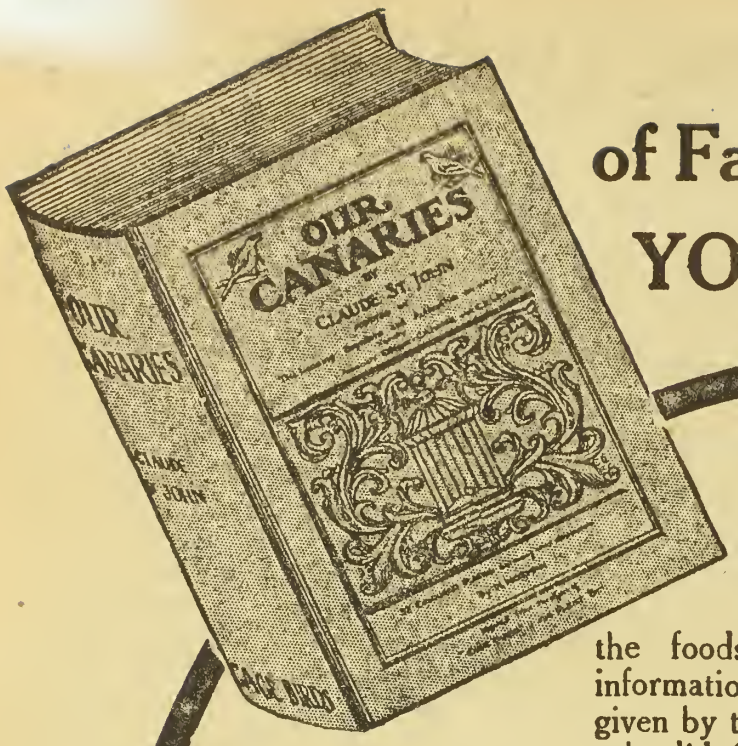

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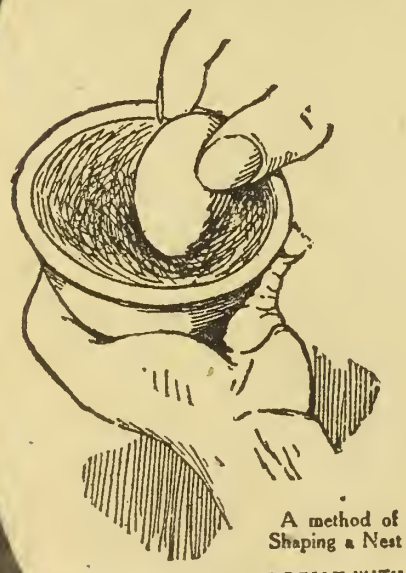
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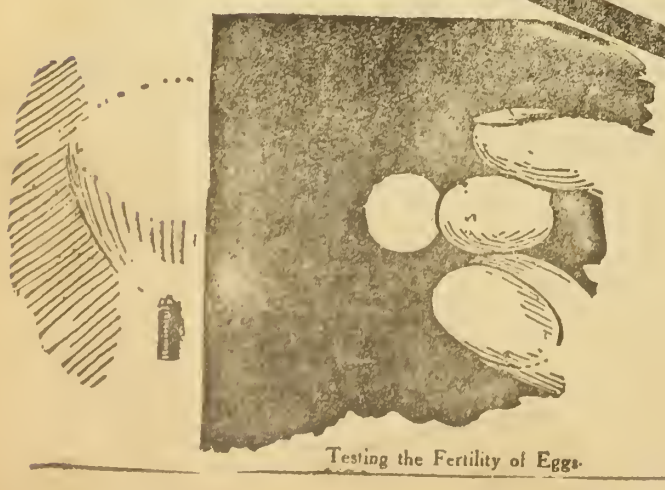
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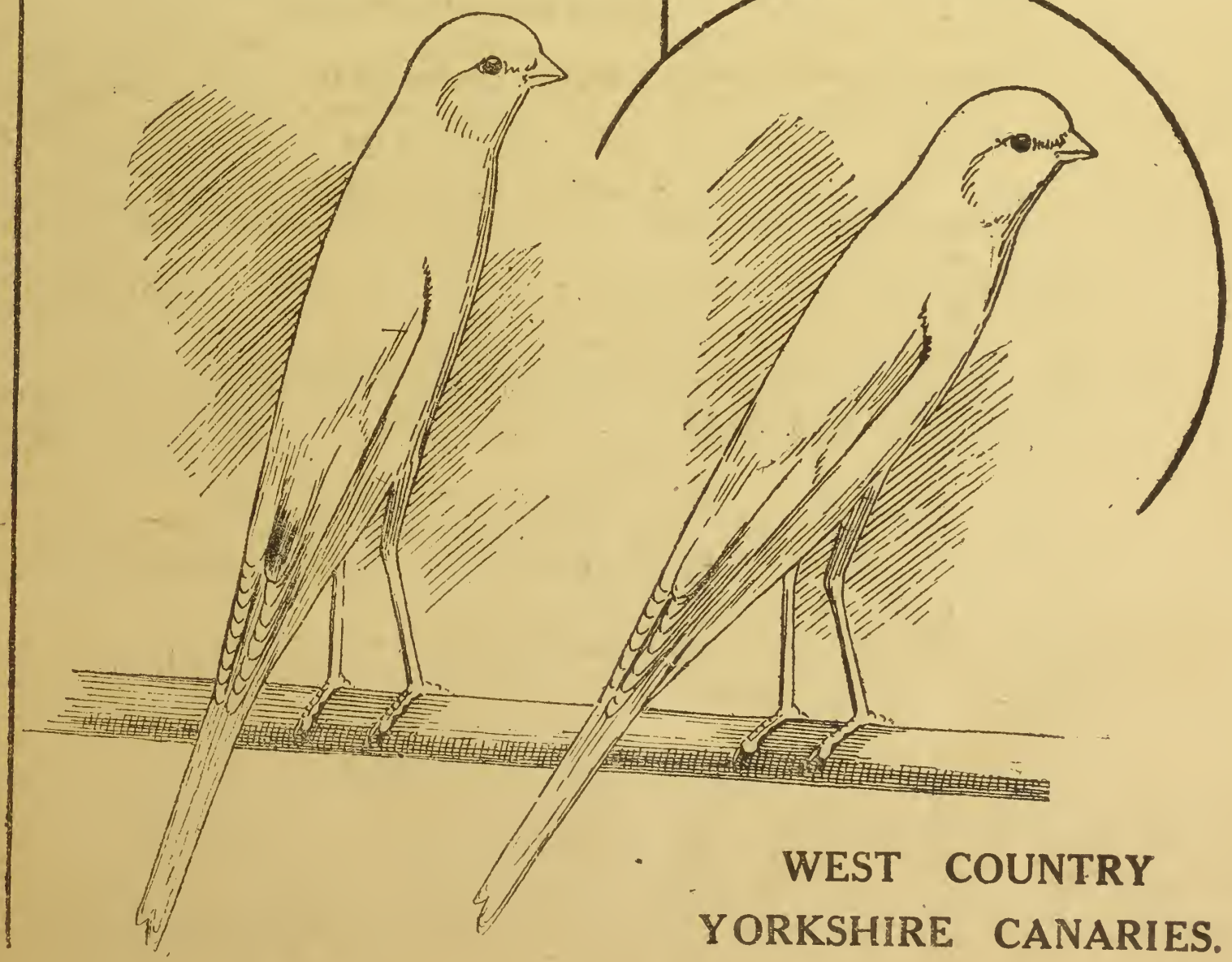

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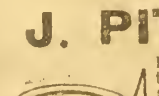

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Hardbills.

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WANTED Bullfinches: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (853)

TWO cock Bullfinches, two hen do., 6/- the lot: J. P. Stamp, Church-st., Whitby. (868)

BERVIE Linnets, selected cocks, 1/6 and 2/6 each: Jas. Watson, Market-sq., Bervie. (868)

SUPERLATIVE cock Reed Bunting, grandest markings, lacings, 5/-: Cooper, Judge, Norwich. (869)

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LAST of the season's catch, cock Goldfinches 3/-, selected 3/6: Gwyther, 7, Cromwell-st., Merthyr.

WILD seed for British birds, 56 lb. 3/6, 28 lb. 2/-, on rail: Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford, Lincs. (851)

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MONSTER exhibition yellow house moulted cock Greenie, breeder, 7/6: Dawson, 1, Cumberland-rd., Glasgow. (868)

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TWO hand-reared Bullfinch hens, 4/- each; also cock, feed from hand, 5/-: Sayward, 75, King's-rd., Halstead, Essex. (873)

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WHO wants it: Linnet, with white feathers on head and neck, genuine cock, 3/-: J. Whiteley. (See Miscellaneous British.) (870)

THREE breeding Goldfinches, two-year-old, white legs and full song 18/-, quick sale: Harvey, 18, Mornington-rd., Wanstead, Essex. (867)

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COCK Bullfinch, second, 5/-; hen, third, 3/-, Clydehank; H.M. Redpolls 2/- each: McKirdy, 83, Alexander-st., Alexandria, Scotland. (871)

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TWO H.M. cock Woodlarks, wild rattling song, 5/- each; deposit, approval, with pleasure, or exchange Norwich: Richards, 36, New-st., Exmouth. (867)

LARGE white-legged cock Goldfinch, grand blaze, 12/6; pair Redpolls, hen laid, 5/-; cock Bullfinch, splendid plumage, 4/-: S. Buick, Woodbridge. (867)

ONE cock, and hen Chaffinch 2/-, 1 cock, and 2 hen Canaries, house-moulted cock, Redpoll, 1/6; grand cock Bullie, 2/6; Evans, Church-st., Little Dean, Glos. (868)

WILD seed, double screened, not dusty rubbish; see Mr. Norman's report, page 120, March 3; 2/9 peck, 1/9 half; carriage paid: Hepwood, Allbrighton, Wolverhampton. (857)

EXHIBITORS: For sale, a few good British birds, H.M. and F. moulted; room wanted, cheap to clear; state wants; stamp reply: Thos. Trotter, Woodside House, Dumbarton. (868)

FOR sale, dark yellow Greenfinch Mule, make good show bird, when fed, 1916 bred, 15/-; one three times H.M., mating Greenfinch, 5/-; approval: Castle, Westonrhyn, Oswestry. (871)

SELECTED singing cock brown Linnets, three 2/6, six 4/6, 7/- dozen; cock Greenfinches 2/6 dozen; cock Bramblefinches, three 2/-: J. Slater, 67, Commercial-rd., Aviaries, Spalding. (868)

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SALE or exchange, exhibition British F.M. Linnet, 15/-; (nice H.M. Bullie, big winner, 30/-; Siskin, 15/-; Yellow Bunting, 4/-; Greenfinch, 2/6; wanted, big yellow Norwich hens, approval both ways: T. Alexander, New Scarboro', Wakefield. (864)

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MR. SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, has grand pairs Norwich, 15/-; fine breeding condition; cold room, packed free. (868)

NORWICH Canaries, cocks, 9/- and 10/- each; aviary bred and wintered: Miss Cissie Hedges, Confectioner, Wallingford. (867)

NOVICES: Sound, healthy, unflighted Norwich buff cock, winner local shows (novice section), 15/-: Colley, 12, Goodman-rd., Leyton. (869)

WANTED good Norwich, exchange 20 double-sided records, almost new; approval both ways: Mess, 25, Marischal-st., Peterhead. (865)

NOTICE! Grand lot high-class Norwich; prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (837)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, large birds, good heads, type and feather, breeder 35 years; approval: T. Billington, 30, Union-rd., Nottingham. (790)

SELECTED: My stock, find can spare good Norwich, from 15/- upwards; yellows and buffs, both sexes: Bott, Holyoake, Long Buckby. (870)

WANTED, 1916 buff Norwich hen, healthy, give square carriage oil lamp; also Parrot cage; both in good condition: Cook, Pembridge. (870)

C.F. pairs from 12/-; odd cocks, 8/6; hens, 5/6 upward, according to quality; state wants; stamp reply: Rice, 132, Martin-st., Leicester. (870)

TWO buff hens good feeders, 8/- the two; Goldfinch Mule, finch notes, 8/6; first P.O. 15/- gets them: W. Smith, 9, Helvetia-st., Perry Hill, Catford. (867)

FOR disposal, 2 grand colour fed buff Norwich hens, 1915 bred, real Bullfinch type, and the best of quality, 20/- each: Taylor, Draper, Bideford. (871)

GRAND Norwich cocks and hens: These are a noted breed, cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; approval: Gilson, East Hull Aviaries, Holderness-rd., Hull.

TWO grand 1915 yellow hens £1 and 25/- each; no buff cocks; seen any time; approval with pleasure: H. Clemence, 151, Lordship-lane, E. Dulwich.

WANTED, Norwich canaries; will give from 12/- to 20/- per pair for good large birds (must be healthy): Gracie, Bird Dealer, Wishaw, Scotland. (872)

LOVELY Norwich cocks, 17/6; 21/6, 25/6, 30/6; correctly matched breeding pairs, 21/6, 25/6, 30,6, 40/6; approval; state requirements: R. Hanford, Derby. (870)

VARIEGATED buff cock, two variegated, one clear buff, hens, grand, healthy stock, cheap, exchange feathery C.B. hen: Livingstone. See Borders. (874)

JUDGE SILK has a few champion Norwich for disposal, matched pairs, also single cocks and hens; approval willingly: 27, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot. (873)

FEW good birds: Owing to business pressure compelled to dispose of some of stock cocks and hens, show and stock birds: Willoughby, Decorator, Wolverhampton. (871)

R. W. SMITH'S noted Norwich, large, clear buff cock, and yellow hen, 40/- the pair, both unflighted; approval, stamp: 6, Lincoln-st., Gateshead-on-Tyne. (872)

CALLED up, genuine strong 1915, 1916 Norwich hen Canaries, buff or splashed, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, cocks 12/6, 15/-: Foster, 8, Southampton-st., Fitzroy-sq., W. (873)

WANTED, two yellow Norwich hens, exchange silver plated piccolo and case, cost £2; good birds required; birds first: J. Sheard, 2, Sackville-st., Raventhorpe, Yorkshire. (871)

TYPICAL variegated yellow cocks, £3; buff variegated cock, ideal specimen, 50/-; yellow hen, capital head, etc., £2; all cheap useful stock birds: Robinson, Bird Specialist, Windermere. (872)

NORWICH Plainheads. I have a few pairs of odd birds for disposal; good stock birds, reasonable to breeders; satisfaction guaranteed; state wants: Herbert Morter, Post Office, Bersit, Norwich. (854)

BEGIN well, buy hardy cold room bred birds, several grand big fish (yellow, buff) Norwich Plainhead cocks, 1916; bulldog strain, 25/-, 30/- each; approval: John Flower, Morestead Rectory, Winchester.

SON joined Army, must further sell, grand U.F. yellow rock, 17/6; lovely capped buff ditto, 17/6; unrelated U.F. buff hen (gem), 8/6; all healthy and good; cash or deposit: Harpham, Printer, Spilsby, Lincs. (867)

NORWICH: Wanted, 2 unflighted yellow and 2 buff hens, with large heads and necks, good wing carriage, must be short, cobby; good price given for good birds: Mac, 161, Nottingham-rd., Mansfield, Notts. (609)

MACKLEY BROTHERS, Norwich, have high class Norwich Plainheads, Crests, Crested-breds, and Yorkshires they can recommend for breeding; three days' approval; satisfaction guaranteed; awarded 9,000 prizes. (844)

McKAY, 73, Grace-st., Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne, breeder and exhibitor high-class Norwich hens; some unflighted buff cocks for disposal, last year's winner 60/-, another 20/-; several 15/- each; bred same as winners; approval; stamp. (852)

REDUCING stock; 4 pair high-class Norwich, bred from winners, 30/- to 50/- pair; also four unflighted yellow and buff hens, £1 each; two 3-compartment breeding cages and two 2-compartment, lot 15/-; worth double; approval: G. Bennett, North-st., King's Lynn. (868)

HAVE for disposal the following good Norwich: Clear yellow cock, clear buff hen, 30/-; var. yellow cock, tick buff hen, 30/-; several very good buff cocks, 20/- each; 6 show cages, with carrier, 10/-; good condition; cash, deposit, or approval: G. Chapman, 65, Cresswell-st., King's Lynn. (869)

YELLOW variegated cock and buff hen, both unflighted, 25/-; clear yellow unflighted cock and 1915 variegated buff hen, 35/-; approval; cash or deposit; or would exchange one or both pairs for good unflighted buff hen, clear or lightly marked: R. Malcolm, 2, Balgillo-terrace, Broughty-Ferry.

EXTRA large 1915 ticked buff cock, show bird, £5; very large 1915 clear buff cock, £2 10/-; two large 1915 clear and ticked buff cocks, £1 each; 1916 buff cocks, 15/- to 30/- each; 1915 yellow cocks, 20/- to 40/- each; 1916 ticked yellow cock, show bird, £6; few 1916 yellows, cocks from 20/- to 40/- each, extra large 1916 buff cinnamon cock, £4 10/-; 1916 buff cinnamon cocks, from 15/- to 40/- each; also a few pairs matched for breeding, from 30/- to 60/- per pair; approval, stamp: E. Godley, Knowles-st., Rishton, near Blackburn. (854)

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Norwich & Yorkshire Specialist

25 years' study. One of the finest private collections in England. To those who can visit me and inspect my stock, do so. All fanciers welcome. Type, quality, colour and substance a feature. Few grand specimens of both varieties to spare. Cocks 20/- up; hens ditto; specially selected pairs £3 to £5; correctly matched, robust, and full of true characteristics; state requirements; stamp; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

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BREEDER'S CARDS.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show, 1913. (1810)

HENRY NEVE, Roller Specialist. All birds bred from prize winning specimens of high rank; full particulars on application: Heathfield, Sussex.

MISS THOMAS, Fairlight, Richmond Park-rd., Bournemouth; B.R.C.C.; successful breeder of high class Rollers, Water Glucke, Deep Bass; stamp.

FRANK CULSHAW, 188, Anlaby-rd., Hull, breeder and trainer, British Rollers (Randall's); member Hull R.C.C.; state wants, full particulars, stamp; approval. (711)

ROLLER hens, 5/6 each, 2 for 10/-, good birds: Hunnick, Breeder, March, Cambs. (872)

YELLOW Green, pure bred 1916 Roller hen, 5/-; anxious to nest: Taylor, Draper, Bideford. (871)

ROLLER cocks, singing, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; wanted hens, give 3/6 each: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam.

ROLLER, Randall's strain, cocks 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, hens 4/-, 5/-, 6/-: J. Nixon, 16, Vine-st., Stafford.

SEVEN very superior hens, pure Willows, offered at 5/- each, or 25/- lot; exchange poultry: Innes, Bungalow, Largs. (864)

GRAND day and gaslight songsters, cocks 12/6, hens 5/6 each; 10 days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (868)

FRANK Cottom, M.R.C.C., can spare few young cocks, Randall Willows strain, 12/6 and 15/-: Albrighton, Wolverhampton. (871)

PURE Roller hens, outdoor, warranted young, healthy, 4/-; approval deposit: Nightingale, 51, Green-st., Stourbridge, Worcestershire. (873)

FANCIERS please note, removal of Mr. James Barnes, from Baxenden, to 13, Walter-st., Huncoat, near Accrington. All stock birds sold out. (864)

MR. HAYWARD, Melksham, Wilts., has a few high class Glucke cocks for sale, from 20/- to 40/-, some Kraller bred, all bred from winners. (856)

NOTICE! grand lot Rollers, day and gaslight singers; prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas.

HIGH-CLASS 1916 Roller hen, Randall-Willows, deep Glucke strain, perfect condition, 5/9; 1914 cock, 40/-: Hubbard, North Kilworth Rugby. (868)

EIGHT Glucke Roller hens for sale, B.R.C.C. rung, 7/6 each: Glover, 201, Wolverhampton-rd., Walsall.

ROLLER cocks, prize strain, 2 yellow Roller hens: Burd, 30, Kinmel-st., Rhyl. (871)

HIGH-CLASS Roller hens, self-green and buff-green, unflighted, healthy, 8/6 each, or 16/- the two; approval; receipt cash, or "Cage Birds" deposit: Chef, Noou's Hotel, W.C. 1. (866)

1916 Rollers, real cold-room Hamburgs, must clear as I expect going on munitions; cocks, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6; one gem, 20/-; hens, same blood, 6/-; one gem, 7/6; no better blood obtainable; last advertised sold quick; everyone satisfied; many orders returned: H. Kay, 21, Portland-Road, Blackpool. (872)

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Roller Cocks, see my list. Lot of grand water glucke hens, 6/6; others, 4/6 and 5/6; cages, 4d. "How to Breed Rollers," by the late Albert Rettich, **1/7, post free from the publisher.—W. RUDD, Specialist, NORWICH.**

Scotch Fancies.

YELLOW pied hen, off winners, sell 20/-; Cinnamon, also Green Border hens, 9/- two: Dawson, 1, Cumbernauld-rd., Glasgow. (868)

WANTED, buff piebald cock, young, must be big, with good Scotch Fancy qualities; approval: Robert Lawson, Mill Brae-terr., Maxwelltown, Dumfries. (873)

Yorkshires.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

OGDEN BROS., Breeders, Exhibitors, and Exporters of the best the world has produced: Thornton, Bradford.

MESSRS. AMBLERS, the champion Yorkshire breeders, winners of thousands of prizes and many championships, Crystal Palace and leading shows, including special for best Yorkshire in show last Palace; reducing stock, can spare few clinking pairs, matched for own breeding; wonderful length, shape, style, feathered like silk, the class that do breed champions; 40/-, 50/-, 60/- per pair; approval, satisfaction guaranteed: 8, Rawson-st., Harrogate. (853)

YORKSHIRE hens from 12/-; seen week-ends: Shrimpton, 47, Links-road, Tooting. (855)

TYPICAL Yorkshires, pairs 15/-, 20/-, yellow hens 5/6, 7/6: Hunnick, March, Cambs. (872)

THREE pairs Yorkshires, unflighted, 18/- pair; all winners: C. Upton, 6, Willow-st., Coley, Reading.

FEW nice hens for disposal; also Goldfinch Mule; bargain: Smith, Cobbler, South-Ferriby, Hull. (869)

GRAND pair Yorkshires; can win anywhere, 25/-: Sam Hughes, 71, Grosvenor-road, Pimlico, London.

T. C. CRAWHALL, 121, St. George's-terr., Newcastle-on-Tyne, can spare few good Yorkshires. (812)

YORKSHIRE cocks, 10/-; hens 6 upwards; approval, cash or deposit: Cargill, Cantsdam, Kelty, Fife.

RELIABLE Yorkshires, for quick disposal, from £1 pair: Harper, 21, Hanover-rd., Kensal Rise, Willesden. (869)

YORKSHIRE cocks, singing, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; wanted, hens, give 4/-, 5/-: Lloyd Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (839)

GRAND pair Yorkshires, yellow cock, buff hen, 17/6; deposit: Haynes, Primrose Hill, Raunds, Wellinghorough. (871)

REDUCING stock. Pairs or singles for sale; prices reasonable; inspection invited: Fairman, 28, Pepler-rd., Old Kent-rd. (838)

SIX healthy Yorkshire hens, 5/- each, lot 27/-, Atkinson and Firth strain: Holder, 15, South Back Lane, Bridlington. (873)

CINNAMON marked and clear Yorkshire Canaries, unflighted, good birds, cheap: Mills, Grafton-st., Ashton-under Lyne. (870)

WANTED, Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, any quantity; state price, prompt cash; Porrill, 8, Doncaster-rd., Barnsley. (867)

SIX pairs Yorkshires, fit for exhibition, cocks 12/6, 15/6 each, 20/- pair; 10 days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (868)

YORKSHIRES, high-class, can spare a few cocks, 10/-; hens, 7/6; on view Sunday mornings: French, 702, Fulham-rd., Back Entrance. (852)

P. JOHNSTON (Sec. S.Y.C.C.), 123, Ferme Park-rd., Stroud Green, N. 8; clearing surplus, bargain prices, to make room; all are useful Yorkshires. (869)

T. BYRNE, Breeder; High-class Yorkshires, cold room bred, own breed; cocks from 15/-; hens from 6/-: 35, Lorne-grove, Urmston, near Manchester.

CHAMPION Yorkshire cocks, from 10/-; hens, from 5/- each; these are bred from winners; approval: Gilson, East Hull Aviaries, Holderness-rd., Hull.

FEW nice ones for sale, cocks 12/6 and 15/-, hens 6/- and 7/-; pairs proportionate; called up; few British: Quick, 5, Hartley-st., Royal-st., Liverpool.

PRIESTLEY'S high class Yorkshire cocks, splendid length, type, and quality, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; cash or deposit: 121, Gaythorne-rd., West Bowling, Bradford. (839)

ONLY two pairs Yorkshires left, long buff cocks, clear yellow 1916 hens, price 20/-, 25/- pair; approval: Tetin, 124, Chestnut Avenue, Forest Gate, Essex. (852)

GRAND typical Yorkshire clear yellow cocks, hens, for show or stock, bred from prize winners; prices reasonable; seen any evening: Raine, 2, Woodbury-st., Tooting Broadway.

20 lovely Yorkshire cocks, 17/6, 21/6, 25/6, 30/6; racy hens, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/6; correctly matched pairs, 21/6, 25/6, 30/6, 40/6; worth double; approval: R. Hanford, Derby. (867)

FOR immediate disposal, my last 12 pairs of Yorkshires; many are big winners and have bred winners, price from 20/- to £4 a pair; genuine bargains: L. Yates, 135, Maybury-rd., Woking. (867)

YORKSHIRES and Norwich; I have a grand lot to dispose of; can be seen any time or sent on approval; cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; hens, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford.

EXCHANGE only: 2 H.M. Linnets and hen Canaries and two grand Goldfinches and hen Canaries, for first class Yorkshires; new blood wanted; approval both ways: Mathews, 74, Greenway-avenue, Taunton.

HIGH-CLASS, reliable Yorkshire hens, clear and yellow, and buff, cinnamon (1915), 12/6 each; lengthy good position, and healthy; approval, receipt cash, or "Cage Birds" deposit: Chef, Noon's Hotel, W.C.1

IF you want a few good Yorksbire cocks I have 5 good ones for sale, from 15/- to £2 10s., yellows and buffs; seen any night except Wednesday: W. D. Hall, 124, Sancroft-st., Kennington Cross, London. (855)

WANTED, pair of good stock birds; will give very large yellow cock, 1915, cup winner, not better living, slightly blind in eye, also cash, £3; value £6; approval both ways: Peter Thompson, 7½, Kirk-st., Peterhead. (864)

GRAND unflighted clear buff cock, can win, and over 7 inches long, with lovely yellow hen to match, 25/- the pair, worth double; six days' approval: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (872)

CHAMPION Yorkshire for sale, the same strain as the winners of the two cups at Llanelly, Swansea and other shows, yellow, buff, variegated cocks, from 12/6 upwards: Owen, 20, Bryn Terrs, Sea Side, Llanelly, Carm. (867)

GRAND cinnamon marked buff stock cock, 1916 bred, with lovely hen to match, sure to breed winners; price 25/- the pair, worth double; approval six days: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (872)

CLEAR yellow Yorkshire cock, good colour and over 7 inches long, grand stock bird, with lovely hen to match, sure to breed winners, 30/- the pair, worth double: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (845)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, offers clear yellow, clear buff, marked buff cocks. These three birds are quite exceptional and fit to win in keenest competition; large, with perfect feather; £3, £2, £2; or exchange poultry. (864)

BARGAINS in Yorkshires: A few good pairs at reasonable prices; also buff cocks and hens; good size and typical birds; guaranteed healthy; seen any time: H. Smith, Breeder and Exhibitor, Almora, 81, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (869)

CHITTENDEN'S Yorkshires.—30 pairs all for sale; call and see them; cocks from 12/-, hens 10/- upwards; splendid buff cock and yellow hen, 30/-; yellow cock and buff hen, 35/-; have a pair on approval and see for yourself the value I give: 53, Carlisle-street, Manningham. (858)

I HAVE still some very good pairs to part with, yet all large birds; also some odd cocks, yellows, clear and variegated, also some buff variegated cocks; they are all the best of Norwich, ready for breeding, on approval; stamp reply: William Hampton, 25, Damacre-rd., Brechin. (865)

LONG, leggy unflighted clear yellow Yorkshire cock, £2; two clear buff hens 7/6 each; we have won many of the highest awards at Palace with birds, our own breeding, this last ten years; approval, cash or deposit: Ernest Radley, c/o Walter Radley, Paradise-square, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield. (871)

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I can offer you the best value in Yorkshires it is possible to procure in this city or elsewhere at very much lower prices for what they are worth on the perch, besides being bred or very near related to some of the biggest winners in the Fancy. I offer some exceptionally well matched pairs at 20/-, 22/6, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- a pair; odd cocks from 12/6, hens from 7/6; all cold room bred, and cocks over 7 inches long, and full song; terms, 6 days' approval, cash or deposit; testimonials arriving every post, so send at once to avoid being disappointed, as my stock is limited: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (845)

IF YOU £20 WILL CALL

at my office any time during business hours and ask to see the original letters of the unsolicited testimonials here given, and I fail to produce same, with huge quantities of others, the above amount will be paid for your trouble. Note the dates, please.

"CERTAINLY ADVISE, ETC."

Upper Thomas Street, London, March 7, 1917.—I am greatly pleased with pair of Norwich. I will certainly advise anyone to send to you for birds.—T. Williams.

Norwich Plainheads.

You cannot purchase better blood than I now hold, and I am certain you cannot procure the same value. Cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-. Hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 upwards. Pairs, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-. These are the best value in Great Britain to-day, and containing many of the best combined strains in Great Britain.

"STRAIGHTFORWARD WAY."

Hedley Street, S. Shields, March 6, 1917.—Birds arrived safe. I am highly satisfied. Best thanks for straightforward way you have dealt with me.—R. Honeyman.

Crested and Crest-bred.

Cocks, 15/6, 20/- up. Crestbred Cocks, 12/6, 15/-; pairs, correctly matched for breeding, 21/-, 25/-, 30/- up.

"EVIDENTLY A WIZARD."

(I hope not.—W.R.)

Bridge of Allan, Scotland, March 9, 1917.—About a fortnight ago I got from you some Tonic Drops and Asthmarine, for a Canary which has been losing feathers for a year or more, and was a most miserable looking bird. Now his plumage is fast coming right, and he improves daily. You are evidently a wizard!—E. G. Stevenson.

Yorkshires.

The value is great; have on approval and prove this fact. Cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-. Hens, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards. Pairs, 21/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-. I have a very fine collection of these.

"PROMPT DELIVERY, ETC."

Birds arrived in good condition. Quite satisfied. Thank you for prompt delivery and straightforwardness.—T. Lewis.

Norwich Cinnamons.

Cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Hens, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Pairs, 22/6, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-.

"YOUR STATEMENT IN 'CAGE BIRDS' IS PERFECTLY RIGHT."

Ebbw Vale, March 8, 1917.—Thanks for yours today. Your statement in "Cage Birds" is perfectly true. I am satisfied.—A. Powell.

Lizards.

Cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Pairs, 21/-, 25/-, 30/-.

"MORE THAN SATISFIED."

St. Agnes, Cornwall, March 9, 1917.—Bird to hand in splendid condition. Am more than satisfied. Thanks much for prompt attention. Shall place further orders with you.—W. T. Certis.

Goldfinch, Linnet and Twite Mules.

Light and Dark Goldfinch Mules, others all dark, undoubtedly by far the largest collection in England. Also white-legged breeding Goldfinches. List or particulars on application.

"SPEEDY TRANSACTION OF ORDER."

Kirkcaldy, March 9, 1917.—Birds arrived safely. Am highly pleased with same, and must thank you for your prompt and speedy transaction of my order.—J. F. Kelly.

Greens! Greens!!

Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, Crests, and Crestbreds. Particulars or list free.

"MORE THAN VALUE."

Received bird in excellent condition. Thanks for prompt attention. I consider I have more than value for money.—A. Davies.

NOTE.—Now what does this oft repeated word "promptness" signify? Simply, that I possess the birds in the flesh and feather, and not merely on paper, and do not fail to remember, that these are the unsolicited words of others—not mine.

For a full detailed list of others, I will at once post on application, and upon receipt of stamped directed envelope, send any particulars required.

Travelling Cages, to hold one bird, 4d.; for two birds, 6d.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

JOHN FIRTH

HAVING now selected my breeding stock, I have a few good birds to dispose of at reasonable prices; approval, cash or deposit; inspection invited: 9, Munster-st., Wakefield-rd., Bradford. (857)

AN OPPORTUNITY

I have been requested to sell a fanciers' stock of seven pairs. These are bred from birds I supplied last year and contain some of the best blood in my room; pairs from 30/- to 80/-; no odd hens: T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's-terr., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (865)

Various Canaries.

WANTED, a few singing cock Canaries: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (844)

12 good breeding hens, 5/- each: Sam Hughes, 71, Grosvenor-road, Pimlico, London. (872)

PAIR Canaries, good single breeding cage, nest boxes, etc., 15/6; exchange: Letall, Whittlesea.

THREE pairs Rollers, 1 pair Yorkshires, 3 hen Mules, £2 10/-: Stewart, Bustybank, Burnopfield.

T. EVANS, 3, Scott-st., Belle Vue, Shrewsbury, has a few Norwich and Yorkshire hen Canaries to part with.

FEW nice young hen Canaries, 4/6 and 5/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Smith, 10, Waterloo-st., Hove. (867)

YORKSHIRE or Norwich Canaries, carefully matched, 13/6 pair; cash customers only replied to: Rice, Friars-st., Sudbury, Suffolk. (851)

CORRECTLY matched for breeding, Crestbred cock, Crested hen, 1916 bird, 25/-; cock and hen yellow Norwich, 1915 birds, 21/-; marked Roller cock and yellow hen, 1916 birds, Randall's strain, 18/6; exchange White Wyandottes: Dennis, 46, Grosvenor-rd., Aldershot. (864)

YORKSHIRE cock Canary Ambers, 15/-, hen Canary, bred mules, 6/6; massive cock Bullfinch, 6/-; Border, songster, 6/-: 67, High-st., Long Eaton. (874)

HIGH class Roller and Yorkshire first cross Canaries for sale, charming songsters, cocks 10/6 and 12/6, hens 5/- each: Apply Miss Stribbling, 131, Holland-rd., London, W. 14. (870)

MASSIVE 1916 Lancashire and Norwich crossed buff hen, breeding condition, 17/6; also a Roller and Yorkshire cross cock, one of the sweetest of songsters, day or gaslight, 10/6: Taylor, Draper, Bideford. (871)

BORDER Fancy Canaries; buff cock, even marked yellow hen, 9/6; yellow green cock, buff hen, 9/6; buff cock, yellow hen, 9/6; buff cock, buff hen, 9/-; buff Norwich hen, 3/6, 1916; lot £2; hen Grey Linnet-Canary reared, exchange hen Bullfinch: McNeill, 84, New-row, Tranent. (865)

15/- PER PAIR

Will give 15/- pair for any quantity of good Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, also 10/6 to 12/6 pair for Borders and Rollers; 8/- cock Mules, 2/- hens; cash or deposit; G. Bruce, 25, New Meeting-st., Birmingham.

MULES—HYBRIDS.

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NORWICH buff hen, variegated, 15/-; exchange unflighted Silver Lizard hen: A. R. Kent, 97, Norwich-st., Cambridge. (864)

WANTED, gent.'s cycle, in exchange for Roller Canaries and cages; approval: Powick, Eastfield, Cottage, Dewsbury. (868)

YELLOW Roller and Norwich cock, grand songsters, 10/-; exchange feeding hens: Gardner, Garstang-rd., Wisham, Lancashire. (861)

COCKEREL and two hens, Black Pekins, hens winners, 30/-; exchange cage birds, anything: Robb, Hairdresser, Crossgates, Fife. (866)

TWO pairs Norwich, good heads, type and feather, two house-moulted cock Goldfinches: sell, or exchange cycle: Thomas, 387, High-rd., Leyton. (866)

TWO good pairs Norwich, 30/-; 4-compartment breeding cage, all complete, 10/-; all splendid condition; sell or part exchange, gent.'s cycle or watch: Towner, 29, Haywards-rd., Haywards Heath. (868)

TWO large ticked buff cocks, unflighted, 15/- each; 2 marked buff hens, 5/- each; would exchange for yellow hen to value, or Greenie for exhibition; mutual approval: Birch, Bonner Hill Stores, Kingston, Surrey. (866)

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CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

NOTE.—Only the details asked for on our cards can be published. Such phrases as "a large attendance desired," etc., must not be included. Classification for forthcoming shows, appeals for new members, and any other matter in the nature of an advertisement will only be inserted if paid for at advertisement rates.

Accrington C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Crown Hotel, 7. Social and presentation of cups.—Wm. Parkinson.

Bowling B.F.A.—Mar. 17, Barley Mow Hotel, 6.30. Smoker and prize distribution by Mr. B. Cowell, president.—J. Nicholl.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Mar. 20, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Night show of British birds. Classes for all varieties. Friends invited.—G. Morton.

Bradford East O.S.—Mar. 20, Park Chapel Schoolrooms, 8. Arrangements for trophies and members' shows.—J. Spencer

Beamish C.B.S.—Mar. 17, Bird Inn, High Hold, 6.30. Date of annual show, and other business.—J. H. Elliot.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Mar. 17, King's Head Hotel, 6.30. Show dates; important business, re subs., etc.—R. Ward.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Mar. 20, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Replies from judges, report re hall for annual show, and other business.—J. C. Charlton.

First East End C.B.S.—Mar. 17, Social Club, 7.30. Table show same night; birds staged at 6. Subs., new members.—Wm. Hall.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—Mar. 19, Spencer Hall, 19, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., 8. Table show of British; judging competition for members; final judge, Mr. H. Norman. Fifty fine specimens on view.—F. C. Knight.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Victoria Hotel, 7. Election of officers, and fixing dates for F.F. shows.—W. Ayers.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—Mar. 17, Anteroom, Drill Hall, 6. Of utmost importance to all members.—W. Grewar.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Mar. 20, St. Stephen's School, Conran Street, 8. Important business.—A. Colley.

Plymouth W.C.O.S.—Mar. 20, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, Plymouth, 8. British bird show and general business.—O. Moffitt.

Reading C.B.S.—Mar. 21, London Tavern, 8. Business of great importance. Subs. due; 3s. after this month.—O. C. Smith,

Sheffield O.S.—Mar. 20, headquarters, 8.15. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson (London), General Management, Pairing, etc.—E. C. Job.

South Shields Always Ready.—Mar. 21, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road, 7.30. Nominations for judges for July and November shows; discussion on egg-cake for rearing Canaries.—J. W. Watson.

Stanley Empire F.F. and C.B.S.—Mar. 18, Club Room, 7. Electing judges for annual show.—R. Hutchinson.

Stanley F.F. and C.B.S.—Mar. 17, Victoria Hall, 7. Proposed young stock show, and date for same.—R. Hutchinson.

Wakefield O.S.—Mar. 17, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7. Ordering pepper, and general business.—T. H. Alexander.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Mar. 17, Horse nad Groom, 6.30. Social evening and presentation of prizes; fanciers welcome.—W. Chapman.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

KIPPAX.

Kippax Linnet Club, members' sing, Mar. 10; 26 birds entered for four minutes' sing: 1, 2, Collinson; 3, Wallis. Time-keepers, J. Liversedge, J. Wallis; tappers, J. Cooper, H. Collinson.—R. Plows, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, Mar. 11; 28 birds sang, and some of the best singing of the year was heard, Jacking doing 57, first break: 1, 3, Parlett; 2, Jackson.—E. Phillipson, sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, Doncaster Road, Mar. 11; 19 birds entered for four prizes, 4 min. time sing, with some very good singing again, eight birds doing over 3 min. We made another new member from Castleford: 1, J. Norburn, 3 min. 42 sec.; 2, Jones, 3 33; 3, Ollerton, 3 28; 4, France, 3 23. F. Shepherd, timer; Bamforth, chalker; plenty of room for a few members with good birds.—J. Hardman, sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Mar. 11; 32 birds sang for 4 prizes, and some very good singing was heard. 1, Bamfield; 2, 3, 4, Binns. Judges, T. C. Summers, S. Butterfield; timekeeper, Rayner.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Open contest, the Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, Mar. 11 (26 birds): 1, Platts; 2, 3, Marshall and Watson; 4, Marshall. Also at night, 18 birds: 1, 2, Marshall and Platts; 3, Marshall. Judges: Smith, Dearlove, Bomfield.—G. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

Grand contest, "Old Bird House," Albion Hotel, Saville Green, 21 birds sang for four prizes: 1, Ted "Panhole"; 2, Bott; 3, Chippendale; 4, Ward. Also March 11, for Linnets: 1, Thompson; 2, I. Anson.—T. Crane, Sec.

West Leeds Linnet and C.F.H. Linnet contest, Mar. 11, Viaduct Hotel; 24 birds contested: 1, 2, Jarrow and Towes, shared; 3, Dobson; 4, Long. Judges, D. Clegg, J. Goodwill; timekeeper, T. Kippling. Canary contest, Prince of Wales Hotel, the final contest for Canaries this season; a good number of visitors turned up. The committee decided to give prizes to all Canary fanciers of the club that had contested during season, so that no fancier would go unrecognised for taking interest in contests during past season:—1, Moss; 2, McNichols; 3, Goodwill; 4, Sissons. 14 birds contested, and every bird received a special. Judges, J. Sellers, O. Towes; timekeeper, T. Cawood.—T. Cawood, Sec.

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Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Pairs show, March 3, Y.M.C.A. Halls. Judges: Mr. T. Dick, Borders; Mr. J. Braidwood, Nor. and Brit. There was a good entry in Borders, and judging was well received. Mr. Bendell won special best pair Norwich, Mr. Kennedy most points Borders. Bord. Cl. Yell. Ck.: 1, Gilchrist; 2, Ferguson. Buff: 1, Ferguson; 2, Thomson. Var. Yell.: 1, Ferguson; 2, Kennedy. Buff: 1, 2, Kennedy. Gr. or Cinn.: 1, Thomson; 2 Kennedy. Washing exhibition arranged for Mar. 17 by President and Vice-pres.—A. Thomson, Sec.

SKEWEN C.B.S.

On March 5 the Skewen C.B.S., held a very successful exhibition at the Headquarters, the Crown Hotel. Everything was free of charge, and the object was to secure as many new members as possible. A considerable number of birds were staged, and the attendance was excellent. The arrangements for staging the exhibits were in the hands of Messrs. A. Taylor, M. Thomas, and S. Pattinson, who did their work excellently. It is hoped that as a result of the exhibition many new members will turn up at our next meeting, March 19 at 7, at the Crown Hotel.—Thos. Pattinson and Ernest Daniel, Joint Secs.

STOCKTON C.B.S.

Annual pair show, Mar. 1, Little Regent Hotel. There was a good turn-up of exhibitors, and quality was of the best. Mr. J. Carr judged. Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Hutchinson; 2, Walker; 3, Yates; 4, hc, Sanderson; vhc, Bean; c, Barrett. Buff Ck. Yell. Hen: 1, 4, Sanderson; 2, 3, Bean; vhc, hc, c, Yates. Yorks. Yell. Ck. Buff Hen: 1, vhc, hc, Hutchinson; 2, 3, 4, c, T. Carlisle. Buff Ck. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Hutchinson; 2, 4, vhc, hc, c, T. Carlisle. Muling Pairs: 1, 1, Barnett; 2, Preston; 3, Saville; 4, vhc, hc, Clark. Hybrid: 1, F. Stothard; 2, Saville; 3, Walker; 4, vhc, Mills; hc, Barrett. Linnet: 1, Walker; 2, Saville; 3, Stothard; 4, vhc, Preston; hc, c, Mills. Greenf.: 1, Mills; 2, Yeates; 3, Saville. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Saville; 2, Preston. A.O. Seed-eater: 1, Stothard; 2, Walker; 3, Saville.—T. Carlisle, Sec.

HORNSEY & WOOD GREEN C.B.S.

Pair Show, March 7, Headquarters, 41 entries; Mr. J. Hodder judged and gave satisfaction. There was a good attendance of members. Silver spoon for best pair was won by Mr. Martin; silver medal for best novice Mr. Olley. Champ. Nor. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, c, Tickner; 2, vhc, Griffin; 3, hc, Leach. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, Tickner; 2, 3, Leach; vhc, Griffin. Amat.: 1, 2, 3, Martin; vhc, hc, Dr. Huggins. Nov. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, 2, Olley. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Olley. Yorks.: 1, Dr. Huggins. Nov. Yorks.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Olley; hc, Miss Smith. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Olley; hc, Miss Smith. Muling Pairs: 1, Griffin; 2, 3, Twilley. Hybrid: 1, 2, James. For.: 1, 2, Mrs. Huggins. Points scored for teapot, Olley 34, Martin 13, Griffiths 12, Tickner 11, Leach 11, Dr. Huggins 5, Twilley, James, and Mrs. Huggins 3, Miss Smith 2. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Hodder for kindly acting as judge. Mr. Hodder commented on the fine show, especially the Yorkshires. British and Foreign Show April 4; all fanciers invited, also new members.—C. G. Martin, Hon. Sec.

N. LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

Annual pair show, Feb. 28, the Ante-room, at Headquarters, the Hall, Royal St., Kirkdale, proved inconveniently small, so numerous were the exhibits. In getting through their big task in a little more than two hours, the judges, Messrs. J. Lobb, of Bootle, and J. Abbot, of Liverpool, did remarkably well, and to the general satisfaction. Mr. Wilkins (chairman), with Mr. Holden (hon. sec.), and the stewards, Messrs. H. Jordan, M. Cattle, J. Lloyd (Garston), S. Worral (Bootle), H. Satterthwaite (Seaforth), and R. Jones, hon. sec. Liverpool B.B.S., did all possible to ensure the success of the show. Among the many gratifying features were the increased support accorded the Norwich and British bird sections, and the initial success of the Junior Champion Yorkshire Section. The success of the opening show of the season augurs well for the various cup competitions.

Yorks. Champ.: Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Roberts; 3, Knight. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Satterthwaite; 2, Knight. Yell. Green Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 3, Roberts; 2, Satterthwaite. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Roberts; 2, 3, Satterthwaite. Junior Champ.: Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, vhc, Jordan; 2, hc, Baynes; 3, Satterthwaite; c, Worral. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, vhc, Satterthwaite; 2, 3, Jordan; hc, c, Baynes. Yell. Green Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Jordan; 2, vhc, Worral; 3, Baynes; hc, Satterthwaite. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Jordan; 2, hc, Satterthwaite; 3, vhc, Worral. Nov.: Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Hayes; 2, Cattle; 3, Gidman; vhc, Barr; hc, Nugent; c, Fitzsimmons. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Fairley; 2, Cattle; 3, hc, Hayes; vhc, Barr; c, McCarthy. Yell. Green Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Fitzsimmons; 2, Costello; 3, Hayes; vhc, c, Gidman; hc, Sinclair. A.O.V.: 1, Sinclair; 2, Costello, 3, vhc, hc, Nugent. Nor., Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Pendleton; 2, Barr; 3, vhc, Frankham; hc, c, Worral. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, c, Barr; 2, vhc, Frankham; 3, Pendleton; hc, Worral. Yell. Green Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Pendleton; 2, Frankham. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Pendleton; 2, Frankham. Bord., Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 3, Longmore; 2, Parsons; vhc, c, Mrs. Frankham; hc, Battersby. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Longmore; 2, Parsons; 3, Mrs. Frankham; vhc, Sinclair. Yell. Green Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Parsons; 2, vhc, hc, Battersby; 3, Longmore; c, Mrs. Frankham. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Longmore; 3, Mrs. Frankham; vhc, Parsons. Hybrid Pairs: 1, Mrs. Sinclair; 2, Mrs. Holden. Muling: 1, vhc, hc, c, Satterthwaite; 2, 3, Percival. Goldf.: 1, 3, Satterthwaite; 2, Thistlewaite; vhc, Percival; hc, c, Senogles. Bullf.: 1, 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Thistlewaite; vhc, Frankham. Chaff.: 1, 3, hc, Satterthwaite; 2, Thistlewaite; vhc, Hammond. Bramblef.: 1, 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Frankham. Greenf.: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Thistlewaite; 3, Hayes; vhc, Hammond; hc, Senogles; c, Wilkins. Lesser Redpoll: 1, Thistlewaite; 2 3, Battersby; vhc, Satterthwaite A.O. Hardbill: 1, Percival; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Satterthwaite. Softbill: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, 3, Mrs. Holden. Mule or Hyb.: 1 Satterthwaite; 2, Hayes; 3, Thistlewaite; vhc, Frankham; hc, Mrs. Holden; c, Percival.—(Kindly see note at head of Members' Shows.—Editor.)

PENYGRAIG C.B.S.

Pair show, Mar. 3, Butcher's Arms, Penygraig. Mr. A. H. C. Legg (Porth) judged, and gave satisfaction. Secs., Messrs. Hollingshead and Edwards, and show manager T. L. Evans, carried out their duties to a nicety. Special, best pair, also Single Border and best Border pair, T. L. Evans; 2nd best pair, best Brit., best pair Yorks., Hollingshead and Edwards; best Green Border, Whitman; best Cinn. Border, T. James; best Nor., Wm. Morris.

Single Nor., Cl.: 1, Morris. Var.: 1, Morris. Yorks. Hen, Yell.: 1, Whiteman. Var.: 1, Whiteman. Single, Self or Foul: 1, Whiteman. Yorks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, vhc, Hollingshead and Edwards; 3, Laurance; hc, Padfield. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Whiteman; 2, Morris; 3, Laurance; hc, Hollingshead and Edwards; vhc, Padfield. Bord., Single, Cl.—Yell. Ck.: 1, Evans. Buff: 1, Evans. Yell. Hen: 1, Evans. Var. Ck. or Buff Hen: 1, Evans. Single Green or Cinn.: 1, James; 2, Whiteman; 3, Hollingshead and Edwards. Var. Yell.: 1, Padfield. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, James; 2, vhc, Hurle; 3, hc, c, Hollingshead and Edwards; c, Padfield. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Evans; 3, James; vhc, Padfield; hc, Hurle. Pairs, Greens: 1, Hollingshead and Edwards. Goldf.: 1, Padfield. Bullf.: 1, Hollingshead and Edwards; 2, James. Linnet: 1, Hollingshead and Edwards.—A. H. C. Legg.

Club Reports.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Owing to the prize distribution being on the same date as our usual one, the next meeting will be held March 17. Officers elected for 1917:—President, Mr. F. Self; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. Brown, W. Firth, W. Ormandroyd, J. Shackleton, and E. Self; secs., F. Hodgson, J. Holroyd; auditors, Messrs. F. Brown and J. Shackleton.—F. Hodgson.

BOLTON ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Mar. 1, Joiners' Arms. A very interesting lecture was given by Mr. Kilshaw on the song tours and how they should be sung, a large number of members and friends being present. We have added to our list 14 new members, for all seemed very interested. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Kilshaw for his lecture brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—T. Ormston, Sec.

JARROW, HEBBURN C.B.S.

Meeting, Victoria Hotel, Wednesday, March, 7, Mr. R. Butler chair, and a good attendance of old members and a few new ones. Decided that we hold fortnightly meetings. Various dates were proposed for holding F.F. shows, but it was decided to leave it over till our next meeting, when the election of officers will take place, and new members made. A hearty invitation is given to all old and new fanciers to join us.—H. Ayers, Sec.

ACCRINGTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Mar. 1, Crown Hotel, Mr. Harwood presided over a good attendance. Prize money and specials were paid out. Decided to have a social evening, Mar. 21, at 7. Fanciers and friends in the district are invited to what will be an enjoyable evening. The sec. invites fanciers in the district to send their names to him, so that they can be proposed at next meeting; 1s. entry fee, and 6d. per month.—Wm. Parkinson, sec., 13, Cedar Street.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Annual general meeting, "Red Lion" Hotel, York Street, Piccadilly, Mar. 1, Mr. J. Robson chairman. The officers for the past year were re-elected for 1917, after which correspondence was read and dealt with. The club's gold medal was awarded to Mr. Anderson, of Darvel, for the rarest Hybrid bred and exhibited in 1917 (Thrush-Blackbird). Unfortunately this bird died some few weeks ago, so that the only Hybrid of this cross recognised by the club will not be seen again except in the London and P.O.S. collection of stuffed birds. At the adjourned annual meeting, April 26, a proposed alteration in the paragraph dealing with the gold medal for rare Hybrids, under the heading of Notes to Secretaries, will be dealt with.—E. Stephens, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting, Mar. 10, Station St. Cafe, Mr. Farrar presiding. Chairman gave a lecture on the breeding of the Yorkshire Canary, which was very interesting and enjoyed by all. On the conclusion questions were asked and a most interesting discussion took place. There was also on view a Yorkshire brought by one of the members to help in the discussion on "What is a ticked bird." The bird in question had a mark on the back which was only on the end of the feathers and not extending the full length of the feather. The members came to the conclusion that the bird was marked, not ticked. Members turned up well to hear the lecture, but we should like to have seen a few more visitors, as there were only two present; anyhow, we shall probably have a larger number with us next meeting, when Mr. G. Davidson is to read a paper on the Lizard Canary. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Farrar for his excellent lecture.—F. Riseborough, Assist. Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting, Mar. 9, Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, Mr. P. Allan presiding over a good attendance. Specials and prize cards for pairs show were paid out to members present. The services of Messrs. E. Barron, Glasgow, and Mr. G. Hislop, Stirling, have been secured as judges for annual members' show, Nov. 17. Mr. Archbd. Gillespie was elected a Vice-president, and Messrs. James Braid, Joseph Braid, and D. Reid were added members of Committee. Unanimously decided to have the same classification for F.F. show as last year—21 classes. Specials for British and Foreign Bird Show were kindly given by Messrs. P. Allan, W. Proudfoot, J. Campbell, and Joseph Braid. Table show of British and Foreign birds was also held, entries being slightly down from last year, but although quantity was short, quality was forward in abundance. Mr. Craig, Tollcross, judged, and gave every satisfaction. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Hyslop; 2, P. Allan. Linnet: 1 D. Reid; 2, P. Allan. Green.: 1, Joseph Braid; 2, Glass; 3, sp, P. Allan. Redpoll: 1, sp, P. Allan; 2, 3, Glass; 4, Joseph Braid. Hens for Hybrid Breeding: 1, D. Reid; 2, Joseph Braid. Bunting: 1, P. Allan. For.: 1, 2, sp, P. Allan. Light Mule or Hybrid: 1, Hyslop. Dark Mule or Hyb. 1, P. Allan. Special most points: P. Allan. Next meeting April 13, in Co-op. Hall, at 8; this is to be a "hat night," and every member is requested to be present to take part in the many discussions, which will be very interesting, especially to young members. J. Campbell, Sec. and Treas.

ALFRETON C.B.S.

Meeting and table show of muling and hybrid pairs, Red Lion Hotel, Mar. 10. Mr. Newton chair, and a poor attendance, owing to the inclement weather. Decided to hold a table show of British. Classes: Goldf. or Bullf.; Siskin, Redpoll, Linnet, or Twite; A.O.V. Brit.; British hen. Mr. T. Barlow judge 1/3 on first cage special on each class; birds to be staged by 6.30. Result of table show: Muling Pairs (5); 1, vhc, Webster; 2, Evans; 3, Sawer Bros.; hc, Newton. Hybrid (4): 1, 2, Evans; 3, Webster; vhc, Abbott; winners of specials; A. Evans and A. Webster. Mr. W. Evans judged and gave satisfaction. New members elected: Mr. Attenborough and Mr. W. Whittaker.—G. Sawer.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Washing exhibition and competition, Bay Horse Hotel, Mar. 3, Mr. M. Smith chair. Messrs. G. Raith and J. Anderson gave a demonstration of how to wash and handle the birds in the process which was greatly appreciated. Mr. A. Anderson judged the competition. Result: W. Grewar's gold centre silver medal, Melville; 2, Gourdie. The rest of the evening was spent in song and sentiment. The following contributed: Messrs. M. Smith, R. Gourdie, J. Forsyth, J. Petrie, J. Raeburn, J. Watson, J. Taylor, and R. Stewart, while Mr. C. Mason gave some nice selections on the gramophone. A vote of thanks to the chairman and artistes brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.—W. Grewar, hon. sec.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

Meeting, table show, and washing competition, Mar. 8, Town Hall; chairman, Mr. H. J. Kybert, a good number of members spending a very interesting and instructive evening. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes and Mr. F. Hutchinson were elected members. Decided to hold annual show Dec. 1, instead of Nov. 24, as previously arranged. Hon. sec. reported a profit on inter-club show. Table show, judge Mr. W. L. Taylor. Yorks.: 1, 2, Parker; 3, Noakes. Nor.: 1, 3, Manning; 2, Ferridge. Brit.: 1, 2, 3, and best bird in show, Parker. The washing competition resulted in a win for Mr. Ferridge, who was also accorded a vote of thanks for his efforts in helping to make the competition a success. Next meeting, April 12; egg food competition final; judge, Mr. J. A. Webb; also paper by Mr. F. Onslow.—H. J. Kybert, chairman.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Meeting, Mar. 8, Oldham Hall, Mr. E. Bunner chair, and a fair attendance. The members gave a hearty welcome to our esteemed friend, Mr. Hunt, who has been on the sick list for some considerable time, and has so far recovered that he can be amongst us again. The chief item for the evening was an egg food making competition for novices. Messrs. Phillips, Leatherharrow and T. R. Jones competed, and the competition proved very interesting, especially Mr. Phillips' method, who used egg and bread crumbs, adding maw seed, which I am sure is worthy of imitation. The judges gave every satisfaction. Messrs. Phillips and Leatherharrow 22 points each; Jones, 16. Afterwards there was a general discussion on egg food, in which Messrs. Abbott, Evans, W. Jones, Plunkett and Hunt gave their experience. The meeting proved to be very interesting and instructive.—T. Jones, sec.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.

Meeting, Mar. 5, prize money for pair show was paid out; the balance sheet of the show showed a small deficit, which was made up by the chairman. Sec. announced that he had received 10s. from Miss Smith, and £1 from Mr. A. J. Clarke as donations to help to reduce the heavy deficit made by the open show last year. The meeting warmly appreciated the generosity of the donors, and the general feeling was that if sufficient further donations are received to warrant our holding an open show this year, we shall certainly do so. The meeting passed a vote of sympathy with Mr. Allen Silver, and also with Mr. Hy. Yeoman, who has just recovered his health, after undergoing his fifth operation, and sec. was instructed to send suitable letters in each case. The writer had the honour of an invitation to address the next meeting on the subject of British Buntings. Cups and medals won last year will be given out on that occasion.—A. R. Coe.

Linnets for Contest Singing.

By FRED ALLEN, HULL.

We have recently had several enquiries as to whether the owners of contest-singing Linnets added anything to the drinking water to strengthen their song, and the following article has been kindly written by a well-known Linnet fancier in reply to a question we put to him on the matter.

PERSONALLY, I do not agree with putting anything into the water to make the birds sing. I know some fanciers who have tried this treatment, but I do not know any who found it a success. The late Mr. Walter Cunningham (a retired gentleman, who would give more money for a Linnet than any gentleman in England) used to put a few drops of whiskey in the water, but I know he never had much luck, although he had some of the finest birds living. Moreover, most of his birds died before he had had them long; this I put down to the whiskey.

One of the finest birds this gentleman ever owned was a Canary on Linnet song. I shall never forget it; it was a marvellous chattering bird, and if my memory serves me rightly, Mr. Saul, of this town, purchased it for £7.

Another fancier, the late Mr. J. Thompson ("Old Jim" as he was known), once told me that he had tried a drop of gin before sending a bird to a contest, but after the contest he mentioned he would have been better off if he had drunk the gin himself.

The late Mr. Jack Jarman, of Woodhouse, had a team of Linnets that will never be forgotten by the older Leeds fanciers. Jack's birds were first, second, and third every week, and no one could beat them. Here was a fancier who could beat all comers, and one who never put anything in the water.

This gentleman sold me two Linnets for 23s. 6d., which later produced me a strain that won all before them, but Mr. Summers, the present secretary of the Clarence Linnet Club of Leeds, purchased Mr. Jarman's best bird. It was a good one, and had one of the cleanest forms of song ever heard. Mr. Summers has won many prizes, and yet he has never put anything in their water.

The Mystery Bottle.

My father and myself won many firsts, and I well remember after we had won, some fanciers used to say, "How do you do it?" My father used to say, "I gave them a drop out of the bottle last night," but being a comedian it was only natural that he should play a joke on them. I do not know if he was the first to invent the "drop out of the bottle," but I do know that it spread, and many fanciers used to ask one another if they had tried a drop out of the bottle.

I have had many a good laugh over the following story:—A fancier once paid us a visit, and mentioned that he would be very pleased to know if it was true we gave our birds a drop out of the bottle to make them win. My father did not answer the question, but seeing the gentleman had a very bald head he gave him a small medicine bottle full of water, and told him not to use it until he got home, because the last chap he gave some to used it at once, with the result that he had to get his hair cut twice before he got home.

I can say without fear of contradiction that I have had my share of prizes, and I have never, on any occasion, put anything in the water. Those who do put anything in the water do not have any more success (if as much) as those who do not. I fail to see how spirits can improve a bird. Anyway, I can assure readers that it is not greatly practised.

Good Moult; Good Song.

To get a Linnet to sing anywhere with his wings down, it is most important that he should be given a proper moult, for if the bird is not given a proper moult, a fancier may labour for all he is worth, and never get his bird to that high quality of condition needed to win.

The second most important item is the feeding, and whilst on this subject I may mention that I have received many letters from fanciers stating that they have fed their Linnet the same as advised by me in Nutshell No. 2, and yet have not got them to sing at a contest. I take this opportunity of informing readers that the article on feeding was not written by me (I wrote the song portion at the end). The method of feeding mentioned in the Nutshell is very good, and if followed will most certainly get a bird into good condition, but in my idea it will not get a Linnet to that high condition needed for contests.

I have mentioned previously that the most important is the moult; give the bird a very cold moult, and during moult feed on nothing but black rape and linseed, half and half, but mind that the bird gets a cold moult. This can easily be done by putting a cloth over the cage, and keeping it damp.

The Proper Seed Mixture.

After the moult the best mixture for contest singers is ¾ lb. summer rape, ½ lb. English rape, ¼ lb. each of Canary seed and linseed, all mixed together. This mixture can be given all the year round, except when moulting. If one has no secrets of his own, as regards tit-bits, the one I should advise all novices to use is dandelion seed, to be given half a teaspoonful every two days. The best time to give it to the bird is when he has just finished his training.

Going back to the bottle business, I must confess that I spray a certain liquid on my secret mixture, but I can honestly say that I have never put the liquid in the water. Anyway, it acts. Mr. Plows, the popular secretary of Kippax Linnet Club, gained a second and third first time of using.

The first question a novice must ask himself is, "Have I got the right birds?" If one has not the right class of birds it is no use trying to make them proud. Some birds will never make contest birds, therefore a novice should educate himself in picking the proper class. The tailor will tell you if you have good cloth you will have a good suit, and the same applies to birds.

The novice may ask, how he can choose the right class of bird. The answer to this is, choose a bird that does not seem timid, one that takes to cage life, not one of those that try to get out of sight. If the novice will follow this advice he will soon find he is on the right track, but above all he must have patience. All those who are winning at the present time are, nearly in every case, fanciers with long experience.

In conclusion, I strongly advise the novice to leave the bottle business well alone, because if his hopes of success lie in this direction he is bound to have many disappointments, which may terminate his hopes of ever being successful.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

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Nov. 14.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Kent, 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.)

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Twitterings.

Mr. R. W. Gray, 6, Otley Terrace, Hopetown, Darlington, writes that he has taken over the secretaryship of the Darlington C.B.S. in place of Mr. W. Harfield.

At a meeting of the Sheffield O.S. on March 10th, at Rotherham House Hotel, Exchange Street, writes Dr. W. Craig, Mr. Robson will lecture on general management and pairing, etc. Friends and fanciers will be welcome.

Messrs. Day and Roberts write that they have been compelled to resign their position as Joint Secretaries to the Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S., and that Mr. E. H. Hulse, 23, Hartington Road, has been appointed in their stead. All future communications should be made accordingly.

Motherwell and Dist. C.B.A., writes Mr. Andrew Lees, sec., 14, Kirk Street, Motherwell, have opened their club to fanciers of the surrounding districts (no specified radius). Fanciers interested might attend the first meeting in Y.M.I., Brandon Street, on March 24, at 7.30, or apply to secretary.

In order to meet the condition of the Railway Companies that after April 2 the carriage of all parcels must be prepaid, Mr. Enoch Tams, Church Street, Longton, has issued a revised price list in sheet form. A small addition to the old prices has been made to cover the carriage, so that purchasers will know exactly what the goods will cost delivered carriage paid.

I wish to thank you for publishing my letter re the Scotch Fancy, writes Mr. Geo. Dix. Please convey my best thanks to your artist, Mr. Norman, for so kindly finishing my sketch. I have had several congratulations respecting the model, some from Ireland, and many consider it the best ever seen. Again I thank you, and wish Cage Birds still greater success.

The London and Counties A.C.B. are holding a social evening and a light supper on March 26th at the Victoria Hotel, the corner of Farringdon Road and Charterhouse Street, E.C. Chairman will be Mr. J. Robson, and a grand company of artists will appear. Admission, 1s. 6d., including tax; doors open, 6.30, start 7 sharp. Fanciers who would like to spend an enjoyable evening kindly communicate not later than March 20th with the Secretary, W. Gilbert, 42, Cowcross Street, E.C. (Advt.)

I was more than surprised when Cage Birds arrived, writes Mrs. Hart Madagan, to see my Crest-bred Cock, 2nd Birmingham, to see front page of Cage Birds. Please accept my best thanks for giving it such an important position. Great credit is due to your esteemed artist, Mr. Norman, for the life-like portrait. I think it a great honour for any exhibitor to get a portrait in Cage Birds. Please do not mind me calling your attention to a slight error. The owner's name is Mrs. Hart Madagan, not Mrs. Madagan Hart.

The winners of specials at the recent pair and Finch show of the Clapham C.B.A. were: Most points Canaries, champ., Hawkins; nov., Westrip; most points Hybrids, and most points Softbills and foreign birds, Vale; most points classes 18-23, and classes 24-29, Coe; best Goldfinch, Hose.

Drinkers at Porth Show: An Apology.

I have received a letter from Mr. Edwards, of Penygraig, writes Mr. A. H. C. Legg, hon. sec., Porth and Rhondda Valleys C.B.S., referring to a hasty statement made at the Porth Show Dec. 14 last, accusing Mr. Padfield, of Penygraig, of packing drinkers which did not belong to him. Mr. Edwards now wishes to make a public apology, and trusts this will be satisfactory to Mr. Padfield.

Show Dates Fixed.

Mr. W. H. Johnson, joint show manager, writes that the second annual show of the Barrow C.B.A. will be held on Dec. 7, 8 next, and Mr. J. H. Ford, sec. Swansea C.B.A., writes that the annual show of the Society is fixed for Nov. 15. Mr. D. Jenkins will judge Canaries and Mr. S. J. Nicholas the remainder. In order to avoid clashing secretaries should note these and other dates as published.

An Important Postal Regulation.

It will, of course, be known to all our readers that the Postmaster-General has made an appeal to the public in London and their correspondents in the Provinces to comply with the method which has been devised in order to save labour in the Post Office and money for the country.

In the scheme which has been devised every delivery office in London will be numbered, and letters for streets served by any particular office must bear a number corresponding with that office.

For example, Fleet Street will be known as Fleet Street, E.C., 4, and letters for our offices must therefore be addressed, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., 4. London correspondents should be careful to give the distinguishing number of their own street as part of their address. The absence of these numbers will lead to delays in delivery, and those who omit complying with the regulation will have only themselves to blame.

An Insufficient Address.

Will "Mr. Taylor, 117, York Road," please send us his full address. There are many "York Roads" even in London, and a letter so addressed would not be likely to find him.

A Saturday Show in London.

The British Bird Show of the London and Counties A.C.B. will be held this evening, March 17th, at the Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, Farringdon Road. The show opens at 7.30, and admission will be free.

How Fanciers Help.

I am pleased to inform you that I sent £8 2s. to the Coventry and North Warwickshire Hospital, being the profit of the members' show held Feb. 17, writes Mr. A. Wright, hon. sec. Coventry Godiva C.B.S.

A Leeds Fancier in a Dublin Hospital.

Mr. E. Norton, late hon. sec. of the Leeds C.B.S., and whose present address is Pte. E. Norton, 2573, D Company, 2nd Batt., 8th Royal Scots, H. Block, 3 Room, Richmond Barracks, Dublin, would like to make the acquaintance of Dublin Cage Bird fanciers.

Birds, Bones, and Butchers.

Starvation will be the lot, says W. A. Croft, writing to the "Sheffield Daily Telegraph," of many good friends of the feathered tribe unless we make good the food deficiences caused by the renewed keen frosts. It is unknown to many of the kindly disposed that breadcrumbs are quite useless to many of the gardener's best friends, the insectivorous birds. If your readers will hang out, preferably in a tree, shell bones such as the butcher usually sells to dealers at a few pence per stone, they will be amply rewarded by the visits of many pretty strangers with wonderful gymnastic abilities, and will also have the knowledge that they have assisted in the food production campaign by maintaining those creatures which will materially assist in keeping the insect scourge in check.

[This is all right so far as the uselessness of breadcrumbs as food for insectivorous birds is concerned, but we have to find a butcher in these times who would sell bones of any sort at "a few pence per stone." The birds, which are "the gardener's best friends" in destroying the grubs in the soil would, moreover, scarcely display wonderful gymnastic abilities in clinging to bones hung in a tree.]

Mr. J. W. Thomson, sec. Midland Roller C.C., writes that he has now the British Roller C.C. rings for disposal, and that in accordance with rule 7 of the club annual subscriptions must be paid before the rings can be issued.

A Macaw as a Mascot.

Amongst the many regimental "mascots" which have been deposited at the London Zoological Gardens is a Macaw, which, says "The Queen," was at one time the mascot of a certain ship which went into action at Heligoland and the Dogger Bank. Though unwounded he came out of action decidedly the worse for wear, and minus several feathers. In fact, when he was received at the Gardens it was quite time he was ordered into hospital. He is now, however, it is satisfactory to say, making a good recovery, and it is hoped will live to a good old age and to be a celebrity in the Macaw world.

The Song of the Missel Thrush.

Almost the only living creature who seemed thoroughly to enjoy the recent prolonged spell of bitter weather, says "The Manchester Guardian," was the Missel Thrush. He sings from time to time throughout the winter, but is heard to best advantage on cold, stormy days of February, when, swaying to and fro upon the topmost branch of some tall tree, he chants his wild refrain in weird harmony with the climatic surroundings.

It is from this eccentric trait in his character that he has gained the popular sobriquet of "Stormcock," for, unlike the other Thrushes, he does not sing during the breeding season. Some people, even country-bred lovers of bird song, seem unable to distinguish between the notes of the Stormcock and those of the Song Thrush or even of the Blackbird.

But the song of the Missel Thrush ought not to be mistaken for either of these. It consists of from three to six loudly whistled notes, given hurriedly and in a manner which has been unkindly compared to "the crow of some musical bantam cock." The same strain is sometimes repeated a dozen times in succession.

Curiously enough, a young Blackbird beginning to acquire his full notes also sings such brief strains with few variations. So the Missel Thrush seems to be the stern, unbending Tory of his family who still retains unchanged the original type of Thrush song.

Seasonable Hints on Useful Weeds.

By RICHARD MORSE, F.R.H.S.

A new weekly feature which will be found of the highest value to all who keep seed-eating birds, and of interest also to all who appreciate the beauty and usefulness of the flowers of our waysides and meadows.

The Coltsfoot.

Flower, Bud and Leaves of Coltsfoot.

I HAVE just returned from a walk across the fields, and though the calendar says we are rapidly approaching the middle of March, the countryside is still in the grip of winter, and save for a few occasional notes from Thrushes and Hedge Sparrows there is little to remind one that spring is nearly upon us.

On account of this prolonged severity of the weather, the wild flowers this year are disappointingly late, but growth is already evident in many of the early bloomers, and as soon as we get a few days of genial spring sun they will doubtless rush into flower with extraordinary rapidity, and so do much to make up for lost time.

My first Coltsfoot (Tussilago Farfara L.) blossoms last year were gathered on Jan. 28, and yet in the same spot to-day not a single bud has burst its covering, though the stems are now well above the ground, and by the time these words appear the bank will probably be everywhere dotted with yellow and alive with busy honey bees eager for their first draft of nectar.

Although these elegant little flowers are abundant in most country districts, they are not at all widely known, principally, I suppose, on account of their very early appearance, and the comparative unattractiveness of the countryside at this early season of the year to any except the truest lovers of nature.

Where to Find Coltsfoot.

The Coltsfoot is never so abundant as on poor, clayey soils, and in such a habitat it may usually be found in the greatest profusion. The general appearance of the bud, flower head and leaves, is shown in the accompanying sketch, but it should be noted here that one never sees the flowers and leaves at the same time, as one is accustomed to do in the majority of other plants, for the leaves never expand until the flowers have withered, a peculiarity which marks the Coltsfoot as almost unique amongst British wild flowers.

The flowers themselves are of a pale and delicate yellow, and are made up of a great number of tiny florets packed closely together, the whole head measuring generally about an inch or slightly more in diameter. The stems reach a height of from four to ten inches, and are partially clothed with the scales which protected the tender florets during the early period of their growth.

After fertilisation, the flowers close, as if to inform the bees that the nectar is gone, and their work accomplished, and when next the head expands it will be to expose a globe of feathery down with seeds attached, for the wind to scatter far and wide. One has to watch carefully when this stage is reached, or a gale on a sunny morning may cause much loss and disappointment. The seed is produced in great abundance, and with care very considerable quantities may be gathered in quite a short time. The Coltsfoot has been highly esteemed as a household medicine for generations, and even its scientific name "Tussilago," is derived from the Latin word "Tussis," a cough, in reference to one of the principal troubles for which it has long been used as a remedy. Many aviarists, too, have testified to its great value as a food for most British birds, and also to its beneficial effect in cases of wheeziness. The large angular leaves, cobwebby above, and covered with dense white down beneath, were once much used in the making of medicinal cigars for asthmatic persons.

Readers are invited to send any botanical specimens which they have difficulty in identifying. The whole plant, including fruits, should be sent whenever possible. Packages should be addressed "The Editor, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. 4, and must be accompanied by a P.O. for sixpence. Answers will appear in this column.

WHAT ADVERTISERS SAY.

"Many thanks for insertion of Cinnamon advert., but before this appeared I had sold all my birds through the previous advertisement. There should be no doubt as to value of advertising in CAGE BIRDS, as through so doing this season I have sent birds all over the British Isles, and a consignment in spite of war troubles to Canada. I have also had enquiries from New Zealand."—HY. CRAVEN, (Plymouth).

"The Birds advertised in CAGE BIRDS were all sold by Saturday. I have had so many applications that I could not answer all. I could have sold 50 more if I had them, and all for a few pence in advertising."—F. OWEN (Cannock).

"Kindly allow me to thank all those that applied for the two Norwich hens I advertised in last week's CAGE BIRDS. They are too numerous to reply to individually. I had to return some two dozen P.O.'s besides a couple of cheques."—J. KELLEY (Frome).

"Kindly withdraw my advert. this week as I have practically sold all I wish to dispose of. There seems to be plenty of money about for birds as I could have sold any number of pairs and single birds at high prices. I should like to say also that I am not quitting the fancy, but was forced to reduce my stock this season to twelve pairs instead of about twenty-five as I had intended."—J. W. GORDON-STEWART. (Ipswich).

"Thanks to CAGE BIRDS I have sold 22 Roller Canaries for a shilling advert. 16 of them were sold on Friday. I cannot reply to all and beg you will convey thanks to all senders. My shilling advert. resulted in above £11 in sales."—T. SWANN (Wavertree).

"I should like to thank, through CAGE BIRDS, the 38 fanciers who applied for the Norwich hens as advertised. They are too numerous to reply to individually. Besides the above number I had to return no less than 22 P.O.'s, 2 deposits, and 2 cheques, and still enquiries are coming."—J. KELLEY.

"Kindly thank the many enquirers for my birds. Through one single advert. I had letters from all over the United Kingdom and Ireland, and could have sold them a dozen times over. I am a constant reader of good old CAGE BIRDS since its infancy."—JAMES McCINTY (Leith).

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THE ROLLER CANARY.

ITS BREEDING AND MANAGEMENT.

By J. EARNSHAW.

The following interesting and instructive lecture was given before the members of the Nelson Roller Canary Club, by the Secretary, Mr. J. Earnshaw, and, upon our request, has kindly been forwarded to us by the lecturer for publication. The very sound advice given will be of value to breeders of Canaries other than the Roller, to which it was especially intended to apply.

I RECOMMEND the novice to keep to sound healthy stock of good strain. Song cannot be brought out by training unless it is also bred in the birds. Never be tempted to breed from weaklings, as that way is failure and disappointment; even if successful in hatching and rearing, the moult will prove too much for sickly young birds.

Do not be tempted to pair up your birds too early unless you are prepared to take risks of egg binding. To pair up too soon is not gaining but losing time, as it cannot profit you to have a round of unfertile eggs. It only wastes the vigour of your birds and valuable time and labour on your part to no purpose, and nothing is more disappointing to beginners.

Don't Hurry the Pairing.

I recommend pairing during mild and settled weather, about the last few days of March or the beginning of April, and even then only when the birds are in high breeding condition, which cannot be mistaken by veriest tyro. The older fanciers will probably encroach a little on this time, and pair up a little earlier, but they know the riske, and ought to be prepared for trouble.

The birds at this time should be in the height of condition, the hen calling and bouncing from perch to perch, taking short flights into the air, and catching up stray feathers and carrying them to and fro. The cocks will be singing lustily, and, if put in sight of the hens, singing madly, and dancing to and fro. For backward birds at this time there is nothing to beat dandelion. I give them root and leaves daily, with egg food and mixed seeds on alternate days, not forgetting a little pinch of niger seed daily to the hens as a preventive of egg binding. The floor of the cage must be strewn with clean gritty sand, and a piece of cuttle fish must be stuck between the bars. Broken egg shells may be given to help the hen to form her shells. A piece of pork fat is also recommended as a preventive of egg binding.

When it is seen that the birds are in proper condition, the cock can be introduced; at first, they will often squabble in a most alarming way, and it would almost appear as though they would kill each other. The hen is generally master of the situation at the first pairing, owing to the fact that she will have been kept in a large flight with full freedom and use of her wings, and the poor cock having been kept in a small cage is not able to hold his own. For this reason some breeders will give the cock birds a larger cage for a week or so before pairing, to allow him to stretch his wings.

In most cases they very quickly settle down to business, and proceed to build their little home. Nesting material may then be supplied, and when it is seen that the hen is getting to work in real earnest she can be supplied with sufficient material to make a comfortable nest.

The Care of the Hen Bird.

The hen requires careful attention at this stage, especially in the first round of nests, and a little niger seed must not be omitted from the daily diet until she has laid her clutch. If the hen goes mopy towards evening and looks thick and full, watch her carefully the following morning. If egg binding results, she will be found huddled up on the nest, or in a corner of the cage looking very ill.

There is no mistaking this condition. If it is seen that she is in difficulties, act promptly, but don't get flurried, go about the job calmly. Get a jug of hot water about three-parts full, not so hot as to scald (always try it with your own bare flesh). Place a piece of thin cloth over the top of the jug, shape it out to allow room for resting place for the hen. Then catch her gently, and hold her over this, so that the vapour has full play to the vent. A drop of warm olive oil may be smeared on the vent.

If she is not relieved in a few minutes, place her on the nest in a small cage in front of the fire, and if she has not parted with the egg in about an hour's time repeat the operation at intervals of an hour or two. After the egg has been laid she will be quite lively, and can be returned to her cage.

When all goes on well, and the first egg is laid on the expected morning, the egg must be removed and a dummy substituted to keep her broody. Remove the eggs as laid, until the evening of the third day, and then return them to the nest in the evening. She will probably lay her fourth on the following morning, and commence to sit in real earnest.

Feed Plainly and Avoid Interference.

When she commences incubation the cock may be removed quietly, and the hen put on a plain diet. A piece of cardboard hung up on the wires in front of the nest helps her to keep quiet and shades the nest.

All interference either with nest or cage must now cease. Even the cleaning of the cage must be left alone excepting merely lifting away the dirt from the floor of the cage. On the evening of the 13th day from the commencement of the incubation the chicks can be hourly expected. In the afternoon of that day a little egg food or milk sop can be given to the hen, and in the evening a little hard boiled egg, minced fine, about a saltspoonful is quite sufficient.

Do not rush into the common mistake of surfeiting the hen with a rich variety of foods with the idea of tempting her to feed, or you may repent it, as you are more likely to make her sick and upset the hen with the sudden changes after the plain diet of incubation. This is a fruitful cause of the bogey known as sweating, which I do not intend to touch on this evening, as it is almost a subject in itself. Bad feeders and sweating hens will make a separate subject for some of our more capable members to deal with.

When the Young Arrive.

The best way is to bring her gradually on to the richer diet. For the first day or two a little yolk of egg at intervals of a few hours is quite sufficient. Leave the hen to herself as much as possible, and do not be alarmed if she does not seem to feed the young as soon as they are hatched, as nature provides the chick with nourishment for the first twelve hours.

After the first two days begin to give biscuit meal or bread crumbs, with the yolk of egg, gradually increasing the quantity of bread until they are on a diet of two-parts bread to one-part egg.

A spray of watercress or chick weed, or lettuce, may now be given in increasing quantities, and at abont the fifth day the diet may be varied by the addition of a little crushed hemp and broken groats, and the white of the egg can also be given grated fine with the egg food. A little soaked rape may be given at abont the tenth day, and the more liberal diet may now be given daily.

About this time it is as well to give a clean nest, made ready in a clean pan beforehand, and shaped out with a hot fowl's egg after putting in the material, such as cow hair, moss, or shreds of cotton. The grey warp or weft which cotton makers can easily obtain in the unsized state is fine for the purpose.

Keep an eye on the young birds in the nest from the fifth to sixth day onward, and be sure to ring them at the proper time, as if left until they are grown too big, crippled birds will be the result of attempting to ring. Young birds vary so much in size that no hard and fast rule may be applied as to the proper time for ringing.

It will be seen that the young birds are now developing an appetite, and the egg food must now be supplied in increasing quantities to meet their need. Always aim at just giving sufficient for the hen to clear up before next feeding time, as she will relish it all the more and feed better than when she is overdone and the food is always before her.

At about the end of the third week from hatching some of the more lusty young birds will be popping out on to the perches, and at this stage it is as well to go about your duties in as quiet a way as possible, in order to keep them in the nest as long as possible, as sudden movements or noises will frighten the young birds and away they go over the side of the nest, floundering about in the bottom of the cage. It is well to remember that the Canary is of a nervous temperament, and during the breeding season they are best left to themselves as much as possible. Never allow your breeding room to become a sort of peep show or camping place, as the sight of strangers is enough to upset birds of a highly-strung temperament.

'Ware Ladies' Hats.

Above all, watch your lady friends, and if a visit to the bird-room is permitted, insist on them removing their hats, as the sight of some of the strange headgear worn is sufficient to cause quite a panic, and the way some of them will go up to the cages, just to have a peep, saying "Sweet, sweet, pretty dick," is enough to make any hen forsake either eggs or young.

I cannot impress it too much on the young fancier to keep the bird-room as quiet as possible, as this often makes the difference between success and failure. However much accustomed to you the birds may be, it is better to take no risks.

All duties such as cleaning, changing nests, and ringing should be done in the evening, as it then causes least commotion, and the hens will usually settle themselves for the night and resume their duties the following morning as if nothing had happened.

At this time, when the young birds are popping out of the nest and venturing on to the perches, a sharp look-out must be kept, and at the least sign of plucking the youngsters must be removed and placed in a small nursery cage which is hung up on the wires of the cages. The cock is returned to the hen, if not already with her, and the parents will feed the young through the wires.

A good plan is to tie a piece of string to the bar so as to keep the hen busy and prevent her plucking the young. Keep her supplied with nesting material, and if she goes to nest before the young are ready for leaving the parents the cock will usually finish them off.

I never use dandelion *after* the first pairing up, as I find this to be an incentive to plucking, although I am well aware that some breeders will feed the young on dandelion, still I am of opinion that watercress or lettuce is a better green food for young with the parents. Dandelion brings the hen forward again too quickly, and before the young are properly reared.

The nursery cage must be kept clean and supplied regularly with food, and when it is seen that the young are able to feed themselves they can be turned into the flights and brought gradually on to the hard seed, but keep up the soft food for some time and wean them very gradually. Putting them on hard seed too early is the cause of loss, and youngsters going light.

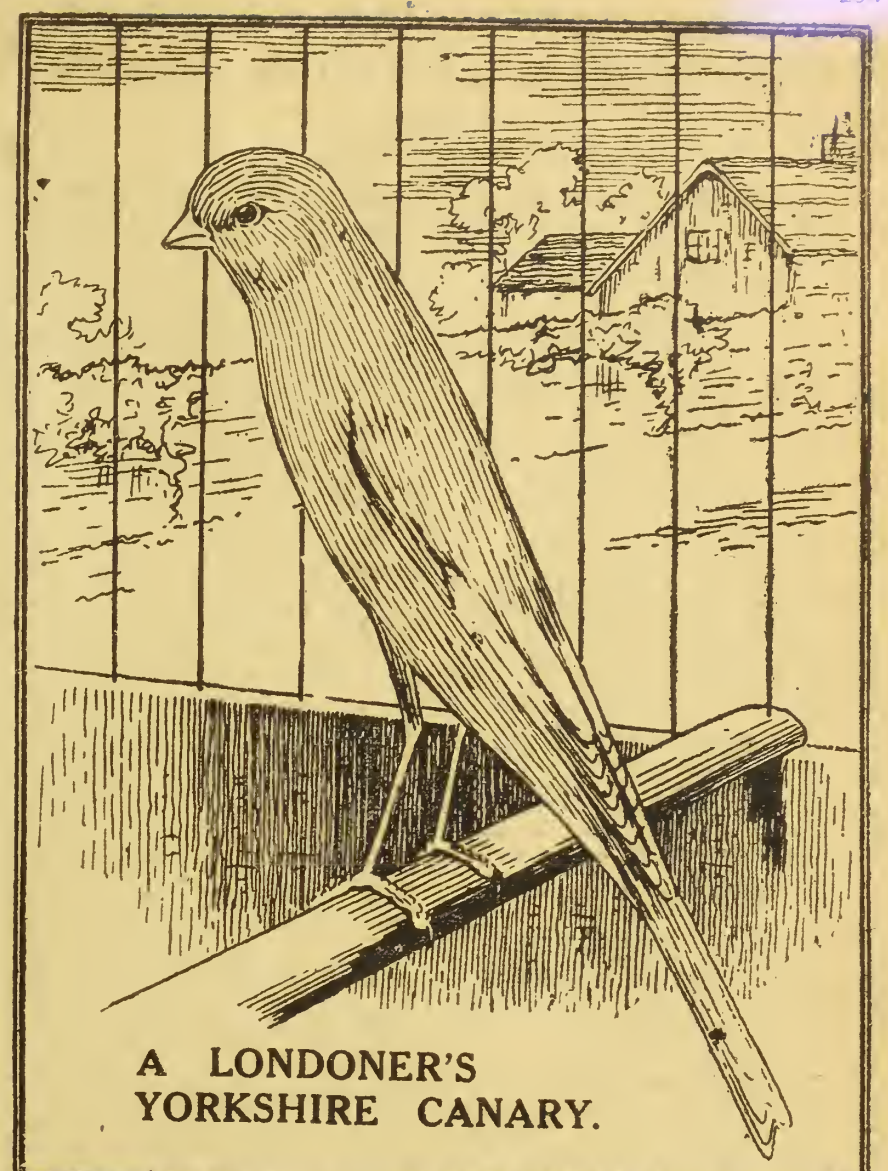
As the season advances, and the first rounds are well away, the weather will be getting warmer, and insect life is on the increase. War must be declared on the red mite, the chief enemy of the breeder. Strict cleanliness must be observed, for prevention is far better than cure, as one may find to his cost if the birds and cages become infested with this pest. They prey on the victim at night, and during the day they seek their hiding places, which are usually the ends of perches, and any slight crack or crevice in the cage. The nest itself is the happy hunting ground of the red mite.

Dealing with the Red Mite.

To check their ravages no half measures must be employed. Keating's powder, well dusted about the nest when setting the hen and changing nests is excellent. For the cage itself, a solution of camphor and methylated spirits is the best. Paint the mixture over the cracks and work it well in with a soft brush. Dip the ends of the perches into the solution and go over all the suspected places, such as the back of the cage behind the nest and all likely-looking places.

Be thorough in your methods; don't slip over it so that you can go to the pictures or football match. Your interest must be with your birds, and time spent in keeping them clean and comfortable is time well spent. This does not mean that you must always be cleaning and scraping and keeping your birds in a constant state of excitement and commotion: in this, as in all other things, there is reason. Just now (early March) is the time to overhaul your cages and give them all a good spring clean and the annual whitewashing or distempering, and see to all perches being made tight-fitting.

(To be continued.)



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FAVOURITE FOREIGN BIRDS.

By "TYRONE."

(Continued from page 133.)

Some practical hints upon the treatment of the more inexpensive of the many beautiful foreign birds which may be kept as pets.

Three Coloured Nun.
(*Munia malacca.*)

The Three Coloured Nun has a black head and neck, white breast, and brown back, wings and tail. It is a native of India, and, though it will not breed in the aviary, is a quiet, amiable, but, to my mind, a singularly uninteresting bird.

In my aviary the Nuns seemed to spend their whole day sitting quietly upon a perch, with an occasional visit to the seed pans or water fountain, but they showed no amusing or interesting little ways, and, as their claws grew with wonderful rapidity, and had to be constantly cut to prevent them getting entangled in the wires, their presence in the aviary was more of an anxiety than a pleasure.

They are all extremely hardy, and will thrive on canary and millet without any soft food, and, but for the trouble with their claws, do not seem likely to die of anything but old age.

The Two Coloured Nun.
(*Munia sinensis.*)

This is also an Indian bird, and resembles the preceding species in habits and colouring. It has not the white breast, but is chestnut brown, except the head and neck, which are black.

White Headed Nun.
(*Munia maja.*)

The White Headed Nun, or Maja Finch, has a creamy white head and neck, and the rest of the plumage is chestnut brown. Food and treatment the same as for the other Nuns.

Bronze Mannikin.
(*Spermestes cucullata.*)

The Bronze Mannikin is such a cheerful little bird in the aviary that he is a general favourite. He is a small bird, but thickset and sturdy. His breast is white, and head, shoulders, wings, and back are black, with a lovely metallic sheen. The cock and hen are alike.

In the aviary he is hardy, and does not require very elaborate food, and yet he always seems to be happy and in good health. He is very strong on the wing, and even in a small aviary it is almost impossible to catch him with the butterfly net.

Bronze Mannikins have nested in aviaries, but it is by no means usual. Though only a small bird the Bronze Mannikin is very plucky, and would be quite capable of defending his nest even from birds twice his size. In a cage with smaller birds he might develop into a bully. The cock has rather a pleasant little song.

Nutmeg Finch or Spice Bird.
(*Munia undulata.*)

This bird is imported every year from India in very large numbers, and consequently is easily obtained for a small sum. He is very hardy, and amiable with smaller birds, and so he deserves a place in the aviary, although he possesses neither brilliant colouring nor a sweet song. His song, in fact, is quite an amusing performance. He makes a great show of singing, and hardly a sound can be heard. Male and female are alike. Their food should be the same as the preceding species.

The Grey Singing Finch.
(*Crithagra musica.*)

When the beginner in bird-keeping has prepared his cage or aviary, and goes to the dealer's store cages to select the birds to occupy it, it is not likely that he will be attracted by the sober grey and fawn colouring of the grey singing Finch.

And yet, if he only knew it, he is passing over one of the most attractive of the smaller birds, and certainly one of the best songsters, as its name shows. Its notes are loud and clear, and very sweet, and the bird is also good tempered with others and fairly hardy, even wintering safely in a garden aviary when thoroughly acclimatised.

Just at first he is rather delicate, and requires a little extra care. The Grey Singing Finch occasionally breeds in a garden aviary, building an open nest, like a Canary, in a bush or nest box. Their food should be white and spray millet, canary and egg-food, or ants' eggs, with plenty of flowering grass and chickweed. They are fond of bathing, and should be supplied with shallow water, as all these little birds hesitate to enter water more than half-an-inch deep.

Green Singing Finch or St. Helena Seedeater.
(*Crithagra butyracca.*)

The Green Singing Finch is nearly as good a singer as his grey brother, and is about the same size. Its plumage, in different shades of green, is restful among the brighter colours, and has a beauty of its own when the bird is clean and bright after a moult in the aviary.

The hen is a trifle smaller and greyer than her mate, and frequently sings nearly as well, and as they are always very lively, chasing one another about the aviary all day long, a real pair is often mistaken for two cocks.

These birds are very hardy, and if turned out in June may safely be wintered in a garden aviary, where they will be bright and cheerful, even in the coldest weather. Like the Grey Singing Finch, they build an open nest in a bush or nest-box. Some people give them a bad character as egg stealers, so they should be carefully watched if they are in an aviary where more valuable birds are nesting.

They will require the same food as the grey singing Finch.

The Silverbill.
(*Munia cantans.*)

This is another hardy, cheap, and most attractive little bird, though it is not brilliantly coloured. Its plumage is in soft shades of fawn, the back darker than the breast, and the wings and sharply pointed tail darker than either. The beak is leaden grey or "silver."

The cock and hen are difficult to distinguish, but the head and beak of the cock are generally a little broader than those of the hen. As the cock sings a soft and pleasant little song, this is generally the safer test.

Silverbills are most affectionate little birds, and where several are kept they go about the aviary in a little flock during the day, and all crowd into the same nest-box at night, like Bengalese; therefore, if it is wished that they should nest, only one pair should be kept in the aviary during the summer. During the winter the little flock certainly help to keep each other warm at night.

The Silverbill requires the same food as the Singing Finches.

(*To be continued.*)

THE HEDGE-SPARROW.

A sober-plumaged but pretty British bird not often seen on the show bench. The bird in our picture won 1st Prize and Special at Bedford Show for its owner, Mr. A. Simons, Bedford.

The Essentials of Aviculture.

By J. W. N.

(Continued from page 121.)

A Series of comprehensive articles, embracing the proper management of all kinds of birds in captivity, their housing, feeding, general management and diseases, and the breeding of species, Mules and Hybrids.

FOOD even slightly tainted will produce inflammation, so care given to its preparation is time well spent. The diet can be slightly varied about the 6th or 7th days by adding a little soaked rape to it, but this is not necessary although proving very useful where the hen is not a satisfactory feeder.

When the young are a fortnight old a fresh nest can be substituted if the existing one is very soiled, and about the end of the third week they will be ready to leave it. About this time, too, the hen sometimes starts to pluck them to obtain the feathers preparatory to going to nest again In this case they should be quickly removed to a nursery cage hung in front of the breeding cage. Here the parents can feed them through the wires, but cannot injure them.

The only other trouble likely to occur is that the hen proves a bad feeder. Very often the presence of the cock in the cage is the exciting cause, and if the hen is seen calling to him and taking no notice of the young then her lord and master is much better out of sight and hearing. A variety of seeds and plenty of green food, combined with the saline bath, are usually all that is required to make the hen perform her maternal duties satisfactorily.

If none of the foregoing accidents happen the young will be out of the nest at about the 21st day, and will start pecking about for themselves about a week later. At first egg food should be supplied, and some soaked Canary seed. A little cracked hemp and dry Canary seed can gradually be added, but do not be in a hurry in getting the birds on to hard seed. Their internal organs have to adapt themselves to the changed conditions, and if this takes place too suddenly the loss of one or more of the brood will be the inevitable result.

As soon as they are able to crack seeds for themselves the young should be transferred to a flight cage, where the exercise will develop their frames and give them every chance of becoming well built healthy adults. The egg food can be gradually diminished, and when it has ceased bread and milk given once or twice a week will prove very beneficial.

This description of the breeding of Canaries will serve as a guide to those who wish to breed other birds in cages. Naturally the nests will differ, and the food altered in many cases, but the technique is the same.

In the aviary few difficulties will as a rule be met with. The more natural conditions under which the birds mate seem to eliminate these, the only one of any importance that calls for special vigilance is egg-binding, and unfortunately this takes place here as in the cage.

The breeding of Mules and Hybrids I have purposely omitted, to deal with separately as will be seen, but the education of the aviculturist is incomplete unless he has experimented with this interesting branch of bird keeping, for here he will find that all his experiences and failures will prove a very useful foundation on which to build his methods when dealing with the crossing of birds.

Before leaving the subject of Canary breeding I should like to caution enthusiastic amateurs against taking too many nests in the season. As a general rule two nests are quite sufficient, although in some cases, where the birds are healthy and eager to nest again, three might be permissible if the season is not too far advanced when the hen has finished with her second brood.

In a state of nature birds rarely mate with other than their own kind, but, when caged, crosses between different species can be obtained, and such birds are known as "Mules" and "Hybrids."

What is a "Mule"?

By long usage it has come to be understood in the bird-keeping world that the words Mule and Hybrid have distinct meanings. Strictly speaking, the word Mule is wrongly used in connection with bird breeding, for in its proper application it means the offspring of a horse and an ass. It has, however, so long been the custom to use the word as meaning the progeny of a Canary and a Finch, while a Hybrid is accepted as being a cross-bred bird neither of whose parents is a Canary, that the misuse of the word is likely always to continue.

In some cases it is open to debate whether the resulting plumage is an improvement on that of the parent birds, and one could hardly hope in all cases for this when one is dealing with a cross that is contrary to nature, but most cross-bred birds show a new blending of markings and colours which is distinctly pleasing.

It is principally for their powers of song, however, that these birds are treasured, and certainly the blending of the songs of two different species is usually a musical treat the enjoyment of which is enhanced by the knowledge that skilful breeding has produced a new grouping of harmonious sounds. As the "Mules" excel in this latter qualification I shall deal with them first.

Favourite Crosses.

The two crosses most frequently met with are the Goldfinch-Canary and the Linnet-Canary. It is the general custom for the female parent to be the Canary, and if size and shape of the Mules be points wished for, then the Norwich Canary is the most suitable. For amateurs, and those who do not wish to exhibit, the cross with a Roller Canary hen is the one recommended, as they are prolific breeders and good feeders, whilst the song of the young is of a very high order.

In pairing these birds the same rules must be observed as are found necessary for breeding birds of the same species. Where exhibition is intended the yellow Norwich hen should always be used, and the Finch carefully chosen. He should be as large as possible, of good proportion, and with markings distinct and well coloured.

In overcoming the difficulties involved in trespassing the laws of nature, the first point is that the health of both birds must leave nothing to be desired. The secret of success is in feeding as near to nature as possible in the case of the Finch, finding out his likes and dislikes and treating him accordingly.

The most useful food-medicine, and one the praises of which all Mule breeders unite in singing, is the young dandelion leaf, or, later on, the seeding heads. Every effort should be made to obtain these, as their value cannot be overestimated.

The cocks for Mule breeding should be obtained or chosen from stock in the autumn, and receive special treatment during the winter. If obtained young, and if they become quickly steady, it does not matter very much whether they are field or house moulted, as the former will usually have settled down by the following spring.

(*To be continued.*)

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The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. R. Blincoe, 169, Drake St., Rochdale.

Specials at Porth Show.

A Three Months' Delay.

Sir,—Kindly allow me a little space in your valuable paper, of which I have been a reader since its first number, to ask Messrs. Challenger, Legg, and Co. what has become of the special for best British bird at their show, also the prize cards? As I won the special, I am naturally interested. After failing to get a reply from Mr. Challenger, I wrote Mr. Legg, and this resulted in me getting a reply, saying "next week." So I have waited another month, which makes three months.

B. Robinson.

What is a Ticked Bird?

Do Away with Technical Points.

Sir,—There has been a lot to say as to when birds should be called ticked or marked, and to make it more easy to distinguish ticked from marked birds I should suggest a bird marked on any of its flights or tail feathers be called a marked bird, and a bird be called a ticked if it is ticked on both eyes, neck, or anywhere on the body, providing it is not marked on the wings or tail feathers. I should still stick to the even marked bird, eyes, wings, and tail, or eyes and wings. As to the classification, clears; not to show any dark underflue. Ticked birds; ticked anywhere, one eye or both eyes, or neck, rump, or head, providing there is no marking on wing flights or tail feathers. A bird to be called a marked bird if it be marked on one wing. An unevenly marked or variegated bird be one marked on wings, tail, and different parts of body. Foul marked bird; all dark, head, wings, and tail.

J. W. Fewster.

The Need for a National Tribunal.

Why the Cage Bird Union Failed.

Sir,—I note in one of your last week's letters that a correspondent advocates leaving Mr. Bastock's scheme of a national society to stand over till better times, and, while I quite agree so far as the final launching of the scheme is concerned, it seems to me that there is a great deal of preliminary work that might well be undertaken at the earliest possible moment. If we consider the principal causes of the failure of the late Cage Bird Union the importance of preparation work will be more fully realised.

One of the principal causes of this failure was the making of drastic rules with penalties which the Union had no power to enforce, and which were more inconvenient in some parts of the country than in others. For instance, the rule prohibiting showing under the Yorks Union rules while allowing their members to show at C.U. shows. This rule obviously but little affected most exhibitors who resided in the southern parts of the country, but strongly affected all who lived on the borders of Yorks., and caused no little criticism in this particular district. I hardly think this rule would ever have been instituted if delegates from the north had been given time to lay the matter before their societies.

This brings us to another weakness of a National Society that would require to be overcome, that is, the impossibility of finding suitable men with sufficient time on their hands to attend meetings with any frequency at considerable distances. The expedient of moving the meetings from town to town to give various members a chance was not successful; interest in the Union gradually dwindled away, and the rules were ignored with impunity by that class of fancier who can never understand that his individual interest for the time being should be subordinated to the general welfare.

So with a view of avoiding these and similar difficulties I would like to suggest a few of the things that might be done towards getting ready, and also with a view of stimulating discussion to offer a few ideas as to the lines on which such a national society should work.

First of all, would it not be possible to establish branches of the Union in all the principal towns to which all clubs in those districts might send delegates to discuss the affair from their local point of view? The branches later on could send their delegates to the main executive, but for the present each branch could be left to work up a Union for its own particular district, and might well be left to deal with purely local affairs permanently, so that the business of the head committee might be confined to matters of general principles or of wide importance to the fancy. This manner of working would keep up the interest locally, and not burden small societies with expensive railway fares and long journeys to keep in touch with things.

Then, again, it must be clearly understood that such a national society would have to move slowly at first, and carefully avoid making any rule that could not be enforced; they should remember, as one correspondent puts it this week, that societies can just as easily leave the Union as join it. The same applies to individuals with regard to their own particular club, and no society would be likely to risk losing members just to support the Union, particularly before it had really accomplished anything.

It would be better at first that such a Union should confine itself to attacking and criticising flagrant abuses, of which there are plenty, and to formulating an expression of opinion on matters of interest to the fancy generally, but leaving to the specialist clubs matters of detail which affected their variety only. For instance, in the discussion as to what constitutes a ticked bird in Norwich, the Union might well express their opinion that such a matter should be definitely settled, and could call upon the specialist societies involved to give their definition. It would be open for them to point out to the fancy generally anything they thought wrong, and to ask individuals to stand by them in boycotting any society, judge or person who refused to listen to reason.

If such a body were to move on these lines for some time, and were to be fair and just, and show that they were broadminded and well able to deal with any matter, they would in time acquire a great deal of power, and disputes would be voluntarily submitted to them, and many fanciers who at the present moment would insist on doing just as they choose in spite of anybody would hesitate to fly in the face of public opinion as expressed by a representative body of men who had the respect of the fancy generally.

Speaking of abuses, probably there is nothing so harmful to the fancy or discouraging to beginners as to have a generally accepted theory on which things are supposed to be done, and to carry it out differently in practice. This, in my opinion, is one of the most glaring abuses in the fancy to-day, and is done in quite a number of matters.

Take such a rule as appears on nearly every schedule, "Birds will be judged for purity of breed, etc." Does anyone who knows imagine this is generally carried out? On the contrary, we see at every show evidences of crossing that are palpable to anyone, and ugly monstrosities are sometimes put up because they have some one quality that appeals to one particular judge. Of course, I am not suggesting that no man should use a cross, but I do say that there ought to be no evidence of a cross in a specimen put down for exhibition, and when the absence of other equally valuable properties is ignored, the results are discouraging, particularly to those who have been attracted to that particular fancy by their admiration for a supposed ideal.

One could point out a good many other instances of this difference between theory and practice, but this will serve as an illustration, and a national society could by the mere expression of its opinion check such things considerably. It could even criticise any particular judge or any society who, in the opinion of its members, did not carry out its show matters in accordance with the schedule, and all this could be done without attempting to enforce its rulings by all sorts of penalties, which would only lead to rebellion on the part of individuals and the ultimate withdrawal of many clubs from the Union. On the other hand, when the Union had gained the confidence of the fancy generally, and had become firmly established, it would be able to deal firmly with abuses that refused to yield to milder treatment.

R. Blincoe.

The Castleford Linnet Club.

Is it Dead?

Sir,—As a member of the Castleford Club I would like to know if the club is broken up, or if it is possible to start it again. Some of the members have joined other clubs in the district, and they are helping to make them successful while their own is lying dormant. One of the Castleford members has won two years in succession a cup belonging to the club, and this year he cannot win it unless the club starts again. This, I contend, is not giving fair play, for if he could win it this year it would become his own property.

I am of an opinion that if they would arrange a meeting they could soon have the club going again; it only wants a little energy on some one's part to make a move. I have inquired of a few of the members, and they say they are ready to start again at any time. I trust this will meet some of the members' eyes and encourage them on a little.

A Member.

The Lanarkshire British Bird and Mule Club.

The Question of Standard Cages.

Sir,—Seeing that the above club are to have a meeting on Mar. 17, at 6, in Sloan's Restaurant, The Arcade, 100, Argyle Street, Glasgow, I think it is the duty of every British bird and Mule exhibitor who can possibly attend to do his best to be present.

Standard cages will be on view, and in my opinion this is a step in the right direction. There will also be other business very important to all in the fancy. I may say I am not a member of the club myself, as there will be a club started shortly in Glasgow, and I must give my spare time to the forming of it, but no matter how many clubs start we must be all unanimous in the fixing of the standard cage. By being present at the meeting fanciers will be showing at least that they are in sympathy with the Lanarkshire Club, and willing to help them in their endeavour to lift the British bird fancy to a higher standard.

Matthew Craig.

How to Grow Sunflower Seeds.

A Saving in the Seed Bill.

Sir,—Some time ago a reader asked for the best way to grow sunflowers for seed. As a working gardener and bird fancier I will give a few hints, as I think sunflower seed is quite equal to hemp for feeding purposes, and can be grown at home.

To grow large heads, a deeply dug, well manured soil and sunny position are essential. Dig and manure ground at once, and if you cannot get farmyard manure, put on a good dressing of fowl manure if you can get some.

About the end of March, or the first week in April, stretch a line across the site and put in two seeds at 1½ feet intervals. If you decide on more than one row, make the next rows 1½ feet from the last, and arrange the seeds so that they come between the two in the back rows, thus— : : : : : :

If you cannot spare separate ground, and have a flower border, dig holes at intervals at the back, put in some manure, and fill up, putting two seeds at each place, as they are quite ornamental when in bloom. If you have neither of these positions, they will form quite useful heads in any odd position, if they get a little sunshine.

When well up, pull up the weakest plant, leaving one in each position; these thinnings can be transplanted elsewhere if you have room.

Another plan, and the best to my mind, is to sow the seeds thinly at about the end of March in a box of good soil, and place in a sunny window. After the seeds are well up, give all the air possible to keep them sturdy, and harden off by standing under an outside wall for a week before planting out singly, which should be about the end of April. Whatever plan you adopt, water the plants well during dry weather, and give liquid manure occasionally.

When the seeds turn black, cut off the heads with about 3 inches of stem, and place them in a hot, dry place for a week or two, then shell out and lay them in a sunny position, safe from rain, until they ripen, which will be when they get quite hard; then store in a dry place.

If the plant stems are left standing they will break out again at the top, and you will get three or four more small heads of seed from each plant, but these should be used first, as they do not ripen properly. On no account cut the seed heads when they are wet, but choose a perfectly dry day, even if it means waiting a little longer. If readers adopt either of these plans they will be able to lay in a good stock of seed. H. Hood.

Our Prize Competition.

A Subject Suggested.

Sir,—Referring to your editorial offer in last week's Cage Birds of prizes for ideas, I think a little information from your numerous readers as to whether in Mule breeding it is better to pair the hen Canary with a cock Canary for first nest or wait till the finch is in breeding condition would be greatly appreciated by novices like myself. So far I have always found a difficulty in getting the hen to pair with the Goldfinch when I have let her run with a Canary for the first nest, especially if the cock has been in the same room when the hen has been transferred to the finch.

Novice.

Oxalic Acid for Killing Red-mite

A Difference of Opinion.

Sir,—I hope we are not taking up too much of your valuable paper on this subject, but I should like to reply to "Old Helpmate's" letter in Cage Birds of Mar. 3.

I have never found oxalic acid make lime-wash boil, and to experiment I have just mixed a small half-bucket of lime-wash, and added a breakfastcupful of dissolved oxalic acid, and it made no difference; it did not even take the chill off. If you put some in water with washing soda it will boil.

I once thought I would like to make the wash a bit blue, so I dropped a bag of blue into a jug with some dissolved oxalic acid in, and it boiled and fizzed terrifically. Dissolved alum added to lime will also make it boil. When redoing cages, if you use dissolved oxalic acid by itself with a soft brush for levelling the old lime-wash down, it makes it froth. These things I know, for I have tried them.

When I first used oxalic acid I said to my wife and a brother fancier that I would kill the red mite or the birds. The red mite is killed, and the birds that were living then are living now, and are in good condition. To prove it, look at the report of Sale Show in Cage Birds, Feb. 24, Yorks Yellow, also Manchester Joint Club Show, Feb. 10, and Openshaw and Gorton C.B.S., published Feb. 3rd. I live in the midst of chemical works and iron works, and I have been breeding four years, and my birds have never had green food. I am only a novice still, but rather an old one. Theory does not always work out right. What does Mr. Clayton say?

G. J. Beddall.

A Linnet Tamed in a Day.

Sir,—I think it would be interesting to you to know how a fresh, very unsteady Linnet was quieted in one day. I bought the bird at a bird shop, where it was in a large flight wildly flying backwards and forwards. I noticed his breast ruddy, and knew it for a fresh caught bird. However, I bought him and placed him in a tiny cage, next to a breeding cage of Canaries, in our living room. He seemed very miserable, first hopping and struggling and fluttering against the wires, and on any notice being taken he would immediately settle on the floor of the cage, so as not to be seen.

It rather worried me, as I love birds to be happy. "Poor little thing," I remarked to my little daughter, "he does so want to be out." "Do let him, mamma," she kept on saying, so at last, to please her, I placed the cage on the table and opened the door. Out he flew, round and round the room, and at last settled on the top of the curtains. We sat very still and took no notice, and presently he dashed at the windows, and, finding no foothold, flew on to a sewing machine standing in the window. The sun poured on to him (we have had a little sun here, notwithstanding the frost, especially at Mitcham), and in a moment he shook himself and commenced his chattering, giving some beautiful clear notes. He was happy, so I allowed him to remain as long as he cared, and was rewarded by his sweet song.

After about an hour he flew back to his cage for a feed, came out for another hop round and sing, and finally went in for good. Although I did not trouble to close the door, he did not want to be out again. I left him nearly three hours like this, and finally closed the door, as it was getting dusk.

Next morning, on opening the door of the cage, he did not fly out for a little time, and then just gently on to the open door, then to the top of his cage and near about, giving vent to his satisfaction by a series of sweet notes.

I am very keen on birds, but, unfortunately, owing to the war, I have been obliged to give them up for a time, as I have been nursing, but I am pleased to say I am able to start again. Cage Birds has always helped me, and I take it regularly. I have been very successful in the breeding season.

(Mrs.) L. Thompson.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 155).

A New Roller Canary Club for London.

A Roller Canary Club, affiliated to the British Roller Canary Club, for Roller Fanciers in London and District, is about to be formed. A meeting is being arranged, the time and place of which will be duly announced. Interested fanciers please write for particulars. This is a preliminary notification. A full and complete statement will be issued as quickly as possible.

J. Aspinal.

50A, Dagnan Road, Balham, S.W. 12.

The Disqualified Hawfinch at Bristol.

Mr. Birch was Not Consulted.

Sir,—I had decided not to write on this matter again, owing to the very personal remark with which Mr. Andrews closed his last letter. Such remarks may be thought clever, but they are not gentlemanly, and do not promote good feeling.

Mr. Johnson should be sure of his facts before he joins in discussions. No one has said Mr. Birch was consulted by me, and I certainly deny the insinuation that he was asked his opinion. Mr. Birch was at Bristol; he saw the bare skin as I saw it. Anyone, pigeon judge or not, with good eyesight, could see what I saw, and what I know Mr. Birch saw.

C. A. House.

Cage Making for Discharged Soldiers.

Some Practical Hints Desired.

Sir,—As a bird lover I note with pleasure that you are again offering in Cage Birds a weekly prize of 10s. for the best letter on bird lore which appears in its columns. Competition is at all times the best means of bringing out ideas which, perhaps for lack of a stimulus, often lie dormant, and all genuine bird lovers welcome any information which tends to the well-being and happiness of their pets.

In some of the back numbers of Cage Birds articles appeared on the capture of the Canary trade from our enemies, the Huns, and it was suggested that many of our wounded soldiers might take up the breeding and training of these birds as a source of income.

This is a splendid idea, especially if they could be taught the kindred trade of cage-making. Cages, like the birds, have hitherto been in many cases made in Germany, and it is time that everything German was wiped out in this country. Many of our Tommies are extremely handy, and with a few hints and designs from your practical readers could soon learn to make the cages and supply them with the birds they breed. At the same time this would afford them a means of livelihood in the off season.

(Mrs.) M. A. Sikes.

The Posting of Schedules and Catalogues.

To Facilitate Receipt of Catalogues.

Sir,—A couple of months ago I had intended writing and giving a suggestion about the sending of show catalogues. This season has been particularly bad. I do not know whether to blame the show secretaries or the Postal Authorities. In every case I had received my birds back before the catalogue came. Sometimes it was two days late, sometimes more, and several times I had to write and ask why it had not been posted. Showing loses a lot of its glamour in this way.

I would suggest that this season the catalogues are placed by the stewards at the time of packing in the hampers or boxes of those exhibitors who have ordered them. A red gummed label bearing the word "Catalogue" could be sent out with the numbers and labels and affixed by the exhibitor inside his box.

Now for the schedules. Up to the present the exhibitor has been in the habit of sending a penny extra for his catalogue to be posted to him, whether he gets it or not, according to luck. This time the exhibitor could send a penny stamp when applying for a schedule, and I would suggest the schedule being put into an envelope and posted as a letter. I think, too, in the long run it would save the secretaries a lot of trouble, as it must be simpler to put a catalogue into a box and a schedule into an envelope than to enclose catalogues and schedules in wrappers with two lots of stamping and addressing.

Of course, these are only roughly worked out ideas of mine, and no doubt other readers will think of better solutions. If they can I hope they will let us all have the benefit of them through the medium of Cage Birds.

W. F. Lloyd James.

The Wanderings of a Starling.

A Ringed Bird Identified.

Sir,—I am much obliged for your letter of March 2nd, drawing my attention to the letter in Cage Birds reporting the capture of a ringed Starling at Redruth. This bird was originally marked as a nestling with ring 41085 on June 20th, 1913, at Bradfield, near Reading. It was again caught at the same place on Feb. 8th, 1915, and the ring replaced by No. 83837.

H. F. Witherby.

Early Roller Canaries.

Two Nests Already from One Hen.

Sir,—I have three young Canaries, hatched Jan. 26, and the mother of the three has just hatched four more out on March 7, and they are all doing well. I have two more sitting, their time being up on March 14, and each of these are on three eggs. These are English bred Rollers; the cock birds are ten months old, and brothers, and the hens are two years old this spring.

Mr. J. Lovatt.

The Value of Milk in Colour Feeding.

Sir,—I am sending a few lines on colour feeding which I hope will be of some use to brother fanciers. During the last two years I have had some remarkably high coloured birds, and my methods have been as follows: I start giving my young birds the feed when they are seven weeks old; first of all soaking the bread or biscuits, whichever I am using, in hot milk. Then I squeeze it nearly dry and add the colour feed and a little sugar. I use all cold feed, no hot, and I start on half the quantity of colour feed for about a week or ten days; then I gradually get them on to full strength, and I find this has a remarkable effect in bringing the colour through. Milk is a fine thing for anything; it keeps birds in good health and vigour, and they will always eagerly take it. I give them also a small piece of sulphate of iron in their water once a week.

A. J. Abel.

An Appreciation of the Correspondence Columns.

Can Colour Feeding be Dispensed With?

Sir,—I was pleased to find you are again opening out your correspondence on birdy subjects. As a reader of Cage Birds for the last four years, I consider that the last competition formed one of the most attractive features of your valuable paper. But I do think we novices are apt to take the kindly advice and information we gather from your correspondents on the management of our stock as our just reward, without any word of encouragement to the writers to show our appreciation of their kindly act. It is this feeling, though feebly expressed, that prompts me to write these few lines.

I am looking forward to the seasonable hints to be given by Mr. Morse, as I consider it a very timely subject, and I am sure there are many working fanciers who will be pleased to learn the art of reducing the cost of the seed bill during the period of excessive prices. I have often thought when in the country that there must be food of a valuable nature amongst the wild plants. We often hear of certain plants such as plaintain, shepherd's purse, knap weed, and the like being valuable for birds, but unless the novice is able to recognise these when he sees them, it is a waste of time to give him names only. That is where the descriptive article of Mr. Morse will be so helpful.

I remember in the latter part of last summer being in the country, and while walking down by the water side casually coming across a cluster of dark things on the end of a long stem. I plucked one to find in the pod a lot of nice ripe seed. It was some time before I learned it was a plant commonly called hard heads, and I can assure you I did not return without gathering some for my birds.

One other matter I should like to speak of, that is, the colour feeding of our birds. On all sides we are asked to economise. The working man fancier finds certain seeds necessary to the welfare of his birds, and the cost is treble what it was in pre-war days. Why then this rage for colour feeding birds for the show bench, apart from the unnecessary expense and labour to make them appear what they are not? We see so much which is unreal and unnatural in life that to see our cage pets made the unconscious victims of the same process brings me no sense of pleasure. The Border Fancy, in its natural colour, is a thing of beauty, and evidently gives satisfaction; why not the other varieties of Canaries? At any rate, to see colour feeding dispensed with during the present strenuous times is the wish of your humble servant.

John Paris.

The Scotch Fancy Canary.

Can it be Made More Popular?

Sir,—If Mr. Dix had read my letter more carefully he would have saved me writing, as I had intended not to trouble you again. What I said was that one never saw Scotch Fancies that were *not* good enough to exhibit, the word not making such a difference. I am not so foolish as to expect any man to sell his exhibition birds at 15s. each, but, as I said, all Scotch Fancies are not bred to that standard, and surely the breeders do not expect top prices for the culls, which would be good enough to breed decent songsters from.

If I fancied such a bird as the one drawn by Mr. Norman from the sketch of Mr. Dix I should expect to pay ten times such a sum for it, but what would Mr. Dix have called such a bird, say, thirty years ago?

I believe there are still a few breeders of the true "bird of circle," and though they know it would be useless to show the same now they still stick to the old stock. Perhaps some of them will send a sketch so that we can see what a difference there is between the old and the new.

Yes, Mr. Dix, that little word "if" of yours is the real trouble. If we could all find the money we could then afford good stock birds. I did not enter this discussion with a view to getting valuable birds for almost nothing, as Mr. Dix seems to think, but solely for the purpose of helping to make the Scotch Fancy Canary more popular, if possible. I am always ready to pay full value for anything I buy through Cage Birds. Several of the best breeders of Yorkshires have supplied me several times, and I am pleased to say that when told what I wanted and the price I wished to pay they have all treated me well, and only once have I made use of the deposit system, in about ten years of dealing with readers of Cage Birds. Before then I had not heard of such a journal, but had a poultry and cage bird paper instead. I need hardly say that since then I have never missed a copy. I have little time for writing, so this, I trust, will be my last letter, but I hope others better fitted for such work may help in making the Scotch Fancy more popular.

Bird Fancier's Son.

The Federation of Roller Canary Clubs.

The Federation and Outstanding Clubs.

Sir,—Mr. Hill has put forward a splendid suggestion re submitting the "drastic" rule to all the newly Federated clubs. I welcome this, and am fully prepared to loyally abide by the decision. Is he prepared to do the same? For his benefit, I had better say a crowded meeting sanctioned the rule at Leeds.

The "liberty of action and British freedom" from one who was "against the reform being taken out of the hands of the British Roller Club" sounds exceedingly strange to one with an intimate knowledge of Roller affairs. Probably Mr. Hill would care to answer the question put to Mr. Willows re the ruling committee of the British Roller Club.

I must point out, too, that the Federation stands for no clique, but the majority of the clubs in the British Isles. The two outstanding clubs would not even condescend to discuss the question of Federation. I myself wrote a letter to Mr. Norris twelve months ago, practically begging for this question to be discussed, even if his club did not federate, but the only reply I ever noticed was one in Cage Birds, "wherein further secessions would be notified as they occurred."

In conclusion, I ask the Federated members in discussing this "drastic" rule to remember they are now a powerful body, each individual about to use a vote he did not possess under the old regime; be true to yourselves, and protect your rights as Britishers, and since you have been asked to declare for "Liberty" and "British Freedom," declare for it right manfully, and your answer is certain.

A. Montague.

Running with the Hare, Hunting with the Hounds.

Sir,—Please grant me the privilege of saying a few words in reply to Mr. H. G. Hill's letter on the Federation of Roller Canary Clubs. He states that he is a member of the Birmingham club, which has decided by a majority of its members to become affiliated to the Federation, and to abide by the Federation rules, and also says he is a member of the Midland R.C.C., which ignores the Federation entirely. How thus can Mr. Hill honestly remain a member of both clubs?

Does he want to uphold the Federation with one hand, and try to pull it down with the other. The Federation is too strong to be influenced by one club, and I am afraid Mr. Hill will have to choose one way or the other; he cannot have both the toffee and the halfpenny.

I consider the rule to which he refers a good one, but perhaps Mr. Hill forgets what action the Midland and the British Roller Canary Club have taken of late years. Have they not debarred all birds out of their young bird classes that were not rung with the B.R.C.C. rings? I can tell Mr. Hill of one club in particular that decided to allow birds to be exhibited with either B.R.C.C. or P.R.C.C. rings, but the B.R.C.C. refused its patronage unless the young bird classes were confined to birds wearing B.R.C.C. rings. Some of the members of the said club were also members of the B.R.C.C., but I suppose they were of no account. I did not hear much whining about it in this part of the country anyway, but it appears directly some other people get a touch with the same brush they begin to cry out. I only hope that the rule will be allowed to stand, and I appeal to all federated members to vote in favour of its standing.

R. Barnett.

The Position of the Midland R.C.C.

Sir,—Mr. Montague practically admits that what I said in my last letter was substantially correct, but in doing so introduces a few remarks to which I should like to reply with your kind permission.

The first is that if I write from now until the crack of doom I should be unable to get round the fact that the said rule is not in operation until next show season.

I will try to prove to all impartial fanciers that the rule is in operation now, although there are no shows at which the Federation can openly use the boycott. I received a private letter from the Secretary of one of the clubs soon after they joined the Federation, in which the following passage occurs: "The feeling of members seemed to be they would only be able to show at three shows if they remained loyal to the British Roller Canary Club." Another club wrote to our Secretary, asking us for our support at their show, and said that they had been threatened with a boycott, and asked us to help them all we could, so that their show would not be a failure. I may say our members did give them a good entry, but since then I notice they have joined the Federation.

Of course both these clubs have a perfect right to join the Federation if they wish, but does it not show that the rule is in operation now? As Mr. Tomlinson said in his article, they are being lashed into it through fear of the boycott next show season.

I may here say that there will be more than two shows held next season—not under Federation rules (that is if the exigencies of the war permit), and fanciers using B.R.C.C. or Midland rings will get a good run for their money.

I must draw Mr. Montague's notice to the fact that he used the word "We," meaning the Federation, and not to mean the Leeds club. Surely he does not want us to believe that the Federation now means the Leeds club only?

It is astounding that in his first letter he was so proud to write as a free lance, having resigned from this Leeds club, which, of course, meant resigning from the Federation also, and in your report to-day under club reports he asks for his resignation to be withdrawn. It looks uncommonly like a planned job, for which there certainly was no need, surely a man can defend his club or federation without first resigning.

Lastly, Mr. Montague declines to answer my last paragraph re the British Roller Canary Club. He knows he cannot, because what I said was correct, the Federation members wish to oust the B.R.C.C. from its position as the premier club, and take the management themselves, and are prepared to go to the length of a boycott to obtain their ends.

I was pleased to see Mr. H. G. Hill's very sensible letter in Cage Birds of March 10. He for one does not intend to be tied down by what a handful of delegates may do or say. I admire him for his pluck in saying so, and hope other high minded fanciers will stand with him in demanding their right to show where they wish. All such fanciers will be given a hearty welcome in the Midland Roller Club, unfederated and free. Once more I thank you for the use of your columns.

J. H. Willows.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 156.)

A Club for Tonypandy.

Sir,—I have been approached on the possibility of forming a Canary club for Tonypandy, to include Clydach-Vale, Llwynypia, and Trealaw, making Tonypandy the centre. Fanciers interested, and intending to become members, will oblige by sending me their names and addresses, or call and see me, and I will do my best to get a meeting together at the earliest date.

W. R. Williams.

57, Brooks Street,
Williamstown, Penygraig.

The Song of Hen Birds.

And Standard Cages for British Birds.

Sir,—I have been a very interested reader of your valuable paper, Cage Birds, while in Flanders, and I now take the pleasure of writing you a few lines dealing on the correspondence page of Feb. 24 issue. As I have shifted from hospital to hospital, I have unfortunately lost all the issues sent me, and am anxiously waiting this week's to arrive.

The first question asked is whether one can be deceived by the song of the hen Linnet in captivity. I certainly say Yes, for I was, and very much so, as I tried to obtain hybrids from the supposed cock Linnet and a hen Goldie. It was only the singing that made me pair the Linnet to the hen Goldie, for it was a very small, insignificant looking creature, and yet had a song that could beat some of my cock birds into fits. It was just one of the freaks that is palmed on us by Nature.

I was pleased to see from the report of the sec. of Lanarkshire British Specialist Club that we have at last something concrete to stand upon in the way of cages for British birds. It used to give a fellow the *pip* to see some of the fantastic shapes and sizes of cages used to exhibit that lovable little finch, the Redpoll. I hope all this is past now, and when one goes to the shows his eye will be at once attracted by the neatness of the cages and exhibits.

Goldie-Canary.

The New Bell Glucke.

Bell Gluckes, Water Gluckes, and Hollow Gluckes.

Sir,—With your usual kind permission I should like to say a little more about this tour, for I have reason to know that there are others besides experienced Roller fanciers watching this correspondence, fanciers joining our hobby, and others not so well versed in the song tours. Others are asking why the divergency in our views of certain tours, and to such an explanation is due.

There is, or should be, no two opinions in defining a clear or distinct rendering of any tour or roll. To draw a comparison everyone must have noted differences in the human voices; some people are clear and distinct, and there is no misunderstanding what they are saying; others will not be plain; in fact, what one might call a mutterer.

Such mutterers will be found in our birds. Whilst they will sing some of the song passages clearly and distinctly, one or more of the others may be neither one thing nor the other. It is well known that some persons are more observant than others. They heed little details that would pass by a less observant person unnoticed.

In reply to Messrs. Willows and Montague on the new Bell Glucke Tour, I admit at the outset that I am not infallible. I may have made errors, but they have been committed unwittingly. It is not very encouraging after writing and describing that Bell Glucke in an article for these two gentlemen to opine it is either a Water Glucks or Hollow Glucke.

In conveying my respects to them, and the respect due to their opinions, I must say emphatically that the tour I described, and that I have judged and given points for, is neither the Water nor the Hollow Glucke, but a Bell Glucke. It is a double tour, and one of the component parts (if I may use the word) is a Bell note, sung in a more or less distinctive manner. The lower tour of the two is the Hollow (bass), or dry Glucke. These names are used in different parts of the country to distinguish the Hollow from the Water Glucke. They would, amongst experienced fanciers, also be used to describe the various shades of voice tones as sung by any particular bird.

This Hollow Glucke portion of the Bell Glucke is generally sung more quickly than the slower beat of the "old time" Hollow Glucke tour that I was acquainted with. I say acquainted with advisedly, for the Hollow Glucke I knew, and have owned for a matter of eight years, has been the more slowly delivered one; to draw a comparison, say, in the time of a set of flute notes.

The quick delivery of the Hollow Glucke in this new Bell Glucke does, in a small measure, feature somewhat the "old time" Hollow Water Glucke, yet to an acute and experienced ear there is a difference. The beat or downward "thump" of the voice in the "old" Hollow Water Glucke was not so deep as this Hollow Glucke of the Bell Glucke. Further, it was timed more quickly; again there was, and is to this day, a watery intonation prolonged throughout the Water Glucke, and this watery intonation is lacking entirely from the Hollow Glucke of the Bell Glucke component.

I do not know whether Mr. Willows forgets that all the birds coming from the breeder's room in which the tour originated do not sing a Bell Glucke. Just one case in point to substantiate this. I have had to hear, at my own leisure, a cock bred in 1915, direct from these rooms. This bird did not sing a Bell Glucke, but brought Glucke Roll, and the quickly delivered Hollow Glucke, without any trace of Water or Bell.

I have to-day, among birds that I have bred, a hen that sings the slow type of Hollow Glucke, a cock with a distinct Water Glucke, and, in addition, the quick delivery of the Hollow Glucke. Two more cocks, Bell Glucke, bred on both sides, singing Water Glucke, also this quickly timed Hollow Glucke, yet there is a distinct metallic ring running through the tour

Crossing one type of singer, Hollow and Water Glucke, and influence from the Glucke of the Bell Glucke, is responsible for the first named cock; while influence from a Hollow and Water Glucke singer has led to the Bell of the Bell Glucke being so much nullified that it now exists only as a metallic ring.

I should add that these birds never heard a Bell Glucke singer, yet they began to produce a Bell Glucke so soon as they commenced to sing.

I make these statements, not in the way of free advertising, for I have nothing to sell, but to show that I am, I think, quite capable of discriminating between the Water, Hollow, and Bell Glucke. Further, if any of those interested care to call here they can see and hear the birds for themselves.

It might be of interest to our fanciers who are lovers of the Brown Linnet to know that I have had four fierce singing Linnets in company with these Rollers for the past two months, and there is no trace of the Linnet's song in the Rollers. But there is a time for all things, and as the Roller is imitative it would probably not be wise to keep Linnets with Rollers while the latter are under tuition.

Referring again to the Bell Glucke, I would like to refresh Mr. Willows' memory that even when "the musical Bell Glucke we all knew was given points on the judging standard," it was not then without its fault. I said to the Chairman whilst the meeting was in progress at which the tour was voted to the standard, that if the good tour is to receive points, then a space should be provided to penalise the faulty rendering.

I quite agree that a well delivered Bell Glucke is a lovely tour, that is, to anyone who cares for variety, and one of the best I heard was in Mr. Willows' room. Since then I have often wondered whether Mr. Willows was "pulling our legs," or that he actually did not know when the second member of our little party of three, who was, and is still, a Wolverhampton member, asked on hearing this tour, "Whose Glucke is that?" to which Mr. Willows replied, "I don't know whose Glucke it is," and I told them, so innocently, that it was a Bell Glucke.

This was prior to its being put on the standard, and the tour so captivated our second member that he commenced negotiations for the bird.

In spite of this good rendering its propensity to fault has been such that I have advised novices to beware of the tour. For which I have been lashed, and it has come to my knowledge that some are not overpleased that I do not find more Glucke Roll birds on the bench. Yet whether it pleases or displeases, in honesty of purpose I am not wittingly going to give points for this Roll to one that has a distinct water intone, which, in my opinion, constitutes a Water Roll, whereas a Glucke Roll is, and should be, dry.

With regard to my being baited at Wolverhampton, Mr. Montague can take my word that such was not the case. A Wolverhampton member casually made the remark, "The Federation have passed a rule so and so," to which I briefly replied, and said that I deprecated it; no more, no less, passed between us; with three classes, totalling 140 birds, there is no time for gossip.

Mr. Montague is, I know, a young and well meaning fancier, but like youth in many other respects, is inclined in the "drastic rule" to make haste too quickly, and now that we get his version of that rule, I wish to withdraw candidly my term of a "drastic rule." For it is one no longer, as fanciers can ring with two rings, and in the event of one of these ring being inconvenient they can cut it off. Mr. Montague can take it from me also that when a judge calls this Bell Glucke a Water Glucke, or as in Mr. Willows' opinion, a Hollow Glucke, that judge is up against something when he meets the bird that brings a clear Water Glucke, or a Hollow Glucke without any trace of the Bell, in addition to this Bell Glucke I have described.

J. Tomlinson.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN

AILING CANARY.

R. C.—The bird is doubtless suffering from a chill which has upset the digestive organs. See that it is not exposed to cold direct draughts, and if kept in a room, such as a kitchen, where the fire goes out at night, where the difference between day and night temperature is often extreme, cover the cage over before retiring at night and remove the cover next morning. Keep in a fairly warm place, but whatever the heat let it be as equable as you can manage it. Every second day for a fortnight, in addition to the staple seed diet, give a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days give either a morsel of banana, boiled carrot, or sweet apple, giving preference to them in the order named. For three consecutive days add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and after this give four drops of dilute sulphuric acid and six of tincture of gentian every second day for a fortnight. If bird is not quite recovered in a fortnight or so, please write again, repeating particulars, and I will advise you further if necessary.

MORE DETAILS.

New Reader.—(1) The distance of the cage from the window, whilst mitigating direct draughts, will not remove the effect of such sudden fluctuations of temperature as we have had of late, but your arrangements should be sufficient to attain the desired object. If you cover the side next the window and the ends when the bird settles down to roost, and the other side before retiring at night, it should be quite sufficient for all ordinary times. (2) Your interpretation of advice respecting the diet is quite correct. (3) Your method of scalding the rape will do very well, though ten or fifteen minutes would be all the better to allow it to remain in the water, and there is no necessity to dry the seed in an oven afterwards. Empty it from the sieve on to a folded towel, spread out a little, turn end of towel over it and gently pat it to dry off the superfluous moisture, then you may give it at once without any further drying. The seed sent is a nice sample of summer rape. (4) I never had the least difficulty in getting the ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine either locally or at any of the great Loudon stores, but if you find any difficulty in doing so, you may safely use the ordinary citrate of iron and quinine as a substitute. (5) Your interpretation of the advice re giving the medicine is also quite correct. (6) As you cannot easily alter the proportions of the seed mixture in the bulk I would suggest that you flick out most or all of the grains of linseed each time you are giving the mixed seed. This would be a comparatively trifling matter, and the millet could remain as it is.

HEN CANARY AILING.

W. E.—The bird has doubtless fallen a victim to the severe climatic conditions of late, though you might carefully examine the claws to see if any injury to them is the cause of her not being able to perch. Keep her caged alone for the present and in a quite warm place, but see that she is protected from cold direct draughts, and let the warmth, whatever the degree, be as equable as possible. If there is likely to be any very serious drop in the temperature of the place where she is kept during the night, throw a cover over the cage before retiring at night, and remove it in the morning, until the bird is quite recovered. Although a fair amount of heat will do most good, you need not overdo this to an extreme. As staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and in addition to this give separately every second day a piece of stale bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and also a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle and broken groats, and on the alterate days give half a teaspoonful of scalded summer rape and a morsel of either banana, boiled carrot, or sweet apple, giving preference to the last three in the order named. In the drinking water, for three consecutive days and every second day for the rest of the first week, add 6 drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and after this give instead 20 drops of Chemical Food in the water two days in every three for a fortnight.

GOING BARE POUND NECK.

H. M.—It is quite possible that the unusual coldness of present season may be responsible for the bareness, in which case it would probably remedy itself as soon as the weather becomes more mild and settled, but otherwise it is doubtful if it will disappear before next moulting season. First of all examine the cage carefully to see if there are any red mites pestering the bird, and if you find any take the necessary steps to eliminate them. Keep the bird in a fairly warm place, but let it be as equable as you can manage it, and you need not overdo the heat; so long as it is quite off the chilly side it will suffice. Every second day for a fortnight or so, in addition to the staple seed diet give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and then sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana or boiled carrot, and add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. Allow the bird to bathe freely in mild weather, and if there is any great area of bare skin you might well mix 20 drops of glacial acetic acid in a teaspoonful of glycerine and slightly moisten the bare place with a small camel-hair brush or the tip of a small feather dipped in this mixture. If you cannot procure glycerine you may substitute an equal quantity of quince mucilage, which any chemist will doubtless be able to supply.

MATING WHEN MOULTING.

Constant Reader.—Most emphatically; it is not only advisable, but quite essential, not to pair birds whilst they are moulting nor until the plumage is fully grown again. To do otherwise is simply to court failure. The moulting of your birds is undoubtedly caused by extreme fluctuations of temperature, either from the position in which they are kept or the unusually severe weather we have had this season, or it may possibly be due to a damp situation. In either case you should remove any or all of these exciting causes of the condition as a preliminary step towards treatment. See that the birds are kept in a fairly comfortable temperature, which need not necessarily be overheated, but should be as free as possible from rapid extremes of heat and cold and from direct cold draughts. Then, in addition to the staple diet of canary and summer rape, give every third day a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the intervening days give first half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats, and next a morsel of banana or boiled carrot. In the drinking water, every second day, add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel. Continue this treatment until the feathers have quite ceased dropping, and do not mate the birds until three weeks later at earliest.

AN OCTAVE OF QUESTIONS.

F. W. M.—(1) Yes, your staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape is quite correct. All other seeds are best given separately—kinds and quantities as you will frequently see advised in these replies. (2) What you term a double breeding cage seems to be really a three-compartment cage. It is correct to keep the cock in the centre compartment, and there is no necessity to replace the wire divisions with wooden ones at this season, when the wire ones are most appropriate, to enable the birds to get on friendly terms before being run together. If both hens are equally forward when the season arrives for mating, you should run the cock with both concurrently—that is, change him from one to the other at mid-day each day, and when they have gone to nest confine him to the centre again, leaving the hens to hatch and rear the young by themselves. (3) You would find full details for feeding up for breeding in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," or see replies to "Leader" and "A Beginner (1)" in last issue. Begin to feed the cocks at once, and the hens a week later, and if in a normally healthy condition they should be quite ready for mating about the first week in April. (4) Yes, taken all round it is a decided advantage to remove the first three eggs of a clutch, replace them with dummies, and return them on the evening of the third day, so that all may start incubation about the same time, and reduce the variation in the ages of the brood to a minimum. (5) There is no real necessity to rest the cock after he has put one hen to nest before mating him with another hen. You may be guided entirely by the condition of the hens, and, of course, the cock himself. So long as the latter is in apparently good sound health and active, if the other hen it is intended to mate him with is in a forward condition and ready to start nesting when the one has completed her clutch of eggs, he may be mated again at once. On the other hand, if she is not very forward it will do no harm in any case to allow him to rest a few days whilst she is being fed up a little. (6) Yes, the hen should be left to hatch and rear the young by herself, and the cock kept separate by the slide until the young are about a fortnight old, or if the hen does not show signs of commencing to nest again, it would be best to keep him separate until the young are able to leave the nest, or at least sufficiently fledged to be placed in a nursery if it should be found advisable. (7) I take it yours is a three-compartment cage, in which case the slides should, of course, be on both sides, the cock in the centre compartment, when both hens are sitting. Whether you use wood or wire slides may depend upon the character and disposition of the birds. Some cocks in high condition would exhaust all their blandishments to tempt the hens to leave the nests and gossip at the wire slide, or start nesting over again, and whilst some hens are sufficiently absorbed in their maternal duties to ignore the temptation, others are not; therefore it is best to use the wire or wood slides according to the necessities of each particular case.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Gallye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Romsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4.

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QUERIES ANSWERED.

(Continued from page 157.)

(8) This query is not very clear. You do not mention the age of the cock nor your object in wishing to mate him with a Roller hen. If song is your chief object, then the young from a Roller hen would undoubtedly be a good improvement upon the pure Norwich, but if size, colour, and fancy points is the main object, then you would certainly lose by mating with a Roller hen. It is rather too early to mate yet. The end of this month or beginning of April is the best time.

BREEDING QUERIES.

L. C. B.—(1) Almost any of the well-known brands of egg food substitutes put up by good firms may be used quite successfully for the rearing of young broods. Many are certainly "good and reliable," but whether they are perfect substitutes in being quite as good as the orthodox food is a matter of opinion. Personally, I consider the freshly prepared food has too many advantages to be discarded lightly when times are normal. I should imagine you would be quite safe in relying upon the food you name first, which is very good. (2) No hard and fast rule can be made as to the number of hens which may be run with one cock to ensure fertility of the eggs when the birds are flying loose in an aviary. But about four is the limit I should care to risk in a general way. I certainly would not advise you to run nine hens with one cock. A much safer plan would be to run two cocks with ten hens, thus making up a dozen head of breeding stock. Assuming you can use only the one cock, then I would not advise you to exceed five hens as an outside limit, and only this number if the cock is a very robust, lusty one, and four would be better in either case. You may find something on this matter in the forthcoming CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

AN OLD FRIEND.

Borders.—The food you name has been used by many breeders as a substitute for the usual egg food with much success, and there is no reason why you should not do the same, notwithstanding the many and varied opinions you have heard. A comparison with the ordinary egg food, freshly prepared taken daily, as it should be, is scarcely a fair one. When circumstances permit I should always give the preference to the latter, but that is not saying that success cannot be obtained with these substitutes. See first part of reply to "E.C.B.," on the same subject.

A QUARTETTE.

Anxious.—(1) It would be quite feasible to run one cock with three hens and breed with them successfully, especially if the birds were flying together in a large flight or birdroom. Provided the hens are all in good breeding condition it is also quite possible to mate one cock with three hens consecutively in the same manner as is frequently described in these columns for running two cocks with one hen. But when the extra hen is added it is necessary that they should be in good condition and get to work quickly, otherwise the third hen will scarcely have finished her nesting arrangements before the first may be ready for him for the second round. (2) You ought to have said under what circumstances the birds are kept. I can only assume from your remarks that they are all in a large cage or aviary, separated from the cock only by a wire slide. If this is the case your best course to prevent the quarrelling you speak of would be to remove the cock to a cage by himself a little further away until it was time to mate them. Begin to feed up the cocks at once, as described to "Leader" and "A Beginner (1)" in last issue, and the hens a week later, and look out for the early sprouts of dandelion, which you may find in warm sheltered nooks, for the backward hens. The first week in April will be quite early enough to mate these birds. (3) No, you should not fix up nesting pans in the cages on the 17th March and then run the cock with the hens a few hours each day, etc. Wait until the hens are ready, which, as mentioned in No. 2, may not be before April, then you may put in the nest pans and introduce the cock, and let him remain until the hen or hens, as the case may be, have gone to nest, or permanently, if they are in a large flight. There is no necessity to move him about daily as you suggest, and the constant disturbance would do far more harm than good. (4) No, it is not right that it is not possible to breed successfully with a cock that does not sing. Although a cock in really good breeding condition should be, and usually is, in his fullest song. It does not necessarily follow that every cock that is not in song will not breed successfully if the bird is in good health and vigour apart from the lack of song.

FOR ECONOMY'S SAKE.

Novice, Birmingham.—In this reply last week the words "Powl food," in second line should have been "Fowl eggs." The meaning was, I hope, sufficiently obvious not to be misunderstood.

BIRDS PANTING, ETC.

W. D.—(1) Treat the hen that is suffering from loss of voice the same as advised in last reply for two or three weeks, and if not then quite recovered write again and repeat particulars and I will advise you further. (2) If the panting were due to overfatness this cause should be sufficiently obvious on handling the bird. If this were the cause the best treatment would be to cut down all extras of diet and keep on a quite plain regimen for a few weeks, and every second day for a week, meanwhile, add to the drinking water as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, then miss a week, and repeat the same dosage again for another week. If the bird is not too fat try the effect of giving four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre in the water every second day for a fortnight, and see that it is not exposed to any cold direct draughts nor rapid extremes of heat and cold. (3) I see no reason why the sample of biscuit food (chicken meal) you sent should not answer admirably to mix with egg in the preparation of the usual egg food for Canaries.

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MOULTING AND SCRATCHING.

John Smith.—Keeping the bird in a wire cage hanging in the kitchen window is probably the real root of all the trouble. You should move the cage at once into a more favourable place farther away from the window, where extreme fluctuations, if not actual draughts, are likely to be very much in evidence. See that it is in a nice bright place, well aired, but not subject to draughts, and where the temperature is as equable as possible, and do not hang it near or over burning lights in the evenings, nor high up near the ceiling. Then well examine the cage to see if it is infested with red mites, and if you find this pest is present thoroughly overhaul the cage to exterminate them as a first step. In addition to the staple seed diet give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and then sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats, and give also a morsel of banana or boiled carrot. In the drinking water, for three consecutive days, add six drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and afterwards give instead six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until the feathers cease dropping.

SUBSTITUTE FOR GROATS.

T. R. W.—You should have no difficulty whatever in getting broken groats at any corn chandlers, or dealers in poultry and bird foods, though in some parts you will find them under the name of "grits." But if you fail you will find a very good and efficient substitute in either coarse oatmeal or crushed oats, allowing double quantity of the latter to allow for the bulk of the husks.

SAMPLE OF MAW.

F. H. Pink.—I do not find any trace of rancidness in the sample sent, which is a good sample of maw, and quite fit for use as a food for Canaries in the usual manner. It will be none the worse for being kept from last season.

VARIED.

W. Lowe.—(1) There may be quite a number of different causes of egg-binding, but among the commonest with Canaries are hens being generally weak and out of condition, inactivity of the lower portion of the oviduct, which fails to cover the membrane with the requisite shell, and sudden snaps of cold with dry east winds when the hens are about laying. The treatment you think too drastic is just the one that, judiciously carried out, might have saved your bird. In reality there is nothing drastic about it. You do not put the bird over really boiling water, as you seem to imply you believe was necessary, and the jug must not be full, so no water at all touches the bird; nothing but hot—not scalding—steam touches the bird, which will often relax the muscles and give immediate relief. Apart from this you should have kept the bird very warm, and given two drops of a mixture of equal parts brandy and syrup in the beak every hour or so, until relief was obtained or hopes lost, and a drop of oil on the vent once or twice during the day would have done no harm. Absence of grit is not necessarily a cause of the trouble, but a supply should always be provided when hens are breeding, and also a supply of cuttlefish kept accessible for the hens. (2) To give a detailed account of all the seeds and foods used, and their properties, would take up many columns of space which could not possibly be spared here, especially as it has been done more than once, and you could get the results altogether in the book "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds," which our manager could send you for 1/2 post free. The seeds used in the regular dietary may be found mentioned in these replies practically every week. (3) As a mixture for a staple diet the one you sent is very good as mixtures go, being very judiciously proportioned, but the seeds are of rather second-rate quality, and the condition of sample suggests that there is rather a large amount of dust in the bulk. (4) This item simply relates a fact without asking any question. I cannot gather what it is you wish to know. The blue colour you speak of on the breast and belly may possibly be grizzled marking. Or as it likely that it is extraneous colour got from rubbing, perhaps, against distemper of this colour? (5) The same remarks may be applied here as to No. 2, and it is doubtful if a set of detailed symptoms could be evolved, or be of any real utility. (5 and 7) Have been replied to by post.

SWOLLEN EYES.

S. E. G.—The following treatment will allay the inflammation and help to reduce the swelling, but as there is in all probability a collection of pus in the orbital cavities, the swelling will disappear only when, or as this is absorbed or discharged. Keep the bird caged alone for the present, and in a comfortable temperature, but do not overheat it. Continue giving a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day until better, but soak the bread in cold milk, and then let it stand to drain a little instead of scalding and squeezing it. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana, boiled carrot, or sweet apple. Get from a chemist a few camomile flowers and place a teaspoonful in a teacup, fill up with boiling water, cover, and allow to infuse beside the fire for an hour, then drain off the clear fluid, add to it 30 drops of tincture of opium, and bathe the bird's eyes with a little of this for a few minutes morning and evening, using a little fresh fluid and a fresh dossil of wool each time, and using the fluid lukewarm. After bathing absorb all surplus moisture so as to leave the bird as dry as you can. The hare skin will disappear when the swelling subsides. For three consecutive days each week for the next fortnight, you may add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the water, but no other medicine should be needed.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRID

Answered by H. NORMAN

BREEDING WITH LINNET AND GOLDFINCH.

Beginner.—You should put up both your birds for breeding, providing they are healthy. Get a couple of hen Canaries and put them in with the Finches for one hour or so daily, to let them get used to each other. You can put them up together permanently at the beginning of next month. Two compartment breeding cages are the best, as you can shut off the cock bird when necessary.

GOLDFINCH WITH DEFORMED FOOT.

A. C. Lemon.—It is rather difficult to advise you about the foot of your Goldfinch without seeing the bird, although from your description I gather that at present he is unable to use two of his claws properly. If these were removed it would not interfere with his breeding, but if you decide to do it or have it done, it should be at once, so that he can get used to the loss before he is put up for breeding. I amputated the claws of a bird of my own, and found she was much more comfortable and took her perches better without them than before, and eventually she reared a nest of young ones. If it is done, care should be taken to remove at one of the joints; it may not be necessary to take off all the claw; if you can only leave one joint on it will be useful to him.

BREEDING HYBRIDS AND CANARIES IN AVIARY.

C. Oglesby.—If you were successful in getting young hybrids I am very doubtful if you would find the Lark food you mention good enough for them, but it might be if it had an equal quantity of a good brand of insectile food added to it. Canaries can be reared on a variety of foods from soaked puppy biscuits to the choicest egg food, and as your birds appear to be fond of the Lark food I have no doubt they would rear young ones on it in combination with seeds and green food. As regards the hemp seed, I should prefer to give it separately, then you can be certain of its quality, and also the quantity. Perhaps you can procure a brand of food that does not contain any.

MEALWORM BREEDING.

John Wilson.—I fear you have made a mistake in the management of your mealworm box. When the beetles died you should not have disturbed the contents, as before dying they lay eggs, which hatch out into worms, thus performing the natural cycle.—A fairly warm place is the best for them, although I have bred them in an outside building. Sorry I cannot give you the information you require about the stick insects; you had better have another try at the mealworms; follow the instructions carefully and do not disturb them until absolutely necessary.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hordbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each), No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

ARE THEY BRITISH BIRDS?

Grosmont.—Neither the Roller nor the Ortolan Bunting can be properly classed as British birds, as they are only rare visitors, neither of them nesting with us. The Ortolan Bunting is frequently sold as a cage bird, and is easily kept, but is rather inclined to put on fat. Like all the Buntings, it prefers canary seed to any other, although it should be offered a little rape, maw, and shelled oats.

REARING MULES.

Novice.—Hundreds of Goldfinch and Linnet Mules are reared on the usual egg food as used to rear Canaries; this consists of hard-boiled egg chopped fine, or smashed up with a fork and about three times as much stale bread or biscuit powder mixed with it. The old birds are given this fresh twice daily, together with seeds and green food. After the young leave the old birds they are still fed with soft food, but the quantity is gradually diminished until they can crack seed for themselves; even then it is as well to give them a little occasionally, or soaked seeds.

IS IT A COCK BIRD?

A. Alford.—I can add nothing to my previous answer to your enquiry regarding the sex of your bird. When the weather is better hang him outside for an hour or so, and if, as I suspect, it is a cock bird, he will soon begin to get louder. When you hear the wild Thrushes sing you can then begin to think it is time yours did; it is all a question of temperament, feeding and treatment; some sing soon after moulting, others wait till the sun shines.

MANY QUESTIONS.

Hamilton.—(1) I should certainly say there is no harm in Hybrid breeding, and as a hobby it is one of the most interesting; and the crosses are as beautiful as any birds we have. I am sorry you should express a fear that we would answer you in a sarcastic manner. We have always recognised that all our readers are not experts, and we do our best to assist beginners and to answer their questions in a courteous manner. (2) Yes, the British hen can be used with a cock Canary, but it is not as a rule such a certain breeder. (3) A good light Mule will show its parentage equally as well as a dark one, especially to fanciers who know the crosses. The light ones are the most difficult to obtain, and therefore most valuable. (4) A pair of British birds put together now would be as likely to breed, if they took to each other, as a pair matched earlier. (5) In purchasing birds the buyer pays the carriage. (6) Birds are sent by rail in small boxes, they are despatched overnight and travel during their roosting time, and are usually delivered early in the morning.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

GREEN AMAZON DULL AND STUPID.

E. G.—You give me no idea how long you have had it, nor how you are keeping and feeding it, and in consequence I cannot help you as I would. Give it one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in its drinking water every other day, so long as the voidings are not watery loose; if this occurs you must discontinue the magnesia till the voidings become normal, and then only give the magnesia once a week. On the days you are not giving the magnesia lightly colour the water with chemical food. Keep the bird in your warmest room, for a time at least, and cover it up at nights, but a small portion of the top of cage must be left uncovered for ventilation. While it is to be kept warm and free from draught, it must not be kept in a stuffy corner of the room. Give it a little honey and borax, lightly spread on bread, biscuit, or plain cake, or anything similar the bird will eat, once or twice a day. It is no use my giving a special dietary, as, if it is as I suspect, a newly acquired bird, a sudden change may not be beneficial. If you will give me more details I shall be pleased to try and help you further. There are many very talented Blue-fronted Amazons about, and others of lesser merit, and if yours is a talking bird it will recommence talking as soon as it has settled down and is in good condition again. I will refer to this matter when I hear from you further. I am keeping your query by me for reference.

AILING PARROT.

S. Jones.—I can help you but little till you inform me how you have been feeding and treating this bird. In the meantime give it three drops of castor oil, direct to the mouth, daily, till the bowels have been well moved. Also give it a little cod liver oil emulsion (twice a day), lightly spread on bread, biscuit, or plain cake, or anything similar the bird will eat. Keep it warm and out of draught, but not in a stuffy corner of the room. You should have written earlier and not have let the trouble become serious; two months is a long time for the trouble to run on. Upon receipt of the details asked for I shall be pleased to reply further.

BUDGERIGARS IN BIRD-ROOM.

W. F. R., Worksop.—I presume in your bird room you have a number of cages. If you can so arrange it, it would be far better to put up a flight for these charming birds in one corner of the room. This is easily done by covering the floor for a space of, say, 6ft. x 4ft. (as much more as you like), with linoleum, and enclose this with half-inch mesh wire netting stretched on light wood framing. Hang up six cocoa-nut husks with the openings towards the light, and suspend twiggy branches from the walls, and put in two pairs, procuring each pair from a different source. You will get infinitely more pleasure from your birds under these conditions than when kept in a cage, and sooner or later they would settle down and breed. Diet: Canary and white millet seed, and greenfood, a few oats, with continuous supplies of grit, cuttlebone, and water. The nutshell, "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free from our manager, is from my pen. You had better send for this, and after perusal query me upon any points not clear to you. The booklet will give you more information than is possible in this column.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BREEDING PARROTS IN A ROOM.

C. C.—Not many of the larger Parrots have been bred in captivity, and even of these the bulk have been bred more in a state of controlled liberty than actual captivity. Two or three things stand in the way of many attempts to breed this interesting group. They are noisy, and when excited not exactly the birds for a suburban garden aviary; also there is the difficulty of getting true adult pairs. (1).—Most female Parrots have the hook of the beak longer than the male, and the irides of their eyes are paler. With the Grey Parrot, the area of bare skin round the eye is somewhat pear-shaped at the back of the eye in the male, and round in the female. CAGE BIRDS published a coloured plate of a pair of this species, and you could get a copy from our manager for 6d. (2).—You should only attempt one species, and one pair in the same room or aviary, and you may have to wait two or three years for them to settle down, or if you happen to get hold of a couple of birds of a suitable age and fit, they may do so the first season. (3).—The normal dietary for the adults would have to be kept up, and in addition broken biscuits, boiled maize, soaked wheat and oats, and unlimited ripe fruit. The spring time is the best time to make a trial, but Parrots will not breed to order like Canaries. You must fit up your room and procure your birds and then await their pleasure with what patience you can. You must watch our pages for offers of birds, or you might advertise your wants; I cannot name special dealers. Yes, you could breed in a small room. If there is a fireplace this must be securely netted in, and all woodwork and the window must be covered over with small mesh wire netting. You must arrange along the sides of the room, reaching from floor to ceiling, limbs of trees, varying from 6 in. diameter down to 1 in. Leave the centre of the room open and hang up one or two barrels in retired corners of the room, with their opening to the light, where they can be reached by the birds from the branches. It is no use you attempting to breed such birds unless you are prepared to wait patiently for the development of events, for even with Parrakeets, which breed freely in outdoor aviaries and such rooms as you propose setting up; one often has to wait considerably for them to make the initial start. First fit up your room, then advertise for what you want, and insist on a guarantee that the birds are what you advertise for—you are almost sure to have to purchase them singly—birds four or five years old would suit you better than younger ones, neither should be older than six or seven years if you are to have a good run with a pair when you get them.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. The Post Office regulation is that bodies of birds must be sent at the letter rate of postage, and must be packed in hermetically-sealed receptacles which must themselves be enclosed in strong wooden, leather, or metal cases. If this regulation be infringed the packets may be destroyed by the authorities. **Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.**

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

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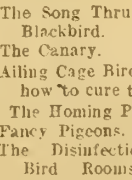

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Lizards.

FOR Lizards see my list. Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

THE Lizard Prince offers grand 1916 Gold and Silver Lizard cocks, including winners Oldham, Manchester, Ardwick, Rochdale, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- and 25/- each, approval; inspection invited: John Rukin, 44, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancs.

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Make Your Breeding Pay in 1917.

This you can do if you only pair up right; or if you want to purchase pairs, leave it to me; for it is no trouble to me to produce documentary proof that the foundation of many past and present exhibition studs have been laid by birds purchased from me. Great value for money is my forte. I herewith give a few prices of exceptionally good

Norwich Plainheads and Yorkshires.

You may have all the so-called strains in the world, but you cannot purchase better blood than I now hold, and I am certain you cannot procure the same value. Cocks, 16/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-. Hens 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- 30/-. Pairs 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-. These prices are for good birds to breed winners. They are the best value in Great Britain to-day. For **OTHERS,** really good, at lower prices, see my list. Cages for one, 4d., two or three, 6d.; approval with pleasure. Above prices relate to Norwich and Yorkshires.—**W. RUDD, Specialist, NORWICH.**

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, breeder, exhibitor, and exporter of high-class Norwich, well-known strain, winner of numerous challenge cups, trophies, etc., including Sheffield Challenge Cup outright: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

BUFF Norwich hen, 4/6: Kay (see Borders).

BUFF Norwich cock, 9/6; Yorkshire hen, 4/-: Kew, 8, Queen-st., Margate. (883)

TWO large buff cocks, 15/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury.

HEALTHY young variegated Norwich hens, 7/6, 10/6; warranted; Woolterton, 57, Durham, Manor Park. (886)

NORWICH unflighted yellow and buff cocks, 10/6, hens 7/6; approval: W. Growdridge, 59, Clarendon-road, Hinckley. (841)

FOUR cock Canaries, full song, 7/6 each; exchange lot for 1916 Norwich cock: Porter, 8, Devonshire-st., Worksop, Notts. (881)

NORWICH cocks, warranted, singing, 7/6, 10/-; wanted hens, give 4/-, 5/- each, or exchange: Lloyd Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (883)

SIX good healthy hens, wintered in outdoor aviary, 2 buff, 2 variegated, 2 green, 25/- the lot: Gregory, Mid Hants Stores, Alresford. (881)

CINNAMON Norwich, two pairs of my prize strain, cheap; approval: Hamilton, 4, Holburn Gardens, Kilmarnock-rd., Newlands, Glasgow. (877)

NOTICE! Grand lot high-class Norwich; prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (837)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, large birds, good heads, type and feather, breeder 35 years; approval: T. Billington, 30, Union-rd., Nottingham. (790)

THREE Norwich cocks, one yellow, two buffs, bred 1916, 10/- each, grand songsters, cash or deposit: Watkins, Milton Gardens, Peterborough. (885)

GOOD unflighted yellow-green Norwich hen, 8/6; stamp: John Harvey, Measham, Atherstone. (884)

NORWICH, 5 cocks, 1 hen, all unflighted, bred from winning strain, 8/6 to 12/6 each, to clear; absolute bargains: F. Weaver, Paget-st., Wolverhampton.

CANARIES, cocks and hens, 1915 and 1916, cold-room birds: Howell, Queen's-rd., Brentwood, Essex.

TWO 1915 hens, one yellow, one buff, 10/- each; approval: J. Webster, 25, Brown-st., Rotherham. (882)

REAL bargain, four fine young buff Norwich hens, breeding condition, 5/- each, 18/- lot; no postcards: Morris, 61, Priory-ave., High Wycombe, Bucks. (880)

J. VENER has two pairs of Norwich for sale, make excellent stock birds, to be sold at half their value; particulars, stamp reply: Dillwyn-st., Swansea. (883)

NORWICH cocks, two yellows, two buffs, 1916 birds, 25/- each, from my winners; Goldfinch-Canary Mule, winner, 10/-: C. Dutten, 2, School View, Chelmsford.

THREE cocks, 4 hens, Crystal Palace aviary, two wire movable partitions, solid walnut, £3 lot; not separate: Burnard, 8, Waldon-rd., Acton, W. 3 (883)

CLEAR yellow unflighted Norwich hen, size and quality, 25/-, or exchange for class buff hen, mutual approval: Vassie, 79, Dundas-st., S.S., Glasgow. (881)

GENUINE strong healthy 1915-1916 Norwich hen Canaries, buff or variegated, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; cocks 12/6 to 20/-: Foster, 8, Southampton-st., Fitzroy-sq., W. (885)

TWO pairs Norwich buff cocks, yellow hens, good heads and necks, 20/- pair: Larkcom, 26, Wilton-rd., Reading. (880)

EXTRA big variegated yellow Norwich cock, good head, winner, 55/-; approval, stamp: Bell, 35, Clementina-terr., Carliste. (884)

SEVERAL good, large, unflighted and flighted buff Norwich hens, from 5/- to 8/6; cash or deposit: Harpham, Printer, Spilsby, Lincs. (884)

LOVELY Norwich cocks, 17/6, 21/6, 25/6, 30/6; correctly matched breeding pairs, 21/6, 25/6, 30/6, 40/6; approval; state requirements: R. Hanford, Derby. (870)

WANTED Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries; will give from 12/- to 20/- per pair for good large birds; must be healthy: Gracie, Bird Dealer, Wishaw, Scotland. (886)

JUDGE SILK has a few champion Norwich for disposal, matched pairs, also single cocks and hens; approval willingly: 27, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot. (873)

GRAND ticked buff hen, good head and neck, nice close feather; ditto clear, good type and quality; 10/6 each; approval, stamp: Litchfield, 32, Tennyson-rd., Luton. (883)

FEW unflighted Norwich buff marked cocks and yellow marked, 8/6, 10/-; good birds; yellow marked hen, 6/6; buff marked, 5/-: Matthews, 47, Bosworth-st., Leicester. (880)

SPECIAL bargain; 1916 buff cock, wonderful colour and quality; 1915 yellow hen, grand head, colour, substance, shape, 45/6 pair; only want seeing: Hanford, Derby. (881)

FOR sale, two medium sized clear yellow hens, very short in wings and tail, 25/- the pair; cobby ticked buff cock, 12/6; approval willingly: T. Wilkinson, 65, Henry-st., Leigh, Lancs. (879)

EXCEPTIONAL offer; matched pair Norwich slashing buff cock, marked yell. hen, only 25/6, worth double for stock, three buff hens, 5/6 each; all carefully bred, cold-room, healthy, reliable; faultless condition; genuine, approval, deposit if carriage paid: H. Vaughan, Maunhilad, Pontypool, Mon.

WILL spare clear yellow unflighted cock, splendid shape, 20/-; also variegated yellow unflighted cobby, 17/6; seen Saturday afternoons; stamp: Hodder, 25, Ashurst-rd., North Finchley, N. 12. (879)

ONE good pair Norwich, unflighted, £2 10s., marked yellow cock 25/-, clear buff 20/-, clear yellow hen 5/-, buff hens 5/-, approval: Marshall, 5, Bridgewater-terrace, Grange-rd., Leyton, E.10. (887)

FOR sale, buff Norwich cock, yellow variegated hen, and double breeding cage, 24/- the lot; and 6-compartment breeding cage, 9/-: C. Ayris, 8, Hasborough-st., Westbourne Terrace North, Paddington. (880)

NORWICH, large ticked buff, good head, winner, 40/-; nearly green, 17/6; ticked buff, smaller, 12/6; cocks, all unflighted, from my winners; no hens; approval: W. Titchner, 20, Chelmsford-rd., Southgate. (879)

CHAMPION Norwich show birds, variegated buff and ticked yellow, from the best strain in England, 20/- and 12/6, cheap to clear; cash or deposit; approval: Davies, Tynfawnog, Dinorwig, Cwmy-Glo, N. Wales. (879)

MACKLEY BROTHERS, Norwich, have high class Norwich Plainheads, Crests, Crested-breds, and Yorkshires they can recommend for breeding; three days' approval; satisfaction guaranteed; awarded 9,000 prizes. (844)

LARGE unflighted buff Norwich cock for sale, price 30/-, or will exchange for first-class exhibition British Goldfinch; approval; stamp, particulars: James McNeillie, 12, Market-st., Maxwelltown, Dumfries, Scotland. (885)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, offers clear yellow, clear buff, marked buff cocks. These three birds are quite exceptional and fit to win in keenest competition; large, with perfect feather; £3, £2, or exchange poultry. (864)

EVEN marked winning 1917 buff cock, can win in best company, £3; yellow hen, 20/-; ticked buff cock, fine stock bird, 25/6; also a clinking 1916 pair for amateurs, variegated yellow cock, buff hen, 50/-; this pair bred winners, which sold for £5 each; all perfect health: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere.

BIG variegated buff cock, clear yellow hen, grand pair, 25/-; cap-marked yellow (natural colour), clear buff hen, unflighted, 25/-; big yellow clear, faulty wing, but good breeder, with buff marked hen, unflighted, 15/-; guaranteed in breeding condition; first P.O. secures them: Clarkson, Kingston-st., Middlesbro'. (882)

CLEAR yellow hen, non-flighted, one of the largest on earth, £5; marked yellow hen, 40/-; nearly green yellow hen, 20/-; clear buff hen, £2; ticked buff hen, 30/-; clear buff cock, a clinker, 40/-; ticked buff cock, 30/-; these birds are bred from the best in the West; can be seen any time or sent approval: Symons Bros., Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall. (881)

MR. SMITHERS has decided to reduce his stock, has two pairs only for disposal; unflighted buff cock, vhc, Clapham Show, 27 birds in class, and monster flighted yellow hen, good breeder, 50/- pair; also yellow flighted cock, good head and feather, and unflighted variegated buff hen, 40/-; grand opportunity to breed winners; are now ready to nest: Builders, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent.

EXTRA large 1915 ticked buff cock, show bird, £5; very large 1915 clear buff cock, £2 10/-; two large 1915 clear and ticked buff cocks, £1 each; 1916 buff cocks, 15/- to 30/- each; 1915 yellow cocks, 20/- to 40/- each; 1916 ticked yellow cock, show bird, £6; few 1916 yellows, cocks from 20/- to 40/- each, extra large 1916 buff cinnamon cock, £4 10/-; 1916 buff cinnamon cocks, from 15/- to 40/- each; also a few pairs matched for breeding, from 30/- to 60/- per pair; approval, stamp: E. Godley, Knowles-st., Rishton, near Blackburn. (854)

J. C. BARNES

Norwich & Yorkshire Specialist

25 years' study. One of the finest private collections in England. To those who can visit me and inspect my stock, do so. All fanciers welcome. Type, quality, colour and substance a feature. Few grand specimens of both varieties to spare. Cocks 20/- up; hens ditto; specially selected pairs £3 to £5; correctly matched, robust and full of true characteristics; state requirements; stamp; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

Champion Norwich Stock Birds

Can spare large clear yellow cock, good one, price 25/-; very large natural colour yellow hen, clear, good body and head, only 21/-; large, lightly variegated yellow, bonny hen, 22/6; massive clear buff hen, beauty, 15/6; clinking marked buff hen, grand one, only 17/6; smart clear buff cock, rare type, feather and quality, 16/6; wonderful good marked buff cock, 17/6; above all 1916, worth treble; cold room kept, marvellous bargains: George Cubley, Claxtons Grove, Long Sutton, Lincs. (886)

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12/6 Per Pair 12/6

Will give 12/6 per pair for good surplus stocks of

YORKSHIRES, NORWICH or ROLLERS.

12/6 to 15/- per pair for CRESTS,

Cock Goldfinch Mules 7/- each

Hen Mules 2/- each

and will deposit cash with Editor.

I am also open to consider offers of good class birds at higher prices.

I also require **BORDERS, MULES,** etc. Will pay top prices and deposit cash.

H. GLEDHILL,

Fleet Lane, Queensbury, Bradford

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Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDER'S CARDS.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show, 1913. (1510)

HENRY NEVE, Roller Specialist. All birds bred from prize winning specimens of high rank; full particulars on application: Heathfield, Sussex.

MISS THOMAS, Fairlight, Richmond Park-rd., Bournemouth; B.R.C.C.; successful breeder of high class Rollers, Water Gluck, Deep Bass, stamp.

FRANK CULSHAW, 188, Anlaby-rd., Hull, breeder and trainer, British Rollers (Randall's); member Hull R.C.C.; state wants, full particulars, stamp; approval. (711)

ROLLER cocks, Randall's strain, prize-bred, 20/-, 15/-: 39, Kinmel-st., Rhyl. (880)

ROLLER hens, 5/- and 7/6 each: Wilkinson, Loudon Tavern, Broad-st., Reading. (883)

ROLLER hen, Willow's direct, 7/-; Crystal Palace aviary, 10/-: Booth, 3, Crow Nest, Burnley. (880)

ROLLER cocks, singing, 7/6, 10/-; wanted hens, give 3/6 each: Lloyd Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam.

GRAND pair Rollers, splendid condition, 15/-, bargain: Wm. Armstrong, 32, Spittal-st., Stirling. (878)

PURE Randalls, matched pair, 25/-; owner called up; exceptional bargain: J. Hill, 58, Joshua-rd., Sheffield. (882)

LAST pair good Rollers, 1916, 12/6; young Crestbred hen, 4/-: Townend, 15, Beltring-rd., Tunbridge Wells. (876)

TWO deep Glucke Roller hens, splendid condition; 5/6 each: Truscott, 85, Whittou-road, Hounslow, Middx. (879)

ROLLER training organ, cost £3 7/6, accept 35/-, or near offer: Hargreaves, 28, Midway-ave., Bridlington. (878)

TWO smart 1916 Roller hens, perfect condition, ready for breeding, 4/6 each; approval: Beach, Monnow-st., Monmouth. (880)

ROLLER hens, champion glucke, water glucke strain, 6/-, 7/6 each; approval: Thos. Walton, Cross Green Crescent, Leeds. (877)

GRAND day and gaslight songsters, cocks 12/6, hens 5/6 each; 10 days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (868)

WANTED, offers in Roller cocks (house singers), for gent.'s solid gold curb chain and seal, sell £3 15/-: Waddicor, Holly-st., Rochdale. (878)

FANCIERS please note, removal of Mr. James Barnes, from Baxenden, to 13, Walter-st., Huncoat, near Accrington. All stock birds sold out. (864)

NOTICE! grand lot Rollers, day and gaslight singers; prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas.

ROLLER hen, good mother, also two young from same, sex unknown, believed cocks, lot 15/-: W. Bosworth, 101, Sycamore-rd., Aston, Birmingham.

THREE pure-bred Seifert Roller cocks, in full song, 10/6 each; four hens, 4/6 each; own breeding, 1916, in splendid condition: Bullers, Mitton Dene, Stourport. (884)

FOR disposal, four really high-class, pure Roller cocks, fine mellow toned birds, with a grand variation of song, £1 each, worth more: Taylor, Draper, Bideford. (882)

THREE pairs of glucke and water glucke Rollers, Tomlinson and Randall's strains, full rolling song, £1 per pair: William Todd, 4, Oddfellows-st., Egremont, Cumberland. (884)

HIGH class Rollers, pure Randall's and Willow's strain, perfectly trained, cocks in full song, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; hens, 5/-, 7/6 each, approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (886)

HIGH-CLASS (unflighted) Roller hen, anxious to nest, 8/6; approval, receipt cash; or exchange for cage moulted cock Goldfinch; yours first; mutual approval: Chef, Noon's Hotel, 69, High Holborn, W.C. 1. (881)

MISS HEWETT (late of Oakhanger) has a few of her high-class Roller hens for sale, hatched 1915 and 1916; healthy and very good colour; week's approval on receipt: Present address: Weston, Welford Park, near Newbury, Berks. (882)

CANARIES, Glucke Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, same strain as my 3rd and 6th Leeds, two commends Manchester, 1st and special Bacup, two hc Wigan, vhc Wolverhampton, vhc and special Birmingham, vhc, Bolton, 3rd, 6th, and special London; cocks, £1 upwards; hens, 7/6 and 10/6; wanted, Blue Budgerigars: Kimpton, Stafford-st., Walsall. (861)

Scotch Fancies.

FOR sale, Scotch Fancy buff hen, 20/-; buff cock, 20/-, young: Peter Smith, 11, High-st., Irvine. (885)

TICKED yellow Norwich cock, buff Norwich Roller hen, last season's, 9/6 pair: C. Leventon, Woolsthorpe, Grantham. (884)

SCOTCH Fancy buff foul cock, good young bird of finest breeding, £2; approval: James McGregor, 34, Cupar-rd., Tayport. (884)

ONE buff cock, very large, 1916, £2; one yellow marked cock, 1916, £1 5s.; one buff cock, 1915, 12/-; approval and stamp: J. Little, 140, Raby-st., Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (885)

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, Staffs. (old firm), can offer large unflighted buff cock, grand head, 25/-; one ditto, same stamp, 15/-; also two others, 10/6 each; no better blood obtainable, worth double; approval. (883)

Yorkshires.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

OGDEN BROS., Breeders, Exhibitors, and Exporters of the best the world has produced: Thornton, Bradford.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, 6/6: Kay (see Norwich).

YORKSHIRE hens from 12/-; seen week-ends: Shrimpton, 47, Links-road, Tooting. (855)

BUFF Yorkshire hen, 17/6, in splendid condition: Miss Bowyer, Kirtling, Newmarket. (885)

TWO buff 1916 stock hens, 12/6 each, exchange yellow cock: Lauham, 36, Walcot, Bath. (881)

GRAND pair Yorkshire Canaries, 12/-, 15/- pair; odd hens: Hayter, Naturalist, Southampton. (885)

TWO good hens, yellow, buff, quality, size, typical, ready, 8/6 each: 47, Twisden-rd., London, N.W.5. (886)

FOUR Yorkshire hens, 3/6 each; cold moulted; approval; deposit, or exchange: Robinson, New-st., Retford. (881)

FOUR stylish Yorkshire cocks, 10/- each; six Yorkshire hens, 5/- each: "The Acacias," Urmston Park, Urmston. (883)

MR. BARKER, Dale Terrace, Lingdale, Boosbeck, offers two unflighted yellow and buff Yorkshire cocks, 15/- each, over year; clear body, Crestbred cock, £1; unflighted green Crestbred cock, 15/-, or offers; approval. (883)

YORKSHIRES, 2 cocks, unflighted, 16/- each; matched pair, 25/-: Saunders, 117, Boyson-road, Walworth. (879)

GRAND buff cock, 10/6; long yellow hen, 7/6; buff, 6/6; single breeder, 2/-; lot 25/-: Turkish Baths, Burnley. (885)

NOTICE Grand lot Yorkshires; prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (837)

REDUCING stock. Pairs or singles for sale; prices reasonable; inspection invited: Fairman, 28, Pepper-rd., Old Kent-rd. (838)

WANTED, Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, any quantity; state price, prompt cash: Porrill, 8, Doncaster-rd., Barnsley. (867)

YORKSHIRE cocks, warranted singing, 7/6, 10/-; warned hens, give 4/-, 5/-, each, or exchange: Lloyd Aviaries, Gorsemon, Glam. (883)

HAVE the best blood obtainable, own breeding, cocks 15/-, hens 7/6; seen any time: Eadie, 103, Portobello-rd., Archer St., W. (881)

FEW nice Yorkshires in splendid breeding condition for sale; cocks from 10/6; hens, 5/6: Jonsson, 11, Warbeck-road, Shepherd's Bush. (879)

YORKSHIRES, high-class, can spare a few cocks, 15/-; hens, 7/6; on view Sunday mornings: French, 702, Fulham-rd., Back Entrance. (852)

PRIZE stock, grand yellow hens, 20/-, 35/-; buff, 12/6, 15/; buff cock, 12/6, half value: Appletou, 74, Heywood-st., Moss Side, Manchester. (879)

P. JOHNSTON (sec. S.T.C.C.), 125, Ferme Park-rd., Stroud Green, N. 8; clearing surplus, bargain prices, to make room; all are useful Yorkshires. (869)

TWO yellow, two buff unflighted Yorkshire cocks, also few hens, bred from winners: Davis, Wholesale Warehouse, 27, Old Market-st., Bristol. (852)

TYPICAL pair clears, yellow cock, buff hen, winner, 15/-; variegated yellow hen, 6/6; Dyke's strain: Creighton, Cotswold, Boreham Wood, Herts. (881)

UNFLIGHTED buff Yorkshire cock, 25/-; ditto yellow cock, 20/-; typical birds and bred from Mr. Crisp's old stud: H. Knight, High-st., Newport, Essex.

MUST be sold, three pairs high-class Yorkshires, from 45/- to 50/- pair, or will exchange pair for exhibition Goldfinch: Burke, 5, Ashworth-st., Hollenwood. (880)

TWO buff Yorkshire hens, 1916 birds, bred from winners, closed rings, 15/- each; two 10/- each; approval: F. Spurgeon, 39, Primrose Hill, Chelmsford, Essex. (882)

F. MARRIOTT, Nulfield, Surrey, has three Yorkshire cocks, 1 yellow, 2 buffs, 4 hens, 2 greens, 2 buffs; cocks from 12/6; hens 6/-; cages, 4d. extra; bred from winners. (877)

CLEAR yellow cock, clear buff, 20/- each; grand pair Cinnamons, 30/-; all unflighted, perfect type; approval: Radford, 128, Sandy-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (882)

TWENTY lovely Yorkshire cocks, 17/6, 21/6, 25/6, 30/6, racy hens 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/6; correctly matched pairs, 21/6, 25/6, 30/6, 40/6; worth double; approval: R. Hanford, Derby. (867)

LONG, slim, typical, yellow Yorkshire hen, 1915 rung, noted strain, perfect breeding condition, 20/-, or exchange for young Crested hen to value: James Henry, Draper, Coleraine, Ireland. (884)

EIGHT Yorkshire hens, 1916, five clear buff, three marked, smart, healthy, cold-room bred, 7/-, 8/- each, carriage paid; approval, deposit: Tetlow, 253, Claremont Road, Moss Side, Manchester. (878)

HIGH-CLASS (unflighted) Yorkshire hens; clear yellow and ticked buff (Ambler's), guaranteed healthy, 12/6 each, 24/- the two; approval, receipt cash: Chef, Noon's Hotel, 69, High Holborn, W.C. 1. (881)

YORKSHIRES and Norwich; I have a grand lot to dispose of; can be seen any time or sent on approval; cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; hens, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford.

GRAND unflighted clear buff cock, can win, and over 7 inches long, with lovely yellow hen to match, 25/- the pair, worth double; six days' approval: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (872)

REDUCING stock, 6 pairs of high-class Yorkshires, or cock and 2 hens, 35/- to 55/-; several have been in the money, in good company; approval; cash or deposit: G. Simeson, 63, Beaconsfield-st., Acomb, York. (860)

WINNING Yorkshires; three pairs yellow cocks and buff hens, also two pairs buff cocks and yellow hen; finest quality type and style, from 25/- to 40/- pair; approval or inspection: H. Phipps, 14, Mill Platt-av., Isleworth. (885)

WANTED, offers in exchange for English lever, cost £6 6/-, new condition; first-class Yorkshires, unflighted preferred, or Norwich; approval each way; yours first, or sell £4 10/-: Harrison, 77, Sherwood-st., Mansfield, Woodhouse. (880)

BARGAINS in Yorkshires: A few good pairs at reasonable prices; also buff cocks and hens; good size and typical birds; guaranteed healthy; seen any time: H. Smith, Breeder and Exhibitor, Almora, 81, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (869)

CHITTENDEN'S Yorkshires.—30 pairs all for sale; call and see them; cocks from 12/-, hens 10/- upwards; splendid buff cock and yellow hen, 30/-; yellow cock and buff hen, 35/-; have a pair on approval and see for yourself the value I give: 53, Carlisle-street, Manningham. (858)

REDUCING stock on account of war work, Yorkshire Canaries, large buff cock, winner of 1st prizes, and yellow hen, 35/-; yellow cock, winner of 1st prizes and diploma at Richmond, and buff hen, 35/-; or would sell separately; two other hens, at 6/-: Miss Garland, Barkham Manor, Wokingham. (883)

NEW advert., 30 grand unflighted yellow Yorks hens, clears, ticks, green and cinnamon mks., price 10/- each; buff cocks to match, over 7 in. long, and in full song, price 15/- each; pairs, to clear, 23/6; 6 days approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (885)

YORKSHIRE Canaries. 2/2, by H. W. Battye (Past President of the Yorkshire Union); absolutely the best handbook dealing with the Yorkshire and its sub-varieties. Contains complete instruction upon pairing, breeding, moulting, and successful exhibiting; also how to treat in both health and disease: CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.4.

G. SNEAD

has a grand selection of typical Yorkshire cocks, in full song, from 20/- upwards; approval; cash or deposit: Address, 133, Arncliffe-terr., Horton Grange-rd., Bradford. (884)

JOHN FIRTH

HAVING now selected my breeding stock, I have a few good birds to dispose of at reasonable prices; approval, cash or deposit; inspection invited: 9, Munster-st., Wakefield-rd., Bradford. (857)

NOTICE TO READERS.

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Champion YORKSHIRES & NORWICH

Bulldog Strain.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PROCURE YOUR BREEDING STOCK, to ensure getting **the best birds,** and to get them settled in their new home before pairing up. I have an enormous stock of all varieties on hand, and, having almost finished my export trade for this season, I can now concentrate my attention to the requirements of the home trade. My long experience as a breeder and exhibitor, and the large stock of birds I have to select from place me in a position to send you just such a bird or birds as you require. As regards the quality of my stock, it is surely sufficient to refer you to the reports of all the leading shows, from which you will find that both my **Yorkshires** and **Norwich** are not only maintaining but adding to, their great reputation. In addition to this, I have sold several birds that have won leading honours at all the principal shows. Kindly write, stating wants. I am now offering a limited number of grand stock and exhibition birds, either Yorkshires or Norwich, which I can guarantee as bred from my own **Bulldog Strain,** at 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- each, cocks or hens. Also a few grand matched pairs at 40/-, 45/-, 50/-, 60/-, 80/- per pair upwards. These are splendid value, and have only to be seen to be appreciated.

I have also a grand selection of stock birds from other well-known strains, as follows:—

YORKSHIRE COCKS, grand lengthy birds, in full song, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each, upwards.

YORKSHIRE HENS, smart, racy, typical hens, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each, upwards.

MATCHED PAIRS, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- per pair upwards.

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WANTED, good crossbred Roller and Yorkshire cock: Particulars, 117, Gill-st., Blackley, Manchester.

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PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S

Pair show, March 13, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich; 27 pairs were entered. As usual, the novices turned up strong, and some good Norwich were seen. Mr. Thorne won diploma for best pair. Mr. Taylor judged and gave satisfaction.—Geo. H. Macmillan, Hon. Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Mulo and Hybrid pairs show, Village School, Alexandria, March 17. 22 pairs staged. Mr. R. Heggie (Glasgow) judged, and his awards were well received. Goldf. and Canary: 1, spl, McIntyre; 2, Trotter; 3, Davidson; 4, Begg; 5, McNiven. Linnet and Canary: 1, spl, McIntyre; 2, Gilles. Siskin, etc.: 1, spl, Trotter; 2, McKirdy. Greenf. and Can.: 1, Trotter; 2, McKirdy. A.V. Var., W.B.F. Hyb.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Trotter; 4, McKirdy. Bullf. Hen for Hyb.: 1, McNeill; 2, Trotter; 3, McIntyre; 4, 5, 6, McKirdy.—George M'Coll, Sec.

SPRINGBURN, POSSILPARK.

Meeting and show of British, Reid Hall, March 14, Mr. J. Swan presiding over a good turnout. Judges were elected for annual show. Mr. M. Craig judged British and also gave a lecture on the same, which was much appreciated. Prize winners:—Linnet: 1, Lamond; 2, Robertson; 3, Brooks; 4, Swan; 5, Crawford; 6, Hamilton. Mealy Redpoll or Twite: 1, Crawford. Lesser Redpoll: 1, 2, 3, Crawford; 4, Swan; 5, Hamilton. Bullf. Hen: 1, Swan; 2, 5, Lamond; 3, Hughes; 4, 6, Hamilton. A.O.V. Hen: 1, Hamilton; 2, Swan. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Craig for judging and for his excellent lecture, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.—A. Hamilton, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S

Monthly table show, Headquarters, March 12; 41 birds were staged; Mr. H. Mallinson judged.

Cl. Yell. Yorks. (6): 1, Holmes and Schofield; 2, Wood; 3, Morris; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Beaumont; c, Buttle. Buff (4): 1, Smithies; 2, Holmes and Schofield; 3, Sykes; vhc, Beaumont. Tkd. or Varieg. Yell. (3): 1, 2, 3, Bray. Buff (4): 1, Sykes; 2, Beaumont; 3, Holmes and Schofield; vhc, Bray. Unflig. Yell. (11): 1, vhc, Sykes; 2, c, Bray; 3, Smithies; hc, Holmes and Schofield. Buff (7): 1, 2, Bray; 3, Buttle; vhc, Smithies; hc, Cheetham; c, Gledhill. Cinn. Marked (6): 1, Morris; 2, Wood; 3, vhc, Cox; hc, c, Buttle. Nor. (2): 1, Jackson; 2, Morris. Principle point winners: Messrs. C. Bray, 41; A. Morris and A. Smithies, 29; Holmes and Schofield, 28; G. Wood, 27; A. Radley, 26; W. Buttle, 25; J. H. Beaumont, 21; and F. Sykes, 20.—A. Lawford, Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting and pair show, March 3, Griffin Hotel: Mr. J. Chambers, chair. Messrs. A. Wheatley, Major Scott, H. Barraclough, T. A. Alexander, A. Sam, L. Kitson, G. W. Kirk, and H. V. Taylor, were elected members. Dr. Cummings kindly promised a valuable cup for competition and Mr. R. Haigh a special value 21/- for amateurs in British section, and other good specials were given for Yorks. and Norwich sections, in addition to the society's section specials, which are 5/- respectively. Yearly syllabus will be ready for distribution at next meeting, April 1. The pair show brought only a moderate entry. Special kindly given by Mr. R. Haigh for most points was won by Messrs. G. W. Sanderson and W. A. Wilson, who tied with 18 points each. Mr. T. Baldwinson judged and gave entire satisfaction. Yorks. Open (8): 1, 3, 4, Sanderson; 2, vhc, hc, c, Reed and Son. Nor. (7): 1, vhc, c, Livingstone; 2, 3, 4, Wilson; hc, Sanderson. Mule or Hybrid (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Colborn; 3, Wilson.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

EASTLEIGH C.B.S.

Members' table show, March 14, Council Chambers, Leigh Road; 60 entries were staged, including some very fine pairs. The awards were for honours only, and it was pleasing to find that there are still a few good sports left that do not always crave for money prizes. A very nice team reached us from Mr. Potter, of Lingfield. Special prizes were won by Messrs. Chandler, Sanger, Vale, Potter, Alderslade, and Clark. Mr. W. G. Fellows judged and gave every satisfaction. He also spent the evening with us, and was ever ready to answer questions to the novice as well as the champion.

Nor. Pair (5): 1, 2, Chandler; 3, Vale; vhc, Alderslade; hc, Sanger. Yorks (5): 1, Sanger; 2, 3, hc, Clark; vhc, Thornback. Bord. (2): 1, 2, Legg. A.O.V. (2): 1, Alderslade; 2, Clark. Hybrid (2): 1, Clark; 2, Alderslade. Single Nor. (8): 1, Chandler; 2, Sanger; 3, vhc, Thornback; h, Vale; c, Alderslade. Yorks (2): 1, 2, Thornback. Bord. (2): 1, 2, Legg. A.O.V. (1): 1, Vale. Goldf. (3): 1, Clark; 2, Vale; 3 Alderslade. Bullf. (10): 1, Potter; 2, hc, Vale; 3, Alderslade; vhc, Sanger; c, Compton. Linnet (2): 1, Vale; 2, Potter. Redpoll, Etc. (3): 1, 3, Potter; 2, Alderslade. Greenf. or Chaff. (4): 1, Vale; 2, Alderslade; 3, Clark; vhc Sanger. A.O.V. (2): 1, Clark; 2, Alderslade. Softbill (3): 1, Sanger; 2, 3, Turner. For. (1): 1, Thornback. Sol. (2): 1, 2, Clark; Mule (1): 1, Alderslade.—J. Alderslade, Sec.

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CASTLEFORD.

Linnet singing contest, March 18, Grey Horse Inn, Whitwood, near Castleford: 1, Williams; 2, Wainright; 3, Nelson. General meeting, George and Dragon Hotel, March 25, at 7. Business important.—W. Nelson.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, Doncaster Road, March 18; 19 birds entered for 4min. time sing; nine birds did over 8min., and a novice came to the front with a bang, doing 3.44: 1, France and Dickinson, tie, 3min. 41sec. each; 2, Norburn, 3.42; 3, Grist, 3.35; 4, Wright and Wadsworth, 3.32 each. Shepherd, timer; Bamforth, cbalker.—J. Harman, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, March 18. 18 birds sang: 1, 2, Parlett; 3, Jess.—E. Phillipson, Sec.

We have received from Mr. R. D. Parlett, Sheffield, £5, being the money deposited with him in respect of the challenge of Mr. Driver to match his bird against any Linnet, Sheffield time singing, 1½min. face, 1½min. bluff.—Editor CAGE BIRDS.

LEEDS.

Linnet contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, March 18; 29 birds sang for four prizes. 1, Binns; 2, Ward; 3, Plows; 4, Bamfield. Judges: T. C. Summers, C. Ward. Timekeeper, W. Lipman.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Open contest, the Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, York Road; 34 birds: 1, Richardson; 2, Marshall; 3, Buckley and Watson. Night singing; 18 birds: 1, Stockill; 2, Robinson; 3, Marshall. Judges: Dearlove, Bliss, Bomfield.—G. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

Grand contest for Linnets, Albion Hotel, Saville Green, Leeds; 24 birds sang for four good prizes: 1, Ward; 2, Stead; 3, Chippendale; 4, Hollingsworth. Judges, Hardcastle, Grant, Hayes. Contest for Linnets, same evening; 14 birds sang for three prizes: 1, Hollingsworth; 2, Jarrow; 3, Crane. Judges, Hardcastle, Grant.—T. Crane, Sec.

West Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A.—Linnet contest, Viaduct Hotel, Mar. 18; 24 birds contested. One of the pleasing features was to see some old fanciers from York Road way. There was keen disappointment felt when the visitors found out they were unable to sing their birds, owing to the contest being for club members only. The committee, however, decided to make next week's contest an open one, to give visitors a chance. The awards were: 1, Baldwin; 2, Long; 3, McNichols; 4, Chadwick. Judges: G. Batcholer, T. Kippling. Timekeeper, T. Cawood.—T. Cawood, Sec.

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Bradford West C.B.A.—Mar. 24, Girlington Hotel, 7. Social and prize distribution.—F. P. Terry.

Burnley C.B.S.—March 26, 75, Lindsay St., 7.30. General business.—W. Broxup.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—March 26, Church Institute, Paddington Street, Baker Street, W. 8. Preparing for breeding.—F. J. Martin.

Durham City C.B.S.—March 24, Grapes Inn, 6.30. Election of officers, N.F. and annual show dates; social evening.—H. Briggs.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—March 24, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 6. Important business.—G. T. Lynn.

East Stanley F.F. C.B.S.—March 25, Club Room, 7. Balance sheet; election of officers.—J. Armitage.

Guisboro' "Priory" C.B.S. — March 31, Wear's Rooms, 7. Question night.—J. S. Campbell.

Gourock C.B.A.—March 31, Gamble Institute, 7.30. General business and question night.—D. Rollo.

Huddersfield O.S.—March 26, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Special meeting of importance to receive the Yorkshire Union deputation.—A. Lawford.

Leigh C.B.S.—March 28, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Paper discussion.—R. Charleson.

Landord, Plasmarl and Dis. C.B.S. — March 24, George and Dragon, 6.30.—Hy. Fry.

Larkhall C.B.A.—March 31, Y.M.C.A. Halls, 7. Hat night.—A. Thomson.

Lanchester F.F. and C.B.S.—March 24, Queen's Head Hotel, 6.30. To arrange division of balance of last show.—J. Robson.

Midland Roller C.C.—March 26, Seven Stars, St. John St., Wolverhampton, 7.30. Novice cup and rules. Glucke tours explained by Mr. A. Harper; birds present; and other important business.—J. W. Thomson.

Manchester and N. Counties C.S.—March 26, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Table show of British; judge, Mr. Brnee; and general business.—F. Wilkinson.

Nantymoel, Ogmore Vale C.B.S.—March 28, Lesser Hall, Nantymoel 6. Paper by the chairman, Mr. A. W. Whitford. Visitors invited.—T. Davies.

Newcastle E. End C.B.S.—March 28, Blue Bell Inn, Shields Road, 7.30. Usual business and show date.—Ed. Cotman.

Penygraig C.B.S.—March 27, Butchers' Arms, 6.30. Special meeting.—W. H. Hollinshead.

Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.—March 28, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 8. Judges for annual show and lecture by Mr. Davidson, Mossend.—A. Foreman.

Richmond (Surrey) C.B.S.—March 26, St. John's Hall, 8.—C. Parmiter.

Sheffield C.B.S.—April 3, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Questions and answers on birdy matters; election of judges for N.F. show.—A. Hobson.

South Moor Social Club.—March 25, Club Room, 6.30. Election of judges, etc.—G. Lane.

Swinton and Pendlebury Roller C.C.—March 28, Bridgewater Arms, Pendlebury, 7.30. Club business.—E. Hibbert.

Southern Border Fancy Club.—March 26, Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, S.W. 8. Decide business for year, patronage, etc.—Geo. Burton.

West Bromwich and Handsworth.—March 24, Ivy House, Handsworth, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. Jeffries.—F. T. Cowley.

Warrington C.B.S.—March 29, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Lecture by Mr. W. R. Knowles, "Rearing of Young Canaries."—H. Warburton.

Club Reports.

HULL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, headquarters, Argyle House, Anlaby Rd., Hull, Mr. Seaman chair. Items of interest were discussed. Decided to uphold the Federation rules, every member voting for Rule 6, the so-called disaster rule.—A. Baggaley, Sec.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

Meeting, March 10, Black Bull. Presentation of cups took place before a poor attendance. Decided to have a seed show at next meeting, April 14. Classification: Canary, rape, teazle, hemp, niger, maw, and mixed seed for British. Entry fee 3d.—H. Lumby, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

A very interesting evening was spent, March 17, in Y.M.C.A. Halls, when Messrs. Kundell and Kennedy gave a demonstration in hand-washing Canaries. There was a splendid turn-out and old hands, as well as novices, benefited by the exhibition. Other members, on being asked, also tried their hand. Arrangements were also made for a Hat night on March 31, at 7 p.m.—A. Thomson, Sec.

LOANHEAD C.B.S

Meeting, Mar. 10, Mr. W. H. Nelson presided over a good attendance. Members elected: Messrs. Alexander, Cox, Gray, and Smith. Agreed that it be left open to end of April for new members. Members then booked their hens, after which nomination of judges took place, and the sec. was given a list of prominent fanciers to be written as voted; classification was considered, and it was agreed to do away with Softbill class and add a class for hen British. A vote of thanks to chair brought the meeting to a close.—W. B. Smart.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting, March 1, Mr. Hemming presiding. Point sp. winners for last members' show, Messrs. Hinchliffe, Waters, Walsh and Evans. By an error, Mr. Gregory was credited with winning the Yorks Cup; this should have been Messrs. Bingham and Furness. Unfortunately only two papers were written on an ideal bird-room, but several members expressed their views. Messrs. Lister and Gee were elected members. The balance sheet could not be presented owing to the illness of the Secretary, and we hope he will soon be enjoying good health. Next meeting, questions and answers on birdy matters.—E. Sisson, Assist. Sec.

NANTYMOEL, OGMORE VALE.

The above new society held its first meeting, March 14, at the Workman's Hall, which was well attended by a large and enthusiastic body of fanciers, 40 members joining and paying entrance fee; subscriptions also coming in fairly well. Six members joined in the junior section. The object of the society is to foster the breeding and exhibiting of cage birds. The society is open to a 12-mile radius. Fanciers are heartily invited to communicate with the Sec. Officers elected: Pres., Dr. Thomas; J.P.; Vice, Messrs. T. Job, D. Hughes, J. Phillips, W. Davies; Chairman, A. W. Whitford; Vice, W. M. Davies; Treas., J. Esmond; Sec., T. Davies; Assist., E. Meek; Committee, R. Garnett, H. Jones, E. Barnes, W. Ashley, H. Tucker, F. Clemmet, B. A. Harrison.—T. Davies, Sec., 29, Oakfield Terrace, Nantymoel, Glam.

MIDDLESBRO & TEES-SIDE C.B.S

Meeting, Crown Hotel, March 3, with a good attendance, and new members again were numerous, including Mr. G. R. Gordon, F. Watts, Mr. Horton, and W. Watson. Mr. J. Carr gave a very interesting account of breeding operations, and the care of young, which was of great interest to the novice members in particular, as well as helpful to the older fancier. Questions were invited and were soon forthcoming; these were very ably answered. We very much regretted the loss of an old and esteemed fancier in Mr. A. Wake; owing to his extreme pressure of business he has been reluctantly compelled to resign, and we all hope he will soon see his way clear to resume his past generous support. We should be glad to hear from any fancier desirous of joining us, and we can assure plenty of competition, and valuable information. Meetings are held at Crown Hotel first Saturday in each month, at 7.30.—F. Stothard.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Meeting, Co-operative Library, Mar. 3, Mr. George Dobson presiding over one of the largest attendances for a long time. The chief item on the agenda was the balance sheet, which did not prove satisfactory to some of the members, and caused a long discussion. There is a balance in hand of £9 18s. 2d. on the year's working, the 1916 show bringing us in a balance of £7 4s., and the secretary was granted £2 for his work. The secretary handed in his resignation, which was accepted; also the chairman resigned. Mr. Peter Lynn was elected chairman for 1917, and Mr. J. J. Walker Sec. We made four new members, and hope to make more, as we intend to be a go-ahead society in the future. We have reduced our subscriptions to keep on a level with other societies, and subs. are now 2s. 6d., with 1s. entrance. Those wishing to join will be received with pleasure if they send their names on to the secretary for the next meeting, April 7, when the chief item will be the revision of the rules. We hope to see as many members present as possible. Note change of meeting room to the Wesleyan Chapel Smoke Room, April 7, at 7.30. Secretary's address is: J. J. Walker, 7, Middle Court, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

NORTH-WEST GLASGOW C.B.C.

Meeting, March 13, Unionist Rooms, 398, New City Road, Mr. P. Thom presiding over a splendid turnout. The principal business was a show of British birds and a lecture on British birds. The show was one of the best the club has had, as quantity combined with quality, and must have given Mr. W. Watson, the judge, some trouble. His awards were very well received, and he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Goldf., H.-M.: 1, Brown. F.-M.: 1, Swan. Bullf., H.-M.: 1, Lloyd. F.-M.: 1, Davidson. Greenf., H.-M.: 1, Manson; 2, Beullet; 3, Brown. F.-M.: 1, 3, 5, Crawford; 2, spl, Davidson; 4, Brown. Linnet, H.-M.: 1, McGregor. F.-M.: 1, spl, McGregor; 2, Booth; 3, spl, Davidson; 4, spl, Manson; 5, Swan; 6, Lloyd; 7, Lindsay. Siskin, etc., H.-M.: 1, Crawford. F.M.: 1, 2, 5, Crawford; 3, 7, Lindsay; 4, Davidson; 6, Lloyd. Seed-eating Hen, H.-M.: 1, Swan; 2, spl, Manson; 3, spl, Boullet. Chaffinch, F.-M.: 1, spl, Lindsay. Bramble, H.-M.: 1, Swan; 2, Manson. Buntin(H.-M.: 1, Booth; 2, Swan; 3, Brown. Large Brit. 1, spl, spl. for best in hall, Crawford; 2, 3, Brown. For. Goldf or Bullf.: 1, Fyfe. During judging Mr. M. Craig treated the members to a very interesting and instructive lecture on British birds, and at the close had quite a host of questions asked, which he in every case suitably replied to and was also accorded a hearty vote of thanks.—P. Houston, Sec.

GOUROCK C.B.A.

Meeting, March 10, Gamble Institute, Mr. John Allison presiding. After the general business a lecture was given by Sergt.-Major Hunt on the pairing and management of the Yorkshire Canary for breeding, which was very interesting and enjoyed by all present. At the conclusion questions were asked, and some of them were very interesting for the younger members. Sergt.-Major Hunt had four birds on the table while he was lecturing and answering the questions put to him. A hearty vote of thanks to him brought this first lecture of the new club to a close.—D. Rollo, Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting, March 17; Mr. Smith, president, in the chair. Decided to hold our annual ramble on June 4, and if it can be arranged, same will be held on one of the Falkland estates. Also decided to have a table show of British birds, Mules and Hybrids, March 31, in the Ante-room, Drill Hall. [illegible] Goldf., Bullf., Linnet, Greenf., Siskin, Twite, and Redpoll, A.V. smaller than Corn Bunting, A.O.V., A.V. British hen, Dark Mule, Light Mule or Hybrid. A well-known Fife fancier is to be asked to judge; the starting time will not be later than 5 o'clock, but members are asked to turn up as early after four as possible. A meeting will be held immediately after. Entry fee 6d. per bird; prize-money on sliding scale.—W. Grewar, Sec.

NELSON ROLLER C.C.

At the meeting of the Nelson and District Roller Club, March 6, it was decided to change the meeting night to Thursday, and future meetings will be held on the first Thursday in each month. The membership is increasing rapidly, and has more than doubled since January. The following new members have been elected: J. Mortimer, W. Pimm, H. Gates, J. Driver, R. Berrey, J. Davidson, E. Sexton, H. Sagar, Mrs. E. Harrison, Mrs. L. Harper, and the club is going strong. At the close of ordinary business a lecture was given by the secretary on the breeding and management of the Roller. Discussion followed, and a very profitable evening was spent. Mr. Mawhood ably fulfilled the duties of chairman, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to the speaker.—J. Earnshaw, Sec.

The M.S. of the lecture referred to was kindly forwarded to us by Mr. Earnshaw, and has been published.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.

The Redpoll.

Its Caging, Feeding and Exhibiting.

By Private E MITCHELL, Edinburgh War Hospital.

I AM writing this short article, hoping that it will be of use to the novice, if of no use to the "pro."

The best time to purchase the Redpoll is during October and November. Send to a bird catcher for a dozen or two Redpolls, and in all probability you will get a decent exhibition bird.

Say you have ordered a dozen birds; have a dozen cages ready for them. These cages I call receiving cages. A receiving cage is 9 inches long, 6 wide, and 7 high, and the top is of cloth instead of wood. In the seed drawer have an equal mixture of soaked canary and summer rape, with a sprinkling of maw and dandelion on the surface, also see that the drinker is full of boiled water.

If the birds are in good condition when you receive them, they readily partake of this seed mixture, and in all probability be on their ordinary diet the following day. The ordinary diet will consist of plain canary, with a sprinkling of summer rape on alternate days, and on the intermediate days a sprinkling of dandelion, maw, teazel, linseed, or any wild seed, but never two of these seeds together, or the birds will get too stout for exhibiting.

Having now had the birds a week, get them fairly steady, and on ordinary diet, transfer them to their stock cages, 14 inches by 9, and 12 inches high, the interior painted holly green, also the wires, and the outside black enamel.

Having kept the birds in good condition all the summer months, you will find them sickening for the moult at about the end of July or the beginning of August. Now is the time you will prove if you can bring the birds through the moult with success. To bring the birds through the moult successfully I have found the following treatment most satisfactory.

First of all protect the birds from the sun by nailing a piece of calico over the bird-room window. Give them a bath or a spraying daily, always before noon. Keep them as quiet as possible, allowing no visitors in the bird room during the moulting season. Give the birds as much natural food as possible, such as dandelion, thistle, teazel, etc. Providing you treat the birds as above you will get them through the moult in excellent condition, and ready for the early shows.

You will be surprised at the amount of sheen on your birds after the moult, and by keeping your cages covered you will be able to show the birds at the early shows without having to hand-wash them, but by all means send them to the show in a first-class condition. A suitable exhibition cage can be had from any dealer for two or three shillings, and a real typical 'Poll, shown in a good condition, generally makes a good fight for the "red ticket."

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Nov. 1.—Blaenavon C.B.S.—(Geo. Broome, 82, King St.)

Nov. 3-5.—Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—(Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.)

Nov. 14.—Coventry O.S.—(J. Kent. 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.)

Wales.

Nov. 15.—Swansea C.B.A.—(J. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk St.) D.J., S.J.N.

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Twitterings.

Mr. Bert Lewis writes that he has removed from Morley Street, Kettering to Brayton House, Stamford Road, Geddington, nr. Kettering.

British bird fanciers will be pleased to know that J. Nicholson, of Northallerton, has again taken up the fancy, and hopes to meet fellow fanciers during the next show season.

Abertillery C.B.S. has fixed Wednesday, Oct. 24, for the date of its next open show, writes Mr. J. Webber, hon. sec. Will other societies please note to save clashing.

Mr. R. Jeffrey, Glasgow, won the Scottish Plainhead medal for best hen at the City of Glasgow Show, writes Mr. E. Barron, sec. Scottish Plainhead Club, not Mr. P. Houston, as stated in report of Scottish Plainhead annual meeting.

We have fixed our nest feather show for July 14 and annual show Nov. 3, writes Mr. J. Stanger, sec. Pelton Fell C.B.S. We would like a few more members, any radius. We have about 30 members, and last year we paid 9s. 6d. a class on a 6d. entry; we had 333 entries in 59 classes.

Private Arthur Downs, who is about to be discharged from the Army as unfit for further service, and who has been six months under hospital treatment for shell-shock and wounds, wishes us to thank enquiring friends, and to say that, although his bird-room and cages have been kept intact, he will have to begin again with fresh stock, and cannot for the present reply to enquiries for birds.

The Aberdare C.B.S., writes Mr. T. Davies, is still afloat, and headquarters is changed to the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Aberdare, and owing to our late sec., Mr. Shelby James, being called up, we have elected new officers, and the Society is likely to go on well. Fanciers desirous of becoming members can do so by applying to the sec., Mr. A. J. Evans, No. 24, Davis Street, Aberaman, Aberdare.

A Roller Singing Evening at Haslingd·n.

A special meeting of the Haslingden Roller C.C. will be held at Victoria Hotel, Haslingden, on Saturday, Mar. 24, commencing at 2.30, when Mr. Kilshaw, Bolton, will explain the Roller song, writes Mr. H. Nuttall, sec. Birds will be present. Friends are heartily invited.

An Apology.

I am sorry, writes Mr W. Mundell, that in an unthinking moment I foolishly repeated to some of my friends certain remarks I had heard respecting the judging of Mr Chittenden at Bradford East Show. I find the statements to be entirely without foundation, and I offer a frank apology to Mr. Chittenden for having repeated them.

On March 29, at the Butchers' Arms Hotel, at 6.30, writes Mr. Wm. H. Hollinshead, hon. sec. Penygraig C.B.S., our esteemed friend the Rev. C. B. Jolliffe is coming to give us a lecture on the Ideals of a Cage Bird Society, etc. Fanciers around the district are given a hearty invitation to hear what Mr. Jolliffe and other gentlemen have to say.

OBITUARY.

MR. ROBT. MOORE (Coxhoe).

I deeply regret, writes Mr. A. E. Priest, sec. Bowburn C.B.S., to announce the death after a long and painful illness of Mr. Robert Moore, of Bell's Houses, Coxhoe, at the age of 66 years.

He was a good fancier, and a man of great experience, both in breeding and cage making. He was ever ready to give advice and help in the fancy, and will be missed by a great many fanciers in Durham County. I am sure all who knew Robert will join me in offering our deep sympathy to his family in their sad bereavement.

It is with great regret that we hear, just as we are going to press, of the sad bereavement which has befallen Mr. R. J. Watts, of Huntingdon, and late of Watford, in the loss of his young wife after only three years of happy married life.

Mrs. Watts was taken ill about March 10, and an operation was performed Friday, Mar. 16. She died on Saturday last, March 17, and was buried at Watford on Wednesday, Mar. 21st.

She was a daughter of a well-known inhabitant of Watford, Mr. F. Sargeant, an important official of the London and North-Western Railway. It it a sad and sudden blow to our respected friend, and all who know Mr. Watts will join us in heartfeld sympathy with him in his great trouble.

An Evening for Warrington Fanciers

At the meeting of the Warrington C.B.S., in the Blue Bell Sale Rooms, on Thursday, March 29, writes Mr. H. Warburton, hon. sec., Mr. W. R. Knowles will give a lecture on the "Rearing of Young Canaries." The Committee extend a cordial invitation to anyone interested in the subject.

New Roller Canary Club for London

Further to the announcement you were good enough to make last week, writes Mr. J. Aspinall, a meeting has been arranged for March 27, at 7.30, at the Bazaar Tavern, 10, King Street, Baker Street, W. Roller fanciers in and around London are heartily invited.

New Society for Portsmouth.

I shall be much indebted, writes Mr. W. Stapley, 13, Nutfield Terrace, Clarendon Street, Portsmouth, if you will kindly state that I and several brother fanciers are forming a new Fanciers' Association in Portsmouth. All particulars will be gladly furnished to any interested fanciers on application.

Still They Come.

It is proposed to form a Roller Club for Smethwick and District, affiliated to the B.R.C.C. Mr. W. Heeley, 20, Edith Road, Cape Hill, Smethwick, will send particulars on application.

A Business Closed Down.

Being of military age, and having been refused further exemption, writes Mr. J. Martin, cage maker, Castle Douglas, I have to join the Army on Mar. 20. I much regret having to close down, as trade was never better with me than at present. However, under the circumstances it cannot be avoided, and I trust it may not be for long. I hope CAGE BIRDS will continue to flourish, and that there will be happier times in store for all its readers.

"Our Canaries."

The demand for OUR CANARIES has been of such a nature that our supply for the moment is completely exhausted. Owing to the shortness of labour, we have been unable to get the volumes ready to fill the very large number of orders received from day to day, but we are doing our very best to meet the demand. All orders in hand will be executed in strict rotation, and as soon as we are in a position to cope with fresh orders we shall announce the fact in these columns. In the meantime we ask the indulgence of those who are waiting for their copies to be sent to them.

Seasonable Hints on Useful Weeds.

By RICHARD MORSE, F.R.H.S.

A new weekly feature which will be found of the highest value to all who keep seed-eating birds, and of interest also to all who appreciate the beauty and usefulness of the flowers of our waysides and meadows.

About Ivy Berries.

THE winter season now drawing rapidly to a close has been a most trying one for the birds. The severe and prolonged spell of hard frost in the early part of last month rendered the question of food supply a very serious matter, and scores of birds must have perished from sheer cold and want in all our rural districts.

It has always been a matter for much surprise to me that even after severe spells of bad weather such as this winter has brought us one can always find quantities of food materials in odd corners, and even sometimes in quite exposed places, apparently untouched by the birds. Why these supplies are never found and utilised in times of pressing need is a little rural mystery we may never be able to clear up.

I have passed at very frequent intervals during the winter under a dense mass of the common ivy (Hedera helix L.), and though it has been laden with berries for the whole of the time; these still remain intact in their familiar clusters, in spite of the fact that birds abound in the immediate vicinity. In other cases, every available berry has been greedily devoured by the Blackbirds, Missel Thrushes, Wood Pigeons, and other species which favour the ivy's attractive repast.

We so naturally associate the production of fruits and berries with the autumn season that to the uninitiated it comes as a surprise to find the common ivy departing widely from the usually accepted order of things, and not even expanding its flowers until the bleak days of October and November are with us. Ivy blossoms, though, are very often entirely overlooked, for besides coming at an usually uncongenial time of the year, they are of an inconspicuous greenish-yellow colour, and almost invariably occur only in places well out of ordinary reach.

The berries of the ivy grow in stalked clusters, as shown in the accompanying illustration. They are somewhat globular in shape, and about one third of an inch in diameter, and though at first of an inconspicuous green, they ultimately become a deep puplish black. It is at this stage that one may still find them in all rural districts where the depredations of our native songsters have not yet told their tale.

IVY IN FRUIT,
and various forms of Ivy Leaves.

Ivy leaves vary in shape to a remarkable degree, from the simplest oval through all gradations up to very deeply cut forms, a few of the more characteristic of which are shown in the sketch.

Although ivy appears to thrive on banks, and as an undergrowth in woods and copses, I have never yet found it to flower in such situations, in spite of its having been thoroughly established there for generations. It would seem that the plant needs the stimulus of abundant air and sunlight before it can develop a single truss of blossoms, and it is therefore useless for berry-gatherers to search for this food in any but exposed and elevated situations.

Readers are invited to send any botanical specimens which they have difficulty in identifying. The whole plant, including fruits, should be sent whenever possible. Packages should be addressed "The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. 4, and must be accompanied by a P.O. for sixpence. Answers will appear in this column.

A Great Pennyworth.

IN CAGE BIRDS of January 20th, I wrote an open letter to our readers telling them of the coming of the new paper, "FOOD," and outlining some of the good things which were to appear in it.

Ten numbers of that paper have now been published, and I am wondering whether there are any readers of CAGE BIRDS who have not yet seen a copy. If there be such, their first task should be to get this week's issue from their local newsagent or bookstall. In the present shortage of paper it may not be possible to get a copy unless it has been previously ordered, but a postcard to the publisher, "FOOD" Offices, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. 4, will ensure a specimen copy post free.

It is not too much to say that there is something for everybody in every issue in the paper. Some of the good things in the present week's issue, for instance, may be mentioned. The front page tells in picture form how to sow the seeds of the ten most useful vegetables. There are articles on the keeping of various domestic animals. It tells what vegetables may be grown in any back garden, and how to grow them, how to grow 14 lb. of currants on a single bush, the kinds of vegetable seeds to sow, and many other things connected with the production of food from the earth. There are points about chicken rearing, recipes for the wife, with all kinds of hints about cooking, and so many other good things that if the price of the paper were sixpence instead of a penny it would be money well spent to get a copy weekly.

Beg, borrow, or buy a copy to-day, or send for a sample copy, post free, and you will never again be without your weekly "FOOD."

THE EDITOR.

Queensland Grows Canary Seed.

Experimental sowings of canary seed are being made in many parts of Queensland, as the war has brought about a prospect of high prices for some years after peace is declared. No Turkish canary seed is to hand in Australia nowadays. The Australian market is supplied by Morocco and the Argentine, and the landing cost is £27 to £28 a ton. Added to this are the duty and other expenses, totalling £3 a ton. There is also the cost of cleaning and of putting in smaller packages. Hence the Queensland price for this article is 34s. to 36s. per cwt., or nearly double the normal value that was current here before the war. (Kindly sent by the London correspondent of the North Queensland Register.")

The Prepayment of Carriage on Parcels.

Enquiries are coming in as to how the new regulation of the railway companies that on and after April 2 all railway charges on parcels must be prepaid will affect advertisers. The matter is not quite easy to decide offhand, for it is obvious that an answer to an advertisement may come from a few miles away or a long distance, and the carriage would vary accordingly. It seems that an option is open to the advertiser to state that carriage must be added to the advertised price and paid beforehand by the purchaser. In the absence of this statement it would, of course, be understood that prices quoted included carriage, and the seller must take his chance as to whether this be little or much. We shall be glad to publish workable suggestions if readers can see a better way out of the difficulty.

A Siskin as an Alarm Clock.

A reader kindly forwards us the following cutting from the Glasgow "Bulletin":—

"I have seen the statement more than once that no Scottish bird sings at night. The Sedge-Warbler may not be much of a warbler, but it certainly does sing between sunset and dawn to the best of its ability. A friend of mine, however, has discovered a real Scottish night-warbler. It is a Siskin which he keeps in a cage. Night after night it breaks forth in splendid song, not only in gaslight but also in darkness, after all the family are in bed and only a few dying embers lie in the grate.

"This Siskin is a sort of sentinel bird. If it hears footsteps on the street it warbles at once. It would, therefore, do for a burglar alarm. Being familiar with the habits of the household, it breaks forth in shrill carol before the alarm clock, of which it seems to be jealous, sounds its inevitable chime. On Sunday mornings it causes some irritation by "calling all hands," as if there were no day of rest. The cage door is left open at night, and the bird flutters through the house when it summons all to be up and doing."

FAVOURITE FOREIGN BIRDS.

By "TYRONE."

(Continued from page 154.)

Some practical hints upon the treatment of the more inexpensive of the many beautiful foreign birds which may be kept as pets.

THE Striated Finch is a native of India, and is soberly clad in shades of black, brown and white. It is not very common, and is not particularly interesting in the aviary, but can generally be trusted with other birds, and is fairly hardy. The cock and hen are alike. It is probably from the Striated Finch that Bengalese are descended, and the same food and treatment will suit both varieties.

The Bengalese.

(*Fringilla Bengalus.*)

The Bengalese is a delightful little bird, and will be equally at home in cage or aviary. It breeds very freely when once started, but, like most cage-bred birds, individuals vary greatly; and while some hens will settle down at once and rear nest after nest of young birds, others will only play at nesting, and the whole season will be wasted.

Where breeding is desired it is not advisable to have more than one pair of Bengalese in the aviary, for all the birds will crowd into the same nest at night, and the eggs will get broken or lost. Perhaps it is a better plan to leave the odd birds and young ones in the aviary, and to put the pairs separately into large cages, where they can nest undisturbed.

They should have two nest boxes, not less than three inches square, for while the hen is incubating the cock loves to sit beside her in the box, and he always sleeps there, too. When once fairly started they are most careful with eggs and young birds, and, if not disturbed, rarely allow a young bird to die. They lay from three to six small white eggs, and hatch them in about twelve days.

The young ones are fed on white and spray millet and Canary seed, and during the first week the old birds will give them egg-food; after this they hardly seem to touch it. They also need plenty of flowering grass and chickweed and fresh water. Cuttle-fish bone, mortar, and sea sand should also be supplied.

Bengalese are extremely fond of bathing, and seem to delight in emptying the water vessel as often as it is refilled. To prevent their cage being constantly wet and unwholesome it is a good plan to hang a small cage in front of the door, and to put all water supplies in this.

On no account should water glasses be hung outside the cage as they are placed for Canaries. The Bengalese could not reach them to drink, but some day one of them would squeeze through the opening and be drowned.

As soon as the young birds can crack seed for themselves they should be removed from the cage, or they will interfere with the next nest by all crowding into the box.

Bengalese are not hardy enough to winter out of doors in England, but require a little warmth during the cold, damp months. When they first arrive many of them cannot fly much, and being timid, gentle little things, they should be watched when first turned into the aviary. Cocks and hens are alike in plumage, but the cock sings a quaint little song, puffing out his feathers in a very comical manner.

The Zebra Finch.

(*Amadina castanotis.*)

The Zebra Finch has many qualities that make him a welcome addition to the aviary. He is prettily coloured, hardy and cheap, and breeds very freely if undisturbed. The cock is a pretty blue grey above and white below; he has a patch of chestnut colour on his cheeks, and on his sides a band of the same colour covered with white spots. His tail and throat are prettily barred with black and white. The hen is soft blue-grey all over with two black streaks on her face, like the marks of tears. Both birds have bright yellowish-red beaks.

Zebra Finches come from Australia, and usually arrive in very good condition, but it is a good plan to keep them caged without the opportunity of nesting until they have quite recovered from the effects of their voyage.

Imported birds often seem to rear larger broods than aviary-bred ones, which are in many cases rather small and weakly through inbreeding; but then the imported birds prefer to start nesting in the autumn, just as the bad weather begins.

When once the birds have made a start, they will, in a warm temperature, rear nest after nest nearly all the year round, only stopping during the moult; but this should not be allowed, and the birds should be separated during the winter and forced to rest if strong young ones are to be reared. But though most Zebra Finches are free breeders, some of them are very disappointing, and will only pretend to nest, and these frequently birds that seem to be particularly strong and healthy.

The Zebra Finch builds a domed nest in a bush if it can find one to its liking, or failing that, in a nest box or coconut husk. They lay from three to six small white eggs, and incubate about 11 or 12 days. With all foreign birds it is difficult to tell the exact time of incubation, for a very little interference will cause them to desert their nests, even after the young have hatched, and Zebra Finches especially dislike to be peeped at.

The cock Zebra seems to take a good share in incubating, and when off the nest he stays near and defends it with great spirit, driving away birds twice his size if they approach too near. In my aviary he is quite master of the Ribbon Finches, whom he specially dislikes to see near his nest, but he only attacks those birds who also build in boxes.

Young Zebra Finches resemble their mother at first, only they have black beaks instead of red ones. These change colour when they adopt the adult plumage at about six weeks old. The young birds have a curious way of asking for food when the old ones come near them; they throw themselves almost on their sides, and turn up their heads sideways with open beaks, clamouring loudly all the time.

For food Zebra Finches require millet and Canary, with chickweed and flowering grass. When the young are hatched egg food should also be given, with or without ants' eggs.

The Zebra Finch has a funny, rasping song, and a loud call note, which is frequently uttered, and sometimes becomes rather irritating.

Gouldian Finches.

Gouldian Finches are the most beautiful of all the small birds generally imported, but unfortunately they are decidedly delicate at first. There are two varieties, usually described as "red-headed" and "black-headed." The red-headed cock has a lovely crimson head and neck, green back and wings, and violet breast, changing to orange lower down. The colours of the blackheaded cock are the same except for the difference in the head. The hens are paler, and in them the orange and violet is changed to yellow and mauve.

Gouldian Finches come from the hotter parts of Australia, and until they are thoroughly acclimatised it is absolutely necessary that they should be kept in a warm temperature. For the first few weeks this should be quite 65 or 70 deg., but it can be lowered when the birds have quite recovered from the effects of the voyage.

When thoroughly acclimatised the temperature of a sitting room will be warm enough for them in winter, and in the summer they will be quite happy in the garden aviary, where they will probably nest.

When the Gouldians first arrive it is a good plan to put them in a large flight cage, where they get plenty of exercise, and yet have careful attention until they get quite strong. Their food is very simple, white and spray millet being the principal item, with a little Canary seed and Indian millet.

Spray millet should always be given, as some Gouldians prefer it to any other seed. It can be bought very cheaply in bundles of fifty sprays. Dandelion and grass seeds they will also enjoy, also chickweed, shepherd's purse, and flowering grass, provided they have not been frosted.

While they are in the high temperature their water for drinking and bathing should be slightly warmed to prevent the birds taking a chill. They enjoy their bath, and should be encouraged to take it two or three times a week; it will help to get their plumage into perfect order, and birds are never happy when their plumage is rough and ragged.

At first it is wiser not to give Gouldians too much grit. They have probably not been used to it during the voyage, and when again in the land of plenty are apt to eat too much. Just at first fine sand with cuttle bone will answer just as well, and later on grit can be given gradually, with a piece of rock salt and crushed egg-shells.

When Gouldians are thoroughly acclimatised it is quite time enough to encourage them to start nesting. They must not be allowed to do so in late autumn, which is the natural time for imported birds, but should be kept in cages or separated during the winter, and put into the garden aviary or large breeding cages about May, just before they moult, and about July, when the moult is over, they may be expected to begin to build.

Many Gouldians are desperate fighters while they are nesting, so a single pair is more likely to do well than several pairs kept together. They should be perfectly strong before they start nesting, as the hens have a very troublesome way of dying just when success seems to be in sight.

Gouldians seem to prefer a coconut hung high up in the aviary, but it should be well out of the reach of mice. Imported birds seem in many cases to rear their young ones on seeds alone, but aviary-bred young ones probably learn to eat egg-food before their own time for nesting arrived. Aviary-bred birds would also be likely to nest in spring instead of autumn.

The young birds generally assume the adult plumage at their first moult.

The Parson Finch

(*Poephila cincta.*)

Although the colouring of the Parson Finch is not brilliant, he is decidedly an attractive bird. He has a grey head, brown body, and black tail, with a white patch at the root of the tail, and a black patch on his throat.

The male and female are much alike, and it is difficult to distinguish between them, though her black patch is not quite as large as his. The cock has a splendid and decidedly musical song, so this is perhaps the safest test.

When thoroughly acclimatised the Parson Finch will live out of doors during the winter in a cosy aviary, but if kept indoors it should be in a fairly warm temperature. It almost always does best in a garden aviary during the summer months.

Parson Finches are not difficult to breed in the garden aviary, but when the nesting season approaches the cocks are often extremely quarrelsome and fight desperately. It is wiser, therefore, to have only one pair in the aviary.

Parson Finches generally build their nest of dried grass and hay, and line it with feathers. A Hartz Mountain cage or cigar nest box is generally chos[illegible] wild birds build a large covered nest in a bush. They usually lay four or five white eggs, and hatch them in about 13 days.

The young ones leave the nest when about three weeks old. They are sometimes reared on the millet and canary supplied to the old birds, with plenty of chickweed and flowering grass, but egg-food and ants' eggs may be added, and will probably be appreciated.

Egg-shell and cuttle-fish bone should always be within reach of the old birds.

(To be continued.)

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THE ROLLER CANARY.

ITS BREEDING AND MANAGEMENT.

By J. EARNSHAW.

(Continued from page 153.)

The following interesting and instructive lecture was given before the members of the Nelson Roller Canary Club, by the Secretary, Mr. J. Earnshaw, and, upon our request, has kindly been forwarded to us by the lecturer for publication. The very sound advice given will be of value to breeders of Canaries other than the Roller, to which it was especially intended to apply.

FOR our new fanciers who are just on the point of trying their hand I recommend the small handbook, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," issued from CAGE BIRDS offices, and to old and young fanciers I recommend to support CAGE BIRDS in these trying times.

Have you ever considered what a blow it would be to the fancy generally if this (now the only paper of its kind) were to cease publication owing to the critical times which all work of its kind are up against? In our own interest we must help it to weather the storm. Without a paper of its kind we should be like a ship without a rudder. There would be no advertising medium for our birds or shows, seeds, appliances, etc., no exchange of views, and little knowledge of the doings of other societies. There is a fund of knowledge to be gained from its pages, and no fancier, either new or old, can afford to do without it, or he soon becomes out of date.

The Survival of the Fittest.

I hope you will excuse me if I seem to have wandered from my subject, but I believe it to be of such paramount importance that it is necessary to remind you, and also for you to remember that the only other paper of the kind was unable to see a way to continue soon after the outbreak of war.

To come back to our subject. The daily routine must be systematic and regular. Most of you are early risers, owing to the workshop and mill life which necessitates work from 6 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., with time off for breakfast and dinner. Those of you who live near to your work and can get home to meals are fortunately placed, and can keep a constant eye on the birds, and see that things go on well.

If the fancier be unable to get home to meals, then someone must give a hand in feeding and watching over his birds during the day. I rise early, and attend to their wants, going round with the egg food, and seeing that each cage is supplied according to its needs before proceeding to work. At breakfast time, 8 to 8.30, I manage to find a minute or two to spare to slip round with a little green food where required, glance through the cages to see that all is in order, and remove the eggs that are laid, making a chalk mark on the cages for my reference when I have a little more time. At noon I again fill up their egg pots, and give the required extras, such as cracked hemp, green food, or soaked rape, according to need.

In the early evening give them a last feed for the day, but no green food this time, as stale green food left in the cages becomes poisonous. Remove all stale food, and attend to all the little jobs that have accumulated during the day.

If any young happen to be found lying cold and stiff, don't give them up, but place them in the palm of the hand, and breathe gently on them, and in many cases they will begin to stretch and soon gape for food. Chew up a little yolk of egg, and give the youngsters a cropful off the end of a quill, and restore them to the nest, when the hen will settle down to the chicks for the night, and the youngsters will be quite all right next morning.

At evening is the time to ring your young birds, set your hens, and do your cleaning, change nests, etc., and also prepare for the following day's supplies, boiling your eggs and grating your bread, as there is no time for these duties during the day for busy men in this district.

How "Summer Time" Helps.

"Summer" time, with its extra hour of daylight, comes as a boon to the factory worker who is a bird fancier, as it gives him more time in the evening for these duties, and much can be done in the extra hour before darkness closes in, and he rises with the birds in time for the early morning feed.

I must now draw to a conclusion. The time is too short to touch on every detail. There is much ground that can still be covered, but it will require another evening to dwell on certain points that may arise in the discussion. I hope that my remarks have been profitable, and wish all a successful season for 1917. Our new Society is increasing by leaps and bounds, and we seem in a fair way to become one of the most flourishing clubs in Lancashire. Let us show some results this season, and when the boys come back give a helping hand and a hearty welcome to the Nelson and District Roller Club.

A lively discussion followed, and some interesting hints were brought out. The lecturer explained how he had rung young birds at three days old, when on the point of leaving home for a holiday with the birds in care of someone unaccustomed to this delicate operation. With some black thread he stitched the ring all round, and made the ring much smaller in circumference, so that it fitted the leg. Then on his return he cut the threads on the ring with a sharp knife, and found the method quite successful. One of these birds was in the prizes this time, and had it not been rung would not have been able to compete. Dark thread is best, as it passes unnoticed by the hen.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

The Kea, the Kaka and the Kakapo

New Zealand Parrots which have Changed their Characters.

By L. B. THOBURN-CLARKE.

The following interesting article was contributed to Chambers' Journal and is reproduced by agreement with the proprietors for the benefit of our readers.

PERHAPS in no country in the world are the weird forms of bird-life more pronounced than they are in New Zealand. Not only are many of these bird-forms of an almost prehistoric type, survivals of early life on this globe, but two of them (the Kea and the Kakapo) have undergone a complete change to suit their environment. In other lands birds have shown extraordinary developments, both in form and feathering, under the restraining hand of man, but these New Zealand Parrots have, in a wild state and absolutely without man's interference, developed in unexpected ways.

The Only Carnivorous Parrot.

The Kea (*Nestor notabilis*) probably lived, before the British settlers arrived in New Zealand, upon the same food as its sole living relative, the Kaka (*Nestor meridionalis*)—the berries and honey from the blossoms of the rata and other flowering shrubs and trees found in the New Zealand bush, varied by insects that lived under the bark. Its brush-fringed tongue would suggest such a diet, but under the civilising influence of the settler it first became a flesh-eater, then finally developed a full carnivorous habit, and preyed upon the living sheep, this being the only case where a Parrot in a wild state has adopted a flesh diet, although in captivity Parrots frequently grow very fond of cooked meat, and eat it readily.

No one knows when the Kea first became a "hanger-on" to the sheep-station, or what first induced the bird to eat flesh. Perhaps, during a time of great scarcity, hunger may have compelled it to try the new diet, and, the taste once developed, the habit continued for ever afterwards.

It is quite a usual custom on a sheep-station for one or more sheep to be killed daily. Only the best portions are eaten, the rest, with the head and offal, being thrown down for the dogs to eat. The head, being hard and covered with wool, is frequently refused by the dogs, consequently there may be quite a number of sheeps' heads lying about the killing yard or paddock, rotting in the sun. No doubt the sight of the dogs feeding on offal may have suggested the first taste, and afterwards the bird continued eating the food which was always lying ready at hand.

I have had no experience of tame Keas, nor have I ever heard of anybody who possessed one,* but the great brown night-parrot, the Kaka, its only relative, is without a rival in its uncanny intelligence, so why should not the Kea have equal intelligence and sagacity?

The Kea, "perching itself on the sheep's head or offal," relates an eye-witness, "proceeds to tear off the skin and flesh, devouring it piecemeal, after the manner of a Hawk; or at other times holding the object down with one foot, and with the other grasping the portion it is eating, in the fashion of the ordinary Parrot."

Several of these great Parrots eating offal were quite a common sight in the killing-yards, and created no comment. The dogs might object, but they had too wholesome a fear of the Parrot's formidable beak to interfere with its feeding.

A Depraved Taste.

As no one can tell just when the Kea first commenced to eat flesh, so no one knows just when it developed a taste for the kidney fat of a sheep, and how it learnt to secure the tit-bit. This must always remain a mystery, although there are many theories to account for it.

Perhaps the Kea, tearing to pieces a sheep that had died on the mountains, found out the fat around the kidneys, and with diabolical intelligence attacked the living sheep, and, clinging fast with its claws to the wool, dug deeply into the skin and flesh of its living victim, and ate its fill of the fat. This appears the most probable theory.

Many observers, however, consider that the practice, common on sheep-stations and large farms in New Zealand, of hanging the sheep's carcass on the flagstaff, or on a pole raised for the purpose, may have taught the Kea just where to find the fat. But in this case the carcass would have been skinned and ready for cutting up before being hung up, and the Kea would have had no necessity to tear its way down to the fat.

"Nature Red in Tooth and Claw."

The discovery of dead and dying sheep with great yawning holes in their backs first astonished the sheep-owners, then worried them, for no one had the remotest idea that the Kea was the culprit. The sheep were mysteriously attacked and mortally injured, the bird being content to eat the fat and leave the unfortunate animal to die a lingering death.

When, however, the Kea was found to be the culprit, it was no longer allowed to have the run of the killing-yards, but was shot or trapped. But this did not stop the ravages upon the sheep. It is quite probable that the Keas which attacked the sheep in the first instance were Parrots that were not in the habit of coming down to the slaughter-yards to feed on the offal, but were birds that had not discovered this easy method of obtaining food.

The clinging to the wool of the terrified animal, as it rushed about seeking to get rid of its tormentor, could have been no easy matter, although the Kea is quite as large as a Raven, with claws that fit it for hanging on to anything that it has once gripped hold of.

In the face of this change of habit it seems extraordinary that our own birds of prey have not developed equally astounding tactics in securing their food. But apparently the British birds of prey still feed in the same manner as their ancestors have done for generations.

No doubt the Kea, in its attacks upon its victims, uses its powerful wings to buffet and worry the sheep. Anyone who has felt the force of the wings of even a small bird when it is battling with a foe must realise that the force behind the Kea's wings is not to be despised. The sheep is not renowned for its resourcefulness under danger, and no doubt the attack of the winged marauder simply makes it crowd among its fellows, thus offering an easy victim to the merciless foe crouching on its back.

Nemesis.

It is a pity that this large and interesting bird has become so injurious to the sheep, as it will probably be exterminated within a very short time, and follow in the wake of the many wonderful forms of bird-life which have already disappeared before the march of man's destroying footsteps.

Its sole remaining relation, the Kaka, has developed no new traits under the changed conditions of life introduced by the settler into New Zealand. Far rather does this Parrot avoid the haunts of man. Its habits are nocturnal, and, although many birds may be living in the depths of the densest bush, it is rarely seen by the bushman. I have lived for months in the bush, and have never seen one in a wild state.

Yet as soon as the twilight and sudden dusk of the southern hemisphere set in the night would be full of their shrill, piercing cries, as they winged their way to their favourite feeding grounds. Sometimes at night we would hear them in the tall trees, but as a rule they are silent except when on the wing, and then they are extremely noisy.

Even when living at Takapuna, near Auckland, although there were no tall forest-trees very close at hand, I have heard them night after night passing over, their harsh screams weirdly suggestive of uncanny proceedings up among the clouds, for even on moonlight nights I could never catch a glimpse of the flying night-parrots.

(To be continued.)

* Our Mr. Fulljames kept a Kea Parrot for some time, and exhibited it at the Crystal Palace Show of 1898, where it got vhc. The bird was fed upon ordinary insectile food, fruit, and mealworms, and refused to eat meat. The owner made the suggestion at the time that the origin of the sheep-killing habit was an accidental one. Sheep in conditions such as prevailed in Australia were frequently attacked by the bot-fly, the maggots of which burrowed into the flesh and formed a festering sore. It is possible that the birds in their search for these larvæ accidentally found their way to the fat surrounding the kidneys of the sheep and so contracted the habit referred to in the text.

Bird Life on the Doiran Front.

A Varied List and Two Puzzles.

WHAT a paradise for the student of Natural History is this apparently so desolate expanse of plain and mountain, but especially for the observer of birds. Every change in the wind brings us the trumpeting of vast hordes of Greyleg Geese echeloned in flight against the morning sky. The variety of Wildfowl approaches the teeming swarms of the Danube marshes, and but for the ceaseless depredation of the numerous Eagles, Buzzards, Falcons, and Harriers, daylight observation would yield even better results.

Mallard, Widgeon (slightly larger and darker than the British species), Golden-eye, Teal, Pochard, and Tree-duck are common, also two ducks which I cannot identify, and I should be glad if any reader can recognise my description of them: Size slightly less than the Shoveller, ruddy brown, tufted head in the male bird, sooty grey plumage, and Flamingo-pink on the underside of the wings; female, no crest and rusty brown plumage. The distinctive feature of the male is a bright vermilion and serrated bill, which is drab colour in the female. This bird is a true duck (excellent eating and a grass feeder).

Another bird which puzzles me is slightly larger than the Teal—a fish-eater with a Merganser's (Sea Goose) bill—but the male is a beautifully marked white bird with characteristic black bars round the base of the neck and a typically harlequin crest; the female has no crest, but a ruddy brown head and neck. It has duck's plumage, and is not a Grebe—is there such a small Merganser? The common Merganser is a daily visitor to the lake, as is also the Dabchick.

In the cultivated valleys the common Partridge and the French Partridge abound, hares are plentiful, and so are Blue-rock Pigeons. Wood-Pigeons are rarely seen. Woodcocks come in with the north wind in considerable quantities and are in good condition, as are also the Snipe—in fact, a noticeable feature of all Macedonian game birds is their splendid flesh.

The Black Vulture is seen frequently in the vicinity of old camping grounds, besides the Golden Eagle and Bonelli's Eagle. Montague's Pallid Harriers are common, as well as the Marsh and Glen Harriers; Peregrine Falcons are comparatively scarce, but Buzzards take a heavy toll of Mallard at dawn and dusk. The great White Heron, the Squacco, the Night and Grey Herons, the White Egret and Bittern are found in all the Doiran marshes; Cormorants and Shags are familiar denizens of the waterways and have as companion one little Kingfisher.

On ploughed land the Calandra Three-toed Lark is frequently seen with a Black-throated Tree-Lark, and all our English Finches are represented. Of soft-billed birds, Robins, Blackbirds, and Song Thrushes inhabit all sheltered spots, whilst the ravines are peopled with Dippers, Grey and Yellow Wagtails, and the interesting Sedge Warblers and Bearded Tits.

Perhaps no list would be complete without reference to our useful scavenging friends which include Magpies, Jackdaws, Rooks, Carrion and Hoodie Crows, and Ravens. Every oak ravaged by borer worms and weather acts as host to a whole tribe of Little Owls. I counted thirty-two fly out of a tree in a wood near the lake. Screech and Long-eared Owls are the constant companions of our night outposts. Of lesser birds of prey the Kestrel, the Hobby and Sparrow-Hawk; and of medium sized, the Kite, are perhaps worthy of mention, whilst the smallest, and most mischievous, of all is the Great Grey Shrike—familiar figure on telegraph post or tamarisk bush.

It is remarkable how little all our feathered friends who help to make our life so much more endurable up here, are affected by even the barrage fire of artillery. They re-occupy their usual haunts quite calmly as soon as the fire lifts.

THE NIGHTINGALE IN NATURE AND CAPTIVITY.

(Continued from page 121.)

By the kindness of a reader, Mr. O. S. Manners, Stapleford, Notts, we are enabled to republish the following interesting article, which appeared in a work published in 1799. The wording is reproduced exactly as printed, and we have thought it as well to add an occasional foot note

THE right time for catching Nightingales is in April; the sooner they are caught after their re-appearance the longer they will continue to sing. In May they are paired, and it will be a long while before they sing when caged, and then their music is but short and trifling. From sun-rising to ten in the morning is the best time for catching them; they have fasted all night, are eager after food, and greedily seize upon meal-worms.

In a wood you may easily make choice of a Nightingale which sings finest; they keep at a distance from one another, and seldom invade each other's bounds. You go the evening before you set your trap, and mark the place where you hear them; you then cut a twig about four feet long, sharpened at one end, and slit at the other, so as to hold a couple of meal-worms stuck upon a pin. Thrust the point into the ground, about twenty or thirty paces from the place where you hear the bird sing, so that he may easily espy it, and turn up the earth round the twig; this do wherever you hear a Nightingale.

Next morning repair to the place where you planted your twigs; if you find all or any of the baits gone, you may conclude the Nightingale will soon return, in expectation of a fresh supply; you therefore are to set your trap near the twig, in as private a place as you can, yet so as to leave him a full view of the meal-worm, and turn up the fresh mould, which will invite the Nightingales to come and look for worms, ants, or other insects.

If he should spy you placing the trap, you may depend on his coming to it soon after you are retired, and if he should be gone to some other place, you will soon find him out by his singing; then throw a stone at him, and he will directly repair to his former station.

When he is caught in the trap, you must carefully seize him and disengage him from the net, slipping him immediately into a little silk purse, at least six inches long and two wide, taking great care not to rumple his wings or tail, which would greatly retard his singing. To avoid the inconvenience of a net, in which the bird, in endeavouring to escape, is apt to entangle himself, some make use of a piece of thin green silk, and thus the feathers are secured from the least damage.

Having caught the bird, on your return home you are to fix the cage on the outside of your window, where you let it remain all the singing season, supplying him with meat and drink as shall be directed. The wires of the cage must be quite covered with a piece of green serge or cloth to exclude the light.

It is absolutely necessary that this cage should be exposed to the east as much as possible. The heat of the south fatigues the bird, and prevents his singing; besides, it dries him up, and he will be apt to grow blind.

Having placed the cage as directed, you must shelter him from the rain and the sun by an umbrella or a boarded covering. Some set the cage upon a small table within the window, but then the casement must be left open night and day, and nobody must come into the room but the person that takes care of the bird, who must give him his meat and drink as softly as possible, and without jarring the cage.

Thus managed, the Nightingale will sing sometimes in three or four days; he will never exceed eight if he is caught before May. You place two small cups in the cage; in the one put water, in which strew three or four mealworms, in the other put between twenty or thirty mealworms for his food.

In caging the Nightingale you must open that end of the purse next to his head. When he is half-way out you must make him swallow a few drops of water, for refreshment, by dipping his beak again and again into it; then let him slip out into the cage, closing the door after him.

The bird will for some time be sullen under his confinement, but the mealworms will soon revive his spirits and make him forget his loss of liberty. You may visit him about four hours after caging, softly open the door of the cage, take out the cup with mealworms, and supply him with fresh ones, covering the bottom of the cup with a little paste.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

EVERY WEEK A PRIZE OF TEN SHILLINGS IS GIVEN FOR WHAT, IN THE OPINION OF THE EDITOR OF "CAGE BIRDS," IS THE BEST LETTER PUBLISHED UNDER THIS HEADING. THE LETTER MAY BE ON ANY SUBJECT. IT MAY BE A COMMENT, FOR OR AGAINST, ON ANYTHING WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN OUR PAGES, AN OPINION ON THE POLICY OF OUR PAPER, OR MAY HAVE NO REFERENCE WHATEVER TO ANYTHING WHICH HAS ALREADY APPEARED. SO LONG AS IT IS ON A "BIRDY" SUBJECT, AND IS ORIGINAL, IT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR THE PRIZE.

The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. J. Kershaw, Rock Lea, near Menai Bridge.

A Ringed Starling Shot.

SIR,—A customer of mine, Mr. Thos. Patton, of Kilbright, Carrowdore, Co. Down, when shooting Crows on some newly sown wheat a few weeks ago, killed a Starling which had a ring on its leg. Knowing that I was interested in British birds, he brought the ring for me to see, it is inscribed as follows: Moskwa, Ornithol, Komitet, 2768, F.

We should be glad if anyone could inform us when and where this bird was rung.

H. DONNAN.

Abnormally Feathered Mules.

Nearly Black Goldfinch Canaries.

SIR,—May I ask readers of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, if any of them can account for the following incident. A Mr. Coombes, of Sandown, Islo of Wight, bred during last season two nests of Goldie-Mules, the first being quite ordinary little birds, but the second nest are practically black, just a faint yellow stripe along the wings (scarcely noticeable): these birds were fed as for young Canaries. It would be interesti[illegible] this is an unusual colour; it certainly is to me. The birds may be seen at any time

G MARSH, Staff-sergt. R.E.

How to Make Club Shows Pay.

And Create New Members.

SIR,—It has been the crying evil that members' shows as a series do not pay. I am sure if they had a booklet, say of 30 pages, easy to put in the waistcoat pocket, and a duplicate to every page, and would hand them round to all members to sell at twopence each, it would come as a good help for the open show. Also to have four selling classes, say 5Os., 20s., 12s. 6d. cocks, and 10s. hens, would bring more entries and make the show more worth seeing for members and friends, besides it would make money at both ends, and more members.

J. L. THORNTON.

Cage Making for Discharged Soldiers.

Other Occupations Suggested.

SIR,—I quite agree with Mrs. Sikes, and believe a certain number of our gallant soldiers might, with profit and pleasure to themselves and to the community, be taught cage and trap making and netting. They could be instructed by practical men, many of whom are also bird catchers and know the requirements of the craft.

When they had thoroughly learnt their new trade they could, if they settled in rural districts, go in for bird, rat, and mole catching. As a kind of relaxation they could, in due season, collect wild seeds, gentles, ant cocoons, and wasp grubs, which they could dispose of to bird fanciers and dealers. There is a great demand for well-made and reliable flight nets, clap nets, rabbit nets, etc.

H. G.

Freshly Caught Finches.

How to Get Them On To Seed.

SIR,—E. J. Brown would like to know how I save fresh caught Goldies and Linnets. It is a very simple method, and twelve to the dozen can be got on to seed, strong and healthy.

Birds caught in the forenoon should not be carried about in the kit for the remainder of the day. This is where many catchers are wrong; a catcher's day's work should be from day-break till noon; if out longer the birds caught in the early forenoon begin to get a bit thick, even if they have food and water. Of course, there are times when we don't get back till quite late, and then we must prepare before we set out on long journeys. Store cages must be roomy, with a tame Finch in each for showing the fresh-caught birds their food and water. Niger and thistle seed are of great importance for the fresh-caught birds, and if given soaked will revive and freshen them up all day.

When they are landed home place them in a store cage. Goldies should not be put a lot in one cage, four in a cage are plenty, so to be successful E. J. Brown must have a few store cages on hand; the reason for putting four in a cage is that Goldies are such quarrelsome birds, and if many are placed in a cage generally one can see scraps over the niger, and a few weak ones skulk away in a corner, and wish the rest adieu. When it is possible I really prefer two in a cage, as it avoids all these scraps.

Going back to treatment of fresh-caught birds, soaked niger and crushed hemp stand first, with teazle and Canary (soaked) in separate vessels. The floor of the store cage should have some wild seed on the grit. This is the whole secret of getting Goldies on seed. Don't forget water outside, and make sure that the drinking holes are big enough. They should be five together at each end of cage.

The same refers to Linnets, only they should have no crushed hemp; let rape (English) and charlock take its place. This can be given soaked or dry, and don't forget a little green stuff. Linnets love it, especially when first caught. Greadually wean the Finches off the soaked seed on to hard, but don't start this till four days have elapsed. Then feed on stock mixtures, and all goes well.

F. W. STOWE.

The Growing of Sunflower Seed.

A Special Prize Awarded by a Reader.

SIR,—I enclose 2s. 6d. for a second prize for Mr. Hood's letter in CAGE BIRDS of March 17 on sunflower seed. It answers in a very practical way the question I sent in some weeks ago. The prizes you offer make the correspondence most interesting, and I hope the results will justify you in often doing so in future. Of course, the letters are valuable at all times, but from the point of view of the general amateur rather a lot are given up to personal matters and to those questions which interest more particularly the charmed inner circle of specialists. We humble, but very numerous general practitioners, would like, I believe, more discussion of such matters as that raised by "Novice" (about a point of mule breeding).

A book, now out of print, which interested me very greatly, was "Notes on Cage-Birds." It consists entirely of letters of similar discussions which appeared long ago in the "Bazaar." Such a book compiled from up-to-date correspondence in CAGE BIRDS might be still more delightful, since the range of aviculture is now so greatly extended, and you can draw at all times upon a great fund of expert knowledge.

A. H. SCOTT.

[The additional prize so generously sent by our correspondent has been forwarded to Mr. H. Hood, East Harling, Norfolk. Perhaps some of the correspondents who find that most of the personal remarks are deleted from their letters before publication will note that, even as published, these letters are not of universal interest. The suggestion in the last paragraph of Mr. Scott's letter is a very good one, and we will endeavour to give effect to it when normal times come round.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

The Scotch Fancy Canary.

Guaranteed Classes Offered.

SIR,—The sketch of a Scotch Fancy Canary in your issue of March 10 ought to put new energy into old fanciers, not to speak of new ones, for there are many who would like to be the proud possessor of such a bird. Respecting "Bird Fancier's Son's" letter in your issue of March 17. In reply to Mr. Dix he says that one never sees Scotch Fancies that were not good enough to exhibit. Well, for his information we may say that we see them every day, and still we keep them as stock birds, having in many instances bred better birds from these inferior birds than from some real first class show birds, that is if they have been bred of good stock. Many years ago we purchased a pair of birds for the modest sum of 25s., and the first year reared fourteen young ones, which were shown at all the leading shows in the country, and were rarely ever out of the money.

It is useless to talk of thirty years ago; we have to keep up with the times. If we want a suit of clothes we don't go to our tailor and ask for the same style of suit as our great grandfather had thirty years ago; we must have it up to date. It is the same with the bird o'circle; if we live in England or Wales we have to keep up-sides with the Scotch Fancy breeder from Scotland, the home of the old "Don," or else our birds are useless on the bench over the Border, or in the market. Do not let the Scotch Fancy Canary deteriorate back to thirty years ago, but keep it up as it is to-day, one of the grandest breeds that grace the bench. We hope to see the Scotch Fancy come to the fore again, as in years gone by, and we are prepared to guarantee a class or two at any first class show in England or Wales, tho latter preferred. If any secretary likes to accept this offer he may communicate with us, and we should like to hear from any other fancier who would like to help us in our effort to popularise the Scotch Fancy Canary.

J. J. PENALUNA AND SONS.

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Nets and How to Use Them.

Stoker Stowe Answers Some Questions.

SIR,—In reply to the letter of Springburn in CAGE BIRDS of March 10, in which he asked how I use side nets, and the length of poles, I would say that it depends greatly on the length of nets and width, and on what species of bird you are out for. Springburn does not say, but I conclude Bullies. The net for Bullie catching should be 18 feet by 4 feet 6 inches, and the length of poles or staves 2 feet. Keep the bait nearly up the length of net within a foot of the staves, and a foot from bottom of staves, of course, in between them.

Springburn asks if I use them on uneven ground. I do where the ground is not too rough; ground as rough as a camel's back I give a miss to, as I don't care to carry a spade or any tool for chopping off the unevenness. I say, without hesitation, that nets, side or otherwise, cannot be made to work successfully on very rough ground; tufts of grass or reeds as "Yelneh" says, are not like mounds of earth. I use my nets where I can when faced by this problem. Let Springburn try for himself, and he will be convinced.

F. W. STOWE.

A Reply to "Yelneh."

I have read "Yelneh's" letter with interest, and he is quite right in saying he would select the best pitch along a furrow, but he says he would take a bit out of the ridge to let the staves lie flat, and the ants' hills he would level a bit. "Yelneh" does not read the question I put before him correctly. I asked if he could successfully use a pair of nets 24 ft. by 5 ft. on ridge and furrow, smothered with anthills, without chopping off the anthills. "Yelneh" says he would level them a bit; therefore I conclude that the field I gave for example would puzzle him without chopping off the anthills.

I know fields in which the anthills are as thick as thistles, nearly one into the other, great giant hills a foot high; surely the catcher would want a spade to add to his kit if he was going to set in these fields. One field I know is waste land, and is as I have described. Scotch and plume thistles grow there by acres, and the Finches in early autumn would make "Yelneh" want to find some means of getting 'em. Clap nets are out of question, unless, as I have said, you chop off these great hills, and in this case the landlord wouldn't allow it, so I have for several seasons used bird lime. It is the only way to get them. Personally I do not care to use the stuff, but in places as this you must. How would "Yelneh" tackle them? His nets as described would be of no use. I gather from what he has said about them that they are a pair of side nets (only "Yelneh" does not roll up nets at back). He says the nets are much deeper than staves used, hence the quicker they are to set. I am afraid, Mr. Editor, I am taking too much space of your invaluable paper, so must tell "Yelneh" my method of using nets when space permits.

F. W. STOWE.

[An answer to J. D. Griffiths is held over, pending the making of a block to reproduce sketch.—EDITOR.]

What is a Side Net?

SIR,—I duly observed "Yelneh's" reply in CAGE BIRDS, of 3rd inst., which quite explains away the practical difficulties I would anticipate in setting nets in the manner he describes, but I am still unconvinced that the method he employs is any advantage over the ordinary way of setting clap nets. I will, however, keep an open mind on the subject, and possibly have a try when the catching season again comes round. So far as I can see, the method would necessitate shorter staves or nets than have been used in the ordinary way, in order that the requisite "slack" might be obtained to let the staves work properly.

I note what "Yelneh" says as to the uncertainty of bird catching, but I always endeavour, and doubtless so does he, to set the nets carefully on the best pitch obtainable, so that little is left to chance in the way of the nets failing to secure a catch when the wild birds come to the proper elevation. I note "Yelneh's" hint to use a coal scoop to collect the catch, but I hasten to assure him that birds are seldom caught in such quantities in Scotland as to necessitate this wholesale method of removing them from the nets.

I had a call from "Springburn" on Saturday last, and think I was able through a practical demonstration with 11 yards clap nets (along with my friend, Mr. Holden) to show him sufficient to enable him in the future to use same efficiently.

I found on enquiry that he had been using nets 30 yards long, which are, I consider, "some" nets, and I do not wonder that a novice failed to secure the desired result through their use. I have advised him to practise with a smaller sized net until he gains sufficient proficiency to enable him to use the larger sizes.

In the course of a walk in the country afterwards, I showed "Springburn" the practical impossibility of setting nets in the uneven undulating land which prevails in the district, where I think side nets would at times be most useful.

I observe that "Stoker Stowe" has again joined in this correspondence, and perhaps he could enlighten your readers as to what a side net is, the proper depth and length of net, size of staves to use with same, and the best means of setting.

I thank "Yelneh" and Stoker Stowe for their interesting correspondence on the subject.

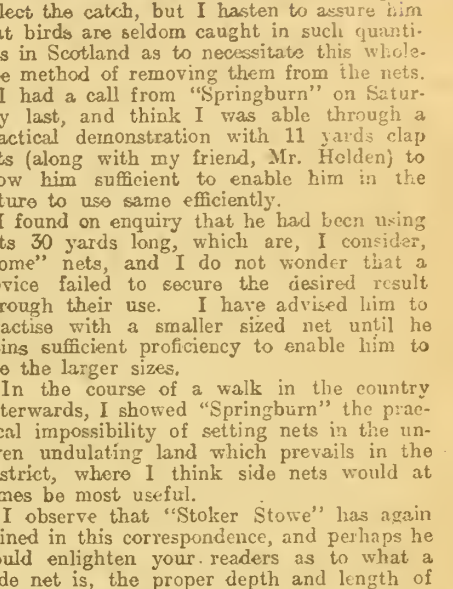
JOHN MCNAUGHT.

How to Catch Sparrows for Food.

The Bat Net and Its Use Described.

SIR,—I have noticed in CAGE BIRDS lately several references to Sparrows as food, and in view of this and other items on the same subject which have from time to time appeared in your columns, I thought a few words on the catching of these pests might be of use to your readers.

The best tool for the purpose is a bat-folding net (as per sketch), which can be made by anyone who can net and is at all handy with his fingers. The sticks are long thin hazels. These are steamed at the tops, bent, and held in position by the strings B.B., and joined at the top by the leather hinge "C." The net should be from 4 to 5 ft. square, made of thread, and of about three-quarters of an inch mesh.



The man holding the net holds it in such a position against the ivy-clad walls of a house that one of the poles is just skimming the ivy, and the other is just opposite it, and quite clear of, but inclining a little towards the wall. The other operator (for the net cannot be used single handed) stands in front of the one with the net, and beats towards him with a pole. In this way the sleeping birds are driven from their roosting places, and fly into the open net, the poles of which are immediately clapped together, the net laid on the ground, and the Sparrows extracted. In this manner you slowly work round the building on which you are operating. This method can be used on any winter's night as soon as it is dark.

I do not think that I have made it clear in my very poor sketch (the sketch has been redrawn; Editor) that the net should not be drawn tight when the poles are open, but should bag considerably. It is utterly useless to try this method on empty houses, for as soon as a house is left by its human occupants the Sparrows leave it too. As far as the edible qualities of Sparrows are concerned Sparrow pie will always be good enough for

SPANGER.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 171.)

A Fancier in Distress.

Generous Support from Fellow Fanciers.

Sir,—Mr. McLaughlin called upon me today, March 15, and handed me correspondence from Mr. Craven, of Plymouth. This gentleman has given a cock instead of a hen; Mr. Freeman, Wandsworth Common, a pair, Mr. Lloyd, Cricklewood, a yellow hen, Mr. Robson, Peckham, two hens, and, as promised, I have sent 5s. direct to him to save you the trouble of posting to him. From a report in Cage Birds, March 3, I see that Plymouth fanciers have collected 10s. 4d., and I assume this is being sent to you. Many thanks are due to you for allowing my appeal on behalf of this very genuine case.

W. Whitley.

(We have received 10s. 4d. from the sec. of the Plymouth W. Counties P.S. as stated, and also 5s. from Mr. Shearman. A cheque for 15s. 4d. has been forwarded to Mr. McLaughlin accordingly.—Ed., Cage Birds.)

Birds on the Boiran Front.

An Identification Problem.

Sir,—Enclosed find a short article taken from the "Balkan News," a paper published for the soldiers serving around Salonica, which I thought would interest your readers if you care to publish it. My many friends in and around Manchester will see that I still take an interest in bird life, although I have not been able to keep any since the war broke out. I should be much obliged if some reader would kindly name the two species described in this article.

Please convey to all who are carrying on my wishes for a most successful breeding season, both as regards quality and quantity. I will conclude by thanking you for all the good things provided week by week in Cage Birds, for although so far away I have it forwarded on to me every week.

Sergt. H. W. Scholfield.

Salonica.

[The article kindly sent by our soldier reader appears on page 170. Our friend, Mr. Spillman, of Devonport, who had received the same paper from his eldest son at Salonica, also sent us the cutting.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

A Domesticated Blackbird.

Cat and Bird as Friends.

Sir,—I hope the following history of an extraordinary pet Blackbird may interest many of your readers though it may appear somewhat incredible to some of them. I may say that I can personally vouch for its reality, having known the bird since shortly after it was taken from its nest last season, and having seen it both inside and outside its home, a farmer's house.

It was taken by a young girl from its nest in a hedge around a large field in front of the farm house in which she lives with her family. She put it in a cage about the size of a Lark's cage, and thus kept it until it grew too big for the cage, meanwhile making a full grown cat, kept in the house, understand that it must not attack the bird in any way. She then removed it from the cage, and placed it on the floor in the presence of the cat, which did not attempt to interfere with its freedom. It hopped about the floor in the presence of the cat, with which it soon became quite "pally."

When the family go to bed they leave the cat and the bird in the house, the bird perching on the back of an old chair—its own selection—standing near a chest of drawers, upon which it jumps from the chair, and sings its song in the early hours of the morning. When the chair is not in its usual place, the bird runs to and fro in front of anyone in the house, and thus asks for the chair to be placed where usually kept, and will not perch on it in any other part of the house.

It perches on its foster-mother's hands, shoulders, and head, and is quite one of the family, getting on the table during meals, picking up breadcrumbs, and accepting bits of food from the fingers of any member of the family.

Two of its most remarkable habits are going into the garden with the cat, and into the large field in front of the house, and associating with wild Blackbirds, flying with them into the hedge, but invariably returning home before dusk. The cat frequently brings home, during the breding season, young wild rabbits, showing that the destructive faculty in cats is active in it, yet it never attacks its fellow pet of the household.

When the bird requires a bath it goes to a dyke of water near the house, and bathes in it, then hops home to dry. One day it flew upon the edge of a pail half full of water, and jumped into the water for a bath. Fortunately, it was seen in the pail just in time to prevent what would have been a very sad occurrence for its foster-mother, a tender-hearted girl with an intense affection and the kindest consideration for animals, hence her success in rearing and taming her extraordinary pet Blackbird.

I saw it when just fully fledged, its colour being a dull dusky brown, which caused me to presume it was a hen. I told the girl so, and that therefore it would never afford her any pleasure as a songster, and advised her to let it go, but she persisted in keeping it, with the results as described. Knowing the general timidity and shyness of the Blackbird, I think the subject of this account a most extraordinary bird. I must add that no reasonable sum of money would induce the girl to part with her pet.

Jas. Donbavand.

The Need of a National Tribunal

A Lead Offered.

Sir,—I have been greatly interested in the correspondence recently appearing in the columns of Cage Birds on the question of the formation of a central body or association to formulate rules, etc., which would prevent or decide disputes arising in the Norwich Plainhead Fancy. This, to me, is not a new idea, as when a few months ago, in conjunction with a few friends I succeeded in organising the new specialist society for East Anglia I placed it prominently before all concerned as a possible future development.

I then had in mind the probability of the Norwich Plainhead Clubs federating, not only with a view to establishing standard rules, but also to provide a jointly patronised show where these could be actually demonstrated.

Since the question of a National Society was opened in a practical manner by Mr. Bastock many correspondents have made suggestions, which, although differing in methods, would lead to similar results. I think that if existing organisations could be utilised it would be the simplest and easiest way of dealing with the matter.

It would be necessary, of course, that the preliminaries should be arranged by correspondence, and one writer suggested that it would be impossible to get someone to undertake the management of this. Writing as Chairman of the East Anglian Specialist Club I can safely say that in order to overcome such a difficulty we are prepared to undertake the initiative in this matter and conduct it through the columns of your valuable paper, or, if necessary, privately.

If this suggestion is considered of any value, the first step would be for the specalist societies to get into touch with each other, and with us in particular, and we would then be in a position to propose a scheme for the commencement of operations. Of course the one great difficulty in all matters of this kind is the raising of funds, but if existing bird societies could be induced to federate with the specialist clubs in their vicinity, and to pay an annual subscription a substantial central fund could thus be raised.

The benefits to be gained by the establishment of a scheme such as I have indicated are really very obvious. The formation of standard rules governing classification and the acourate and clear definition of exhibition properties and points of the Norwich Plainhead would prevent unfortunate disputes arising, and simplify the work of judges. A jointly patronised show would be the means of raising the status of the Norwich Plainhead branch of the fancy and greatly enhance the value of this type. I hope that practical suggestions will be made by any of your readers interested.

J. J. Smith.

Oxalic Acid for Killing Red Mite

Beats a Painter's Blow Lamp.

Sir,—I felt somewhat ashamed of myself when I read in Mr. Beddall's letter of thanks his remarks and the manly way he acknowledged a benefit, for I have received so much information from Cage Birds correspondence without replying that I also should like to say thanks to everyone.

With regard to the use of oxalic acid, it is the only real remedy that I have found, so if I have been of service to anyone I am well repaid. My bird room and cages are now without red mite. At one time I was so infested that my birds were dying off, and after trying many experiments, and being determined to clear the pest, I purchased a large painter's blow lamp, extra big size; this not only squirted blazing fire into the cages, but also petrol. This method I continued weekly, killing hundreds, but all to no purpose, the more I seemed to kill, the more they came in swarms, and I wondered if the red mite laid eggs, and was the lamp the means of helping to hatch them.

I quite admired "Old Helpmate's" cautious note and agree that great care should be exercised to properly dissolve the crystals. I would like to mention that I have not lost a single bird from its use, and I consider that oxalic acid has saved the life of many from red mite pest and death.

Thos. Clayton.

How Lime Neutralises the Poison.

Sir,—Replying to Mr. G. J. Beddall's letter in Cage Birds of March 17th, I must emphatically repeat my statements in my previous letter of March 3, viz., that oxalic acid is, in itself, an active and certain poison, and that dipping the ends of perches into a water solution of it is running serious risks. It does not follow that because Mr. Beddall's birds have not yet suffered from its poisonous effects they will always escape such effects.

My previous letter was intended to be mostly precautionary, not only to him, but to others of your readers who might be led to make too free use of the acid. If white-wash be made with ordinary whiting (commercial carbonate of lime), and dissolved or undissolved oxalic acid be mixed with it, "boiling" (chemical action) will follow. If the white-wash be made of new lime (oxide of lime), and the acid added to it, "boiling" will not be perceptible, as there is no carbonic acid in new lime—slaked lime—to cause the boiling. Nevertheless, chemical action and combination follow, oxalate of lime being formed, which is insoluble in water or natural, internal fluids of birds, and therefore comparatively harmless, passing through the body as so much grit.

New lime, on cage boards, gradually becomes carbonate of lime (whiting) by the action of the atmosphere on it; hence the "boiling" or "frothing" which follows the application on it of dissolved oxalic acid, carbonic acid being liberated and the cause of the boiling as in the case of mixing ordinary whiting wash with the acid.

Washing soda is the commercial carbonate of soda in crystal form, and readily combines with oxalic acid, forming oxalate of soda, which is freely soluble in water or the natural internal fluids of birds, and therefore very poisonous. Linen blue is a mixture of blue colouring and washing soda, the latter being mixed with the blue to ensure the even distribution of it and to prevent flecking of linen, etc. Washing soda, as stated, being carbonate of soda, is the source of the "boiling" on the addition of dissolved oxalic acid to it.

Alum is a chemical compound of aluminium potassium and sulphuric acid. When mixed with a whiting wash (carbonate of lime wash) the sulphuric acid in the alum combines with the lime, forming sulphate of lime, and liberating the carbonic acid in the carbonate of lime; hence the "boiling" again.

If whiting, or lime wash, and oxalic acid be destructive to the red mite, why not dip the ends of perches into the mixture instead of into the water solution of oxalic acid and thus avoid the serious risks attending it?

I may add that no theory is involved in my statements, which chemists know to be chemical facts which, apparently, Mr. Beddall does not understand (no offence intended). Finally, I respectfully say to your readers, don't dip the ends of your bird perches into a water solution of oxalic acid for the reason given in the last paragraph of my previous letter.

Old Helpmate.

Inbreeding and What it Does.

One Who Does Not Believe in it.

Sir,—A little while ago this subject was left in a very unsatisfactory state, no proof being given for or against the system. Several of your correspondents said that they had known great results from its use, but these were with rabbits, cats, sheep, and other four-footed animals, also Pigeons, and they contended that what can be done with one species can be done with another. To my mind this is ridiculous.

I know a little about inbreeding, not so much from my own practice, but from observing other fanciers' experiments, and I will show to your readers that it will act differently in two varieties of Pigeons. A friend of mine, one of the most successful breeders and exhibitors of the Magpie Pigeon in his day, declared to me that he owed his success to inbreeding, and I quite believe it, of this variety, for the chief features are their long head, sparse feathers, and slim appearance, and this is what inbreeding will effect. Two other fanciers, probably with more experience in long faced tumblers than any other two living, had most disastrous results from its use. This one can well believe when this variety is noted for its broad full head, deep broad chest, and short body.

One of your correspondents gave the names of several Canary breeders who, as he stated, were advocates of inbreeding. During the late show season I have met several of them at different shows, among them one who had stated in your journal that he had been successful from the mating. We were admiring the Norwich together when he said, "Nice birds; I wish I could bred them like it; I cannot get the size." No, my friend, this is one of the things that inbreeding won't do, improve size.

Another, at a Midland Show, approached me and a few more fanciers who were chatting together, and said, "Bastock, I think you are wrong in your opinion as to inbreeding; I have had great results from it." My answer was, "Yes, it would not be the first time I was wrong," and, having known him as a breeder of Canaries for about 35 years, I thought we were going to have a revelation, so I said, "When was this?" His answer was, "When I kept black and tan rabbits" (nuf. sed).

A well-known successful West Country breeder, writing to me a few weeks back, stated without being asked that in his 27 years as a Canary breeder he had only directly inbred twice. He did not give results, but I expect it satisfied him. The mating was father to daughter.

I can well believe that a splash of inbreeding in Yorkshires and Borders would improve them, because the tendency to thin head and slim body in the Yorkshire would be an advantage and the loss of size in the Border a feature; but do not run away with the idea that this is the royal road to success, for they are more than likely to throw back to their ancestors than produce the points desired. The best mating for inbreeding is father and daughter, and the worst brother to sister. Let once suffice for several generations, for persistent inbreeding will ruin your stock, for in addition to the faults named your birds will lose stamina and vitality.

Inbreeding in the Norwich Plainhead and the Cinnamon is a different thing; it requires delicate handling, and is best left alone, taking into consideration that among the chief features are size, broad thick head, full cheeks, and deep chest; none of these points inbreeding will improve, and my advice to any fancier anticipating using this mating in the coming season is don't, but persevere to obtain the specimens with the desired features, even if you have to give more for them than their face value. It is a very easy thing to draw a pretty picture on paper upon inbreeding with Canaries, but is a very different matter to practise in the breeding room.

J. Bastock.

Linnets for Contest Singing.

And Some Questions on Rearing.

Sir,—It was with keen interest I read Mr. Allen's article on "Linnets for Contest Singing," for to me the Linnet is the sweetest of all our song birds. But there is much that is obscure to the mere novice in this article, although it may be quite plain to those who are familiar with the Linnet singing contests which are so prominent a feature among fanciers in the North of England. For instance, Mr. Allen says, "This gentleman sold me two Linnets which later produced me a strain that won all before them." Does this mean that he breeds his Linnets, or that these two birds were used to train others?

If any of your readers could tell us how to reduce the grievous mortality amongst fresh-caught Linnets it would lighten the heart of many a bird lover.

With this object in view I had hoped to overcome the trouble by rearing Linnets under Canaries, but this has not always proved successful. In 1914 I reared eight Linnets in this way, but here my luck came to an end. In 1915 I paired one of the hens to a Canary, and she reared me eight young mules, all of which, save one hen, died in the following autumn. In 1916 I tried again with Linnets, and reared thirteen (unlucky number), and these all died last autumn. No doubt there is a reason, but I am not aware of any different treatment of the birds in the last two years as compared with 1914, when they all lived. Each year they were placed in a small indoor aviary with the young Canaries.

I have sometimes wondered if Yorkshire Linnet fanciers experience the same difficulty in getting their Linnets on to seed, and accustomed to cage life. At what time of the year are their birds usually caught?

In this neighbourhood, Norwich, the Linnets seem to leave us with the approach of winter, returning in the spring. Local birdcatchers say they go to the seaside, which would seem a most inhospitable place for them at that season.

A.J.B.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 172).

Some Mule Breeding Hints.

The Experiences of an Old Mule Breeder.

Sir,—In reply to Novice's letter in Cage Birds of Mar. 17, it is a very usual practice to take a nest of Canaries from the hens prior to introducing the finch. When this is done, it is mainly for the purpose of getting young from a particular hen or hens that have a tendency to throw light mules, in order to perpetuate the strain, and also to provide against the possibility of losing a good hen through death.

Of course, the hen will take more readily to a finch when a Canary has not been introduced at all, and if "Novice" finds difficulty in this way it is better not to put in a cock Canary for a first nest, except with the above object in view.

If it is his desire and ambition to produce light Mules, I might say that down Devonshire way there are good light muling strains, and these are frequently advertised in Cage Birds.

Naturally it cannot be expected that light muling or Sib.-bred hens can be very large, especially if they have been inbred for several generations, but such a strain may be fairly relied upon to throw light Mules to a marked degree, especially guaranteed tested hens.

There are many ups and downs in Mule breeding, and "Novice" must not be disappointed if he does not get a good light Mule in the first nest, even from a tested hen, for I have seen a hen throwing nearly all darks first, and the following nest mostly light, including a six-pointed yellow Mule. It is, however, such chance luck that makes Mule breeding such a pleasure.

I remember some 12 or 14 years ago a German hen, paired to a recently caught finch, threw what appeared to be a clear, but unfortunately the hen died before the young one was reared. I also remember about the same time sending 5s. to a Norwich firm, as per advert., for a Norwich hen, thinking I could get a rough hen for dark Mule breeding. The hen came, and turned out to be a fairly typical clear yellow, but very faint in colour, and showing meal or frosting on the surface. I paired this hen to a Linnet, and got a nest of four Mules, one to all intents and purposes a clear, but it did not live long enough to make a certainty. Another was a lightly variegated, which died at an early age before leaving the nest. The next was light under, with a white ring round the neck, and also speckled on the back; this one I reared till it was put on colour food, but lost it. The fourth was dark, except that it had a white tail; this one I reared, but it was the poorest specimen.

Old fanciers will remember the late John Williams, of Liverpool (Mule King). This gentleman came all the way to Wales "on spec" for a good thing. He saw the last two Mules. I well remember him saying that the hen was good sized, and when I told him the price he was astonished. He was, however, convinced that the hen threw these light Mules, as she was again sitting on four eggs, and the Linnet was in the same cage.

Before he left, he asked me to let him know what she threw next, and if there was anything like a clear or lightly marked of good size he was prepared to give me a good price for it, and he specially advised me to take care of the hen. Fate again came in my way, for half a room full of my birds died, including the hen, the Linnet, and some Yorkshires. The hen died while sitting on the eggs, and I attribute the loss to mice having polluted the seed. All these experiences were lessons to me, and let everyone benefit by it from to-day.

Now, as there is plenty of time yet to prepare for Mule breeding, a few hints as regards preparing the finches will be seasonable. In the first place, get finches to take soft food as well as seed. My method was to mix yolk only of hard-boiled egg and biscuit together. I did not find proportion make much difference, but preferably I used more biscuit than egg. To this was added a few drops of cod liver oil and a pinch of sugar, with some maw seed, all thoroughly incorporated, and given to both Canaries and finches.

The seeds were canary, hemp, teazle, and summer rape, all mixed. The green food I gave was dandelion, including ripe heads, and this is the best finch conditioner I know, although I am convinced that over-feeding on dandelion has a tendency to delay the moult in finches that have become too forward in condition. I am also convinced that running a finch with too many hens in a season has the same effect. Ants' eggs are a valuable food for rearing hybrids, and it is, therefore, well to get all muling hens accustomed to ants' eggs before being paired up. This method was adopted by a successful hybrid breeder in Scotland.

J. Kenshaw.

The Federation of Roller Canary Societies.

What the Leeds Secretary Thinks About It.

Sir,—I had intended under no circumstances to be drawn into this controversy, but some of the remarks made by Mr. Willows really force me to come in. In the first place, to my mind, when a man has to fall back on to private correspondence to state his case he has a very poor one, and to say the least it is not above the belt. As far as the Leeds Club is concerned, they want no defending, as everything they have done in the matter of Federation has been open and above board.

As to the Federation ousting the B.R.C.C. there should be no mistake on that point, because under Federation rules they would have the same say as any other club, and no more; that is why the Federation was formed. Nobody disputes the fact that the B.R.C.C. has done good work in the past, but the time has come now when it is impossible to go on under the old conditions, and seeing that the two-ring business was a bogey to everybody, the Federation of all clubs was the only honest way to satisfy all.

The B.R.C.C. and Midland Club think otherwise. The B.R.C.C. refused to federate and let it go at that, but the Midland Club, through Mr. Willows, after refusing to come and discuss the matter with the delegates of the other clubs at Leeds, now try to get cheap advt. through the press.

It has always been the rule that no entries should be accepted in champion and novice young bird classes if the birds were not wearing the B.R.C.C. ring. Either that or the B.R.C.C. refused their patronage. As far as standing by Mr. Hill goes, and being tied down by a handful of delegates, I think anybody who is fair will admit that the majority should rule, at least it will be so under Federation rules, but I do not think the Federation members need bother, only I myself should be very pleased to see Mr. Willows and his club members of the Federation at no distant date.

H. Best.

Some Suggestions from a Novice.

Sir,—May I be permitted to say a word with regard to the National Federation of Roller Clubs which has lately occupied so much space in your valuable paper? I hope fanciers will not be offended by the views expressed, because I am a novice and have not been in the fancy long, but I have had some experience in the management of other societies.

I am a member of a federated club, and I voted that we ally ourselves with the new body, and have purchased my rings from them for this season. Whatever its failings, it has at all events awakened the Roller Fancy to the fact that it needs reforming.

The reasons, to my mind, why all the clubs have not come under its banner are various, but may be easily summarised. Firstly, the originators of the federation scheme felt sure that all the northern clubs would join, and having, therefore, a good number of shows, did not mind whether the Midland and southern clubs came in or not. I fear under those circumstances they did not show the spirit they may have done under different circumstances.

Secondly, the British Roller C.C., who, I am sorry to say, have not been as far-seeing and democratic as they might have been, felt that they were being pushed out, and, of course, naturally ignored the scheme. They could also see far more shows in the north than in the south or Midlands—the ratio is about 11 to 3—and saw that they were greatly handicapped in the points competition owing to their birds having so far to travel, and what must be very close dates.

Now, if I may be permitted, I would like to lay before the whole of the clubs and fanciers of the country a scheme which, I think, with a little give and take, would settle the whole matter, and no one would feel at all humiliated. I give you the nucleus of the scheme, which, of course, would be put into proper shape by more expert and experienced fanciers, who are at the present head of the two organisations now in vogue. It would consist of two separate boards or committees under one head.

The head body would be called, say, the (National) or (British) Federation of Roller Canary Clubs. The two committees would be called the Northern Section of same and Southern Section of same. The head ruling body would consist, say, of two or three members of each sectional committee, with a President elected from the whole fancy.

The duties of this body would be to rule the Roller Fancy in general, such things as standard of song, national show, questions of novice and champion, and other matters they may be asked to settle by the sectional committees. The Northern and Southern Sectional Committees would each consist of one or two members from each club in such sections, with secretary and treasurer for each section.

The duties of these committees would be to rule the fancy in their own sections, such things as purchasing and supplying rings, running of all shows in such section, and to have control of points competitions, birds competing for such to be rung with rings purchased from such section, and to settle all disputes which cannot be settled satisfactorily by club committees, and to discuss and make recommendations to the (National) or (British) Federation for the improvement of the fancy.

A scheme of this sort is now needed on account of the larger shows and classes. The benefits to be derived from it would include the solving of the one-ring question, the freedom of the exhibitor and judge to exhibit and judge at any show in the country, the establishment of a moving national show, and many others I could mention, but I will leave it here for the more experienced fanciers and their clubs.

This scheme could be brought in immediately, and come in operation for the next show season, the new Federation becoming for the time being the Northern Section Committee and the B.R.C.C. the other, the N-rung birds competing for the Northern Section points competition and the B-rung birds for the Southern, and still allowing the fancier the privilege of showing at any show in the country. I leave the boundaries of these sections to the fancy. If such a scheme could be brought about I would give £3 towards a national cup.

I put these suggestions humbly before Roller clubs and fanciers, and hope they will treat them kindly, as they come only from the pen of a raw novice, but one who desires one standard of song, the choice of showing anywhere in the country, and the Roller Fancy put on a national basis.

Novice.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN

NEST BOXES v. PANS.

R. E. B.—You have evidently written queries relating to more than one department on the same sheet, one portion of which has gone to another expert, so that I do not know the exact conditions under which your birds are kept. You should remember on future occasions that queries relating to different departments should be on separate sheets, as they have to go to different persons. Assuming that the Canaries and muling pairs are flying loose in a room or large aviary provided with shelves or staging, you would find the old-fashioned nest boxes made of wood as useful as anything, and they could be stood on shelves, etc., in quiet secluded places, and any likely attractive position, which is not too dark and dismal. Aim at the happy medium betwixt fully exposed daylight and darkness, and a place where there is a fair amount of privacy and freedom from constant disturbance. These boxes may also be hung about on the walls in quiet corners, etc., but where space is available small wicker travelling cages, such as are used for Rollers, are best for these positions, as in the event of young being dragged out of the nests accidentally, or falling out, there is less risk of injury or loss than with the boxes, where there would be nothing to prevent them dropping to the floor. If breeding in cages, the modern earthenware pans have the advantage of being much more sanitary, more easily kept in a quite clean and hygienic condition, and affording less attractive harbours for red mites than the wooden boxes. In short, the wooden box is still a good servant in rooms or aviaries with the birds flying loose, but in cages the modern pan, taken all round, is to be preferred.

SEED MIXTURE.

W. L.—Given birds in a good condition of health there is no reason whatever why they should not sing well on the dietary named in the cutting you enclosed, though for all classes of Canaries other than well-bred Rollers, at least double the proportion of canary seed is to be preferred in the staple diet. The mixture, whilst not really a bad one, presents nothing remarkable as a special inducement to song. If you have already given this method a fair trial without result, try what the following will do in this line. First of all see that the bird is kept in a fairly bright and comfortable place, free from direct cold draughts or extremes of heat and cold, and that it is not pestered by red mites. Give a staple diet of a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately every second day a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of two parts each, by measure, hemp and niger; one part each black rape, white millet, and broken groats; ½ part each teazle and gold of pleasure; ¼ part each maw and sesame, and just a sprinkling in the bulk of linseed and mustard. As green food give three crisp young leaves of dandelion daily as soon as you can get them, and add to the water ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day during the first week. If the bird does not show signs of song in the course of two or three weeks after being under this treatment, write again and repeat particulars, and I will advise you further.

CURE FOR ASTHMA.

Asthma.—You ought to have described the symptoms as fully as you could and also said how you treat and where you keep the bird. The best and only rational cure for asthma is to eliminate the predisposing and exciting causes as far as possible, and give Nature a fair chance to root out the trouble in her own way. Once the trouble has become firmly established, medicinal treatment is, in the vast majority of cases, merely palliative, and a real cure is scarcely to be looked for. Try the following for, say, a month, and if bird is not well in that time please write again and give the fullest particulars you can about its condition and the symptoms it shows. Keep in a comfortable temperature, not necessarily overheated nor yet on the chilly side, and let it be in a fairly bright place and well aired, but free from cold direct draughts or rapid extremes of heat and cold. Give the same staple diet and seed mixture as advised to "W.L." in this issue, and in addition give separately every second day a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed and a pinch of the mixed seed on the alternate days. As green food, give a small spray of watercress or chickweed, as soon as you can get the latter, three or four times a week, and when you cannot get it, substitute a morsel of banana or boiled carrot. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, every second day for a week, and after this give instead four drops each of the oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia, and sweet spirit of nitre, every second day for a fortnight.

GREENHOUSE AVIARY.

J. T.—(1) Judging from the particulars given in Nos. 8 and 9, I should say the greenhouse is quite capable of being fitted up as a quite successful aviary. (2) If, as I assume, the structure is fairly exposed to the sun, it would be advisable to cover the roof, and possibly also the side facing south with "summer cloud" shading to temper the direct rays of the sun in summer, which, with efficient ventilation to prevent too great extremes of temperature, should be all the shading that is necessary. (3) In all probability the two ventilators that sufficed to maintain a vigorous and healthy growth of plant life would also suffice for the needs of the structure when fitted as an aviary. If anything more should seem necessary during sultry weather in summer, there are doubtless lights on the roof which can be raised, and these could be taken advantage of by simply taking the precaution of covering spaces on the inside with fine netting to prevent the escape of the birds when the lights are open. (4) In addition to the two branches, you should fix up a number of short perches, say about a foot long, by means of small brackets, in any suitable position around the walls. The number is unimportant, but if the perches rather exceed the number of birds flying loose, it will help to reduce the probability of quarrelling over them. You might also place in any suitable position a small twiggy branch or two stuck in pots of soil as supports, and a swinging perch or two suspended from the roof might be added if appreciated. The appearance of the whole when finished, and its convenience for the birds, may be the ruling guide in this matter. (5) The nesting places should be hung about the walls, in corners, and moderately lit places, not too bright nor yet too dull and dismal, and they should not be where the hens would be exposed to constant overlooking and disturbance. A few flat-bottom nest boxes may also be placed in secluded places about the staging. (6) The only objection there could be to keeping a few better-class Canaries in cages on the staging, in addition to those flying loose about the aviary, is that the cages would probably soon become unsightly from soiling from droppings from the birds flying about. Apart from this, if you took the precaution to get birds for the cages that had been bred and reared in normal conditions of temperature, they should succeed quite well under these circumstances. (7) To stand a fair chance of breeding successfully with the Canaries, you would be well advised to leave British birds alone, or rather bar them from this proposed community. If you specially desire to include them, the most I would advise would be a cock Linnet, Goldfinch, or Bullfinch on the straw chance of getting a brood or two of Mules, but on the whole the chances of success would be increased if they were omitted. (8) Answered in No. 1. (9) It would not be necessary to remove the hardy ferns from beneath the staging.

SILENT COCKS.

E. Smalley.—(1) You cannot do better than keep the bird in a quiet and restful condition for the present, and in a comfortable temperature. Otherwise continue to carry out the general treatment advised in last reply, save that you may go on giving a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar three times a week for a month or so. The shock of the fall is doubtless the cause of it going off song, and no one can tell just how these cases will turn out. Sometimes they get all right in the course of a week or two, but others will be literally, years and never utter a note after such a shock. (2) Being in the vicinity of other birds would not necessarily stop these birds singing if they are really cocks and in good health. The effect of hearing or seeing other birds around them, especially at this season, is, as a rule, quite in the opposite direction; that is, to incite them to excessive song. There certainly are cocks to be met with of this retiring and silent mood, but they are comparatively rare. At this season, if the bird are healthy and in breeding condition, you may be able to make a final decision by comparing the shape of the vent with that of a known hen and cock. By catching the birds and blowing aside the feathers of the abdomen, you will find that the ve

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of the cock is dried up more prominent and pointed than that of the hen, the latter being flatter and lying more in line with the abdomen. (c) Assuming the birds are healthy and active, if you fail to make a decision by the above means you could, of course, mate them with known hens in good breeding condition and waiting to go to nest, whilst should be a certain means of discovering the true sex. If they are ready cocks, their silence, if otherwise healthy, would be no bar to their successfully fertilising eggs.

MAKES NO SOUND.

H. A. C.—I am rather inclined to think the bird is a hen. Still, try the following for two or three weeks. In addition to the usual cleanly, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar, every third day, with pure water to drink on these days, and on the intervening days give the following concoction to drink instead of plain water. Place half a teaspoonful of linseed in a teacup and a piece of Spanish liquorice as large as a small marble, fill with boiling water, cover, and infuse for an hour beside the fire. Then strain off the clear fluid, add a small teaspoonful of lemon juice, and the same quantity of pure honey; stir until dissolved, and give in the water vessel instead of pure water.

BARE AND SCURFY HEAD.

Mrs. Blackham.—Keep the bird in a fairly warm place, but see that the temperature, whatever the degree, is fairly equable and not subject to violent fluctuations, and see that the cage is free from red mites and kept in a nice clean condition and strewn with gritty sand. Allow the bird to bathe freely in fair weather. In addition to the staple seed diet give a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and then sprinkled with soft sugar every third day for a month. On the intervening days give first a morsel of banana or boiled carrot, and next half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture advised to "W.L." in this issue, and two crisp young leaves of dandelion, which you may find in sheltered nooks, or under hedges now. In the drinking water, every second day for a fortnight, and after that every third day for the remainder of the month, add ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. You may also slightly moisten the bare skin with a little Lanocylin ointment, and then dust on a little dry boracic powder twice each week.

"BLISTER" ON WING.

Constant Reader, Belfast.—The trouble you describe is undoubtedly a serous abscess, and full of a thin clear fluid. The trouble is not an easy one to cure, on account of the frequent return of the so-called blister, unless the case is treated by a skilled person who can either administer injections or do a little surgical operation to eradicate the root of the trouble. It is not quite a case that lends itself to amateur treatment, and it is really a question as to whether the bird is worth the cost of placing it in proper hands, such as a vet., for treatment. If this is not the case with yours, you may try the following treatment on the chance of it assisting Nature to get the upper hand and throw off the trouble. Prick the blister with a rather coarse and quite clean needle, then gently press from the side to remove the contents. Bathe clean with a little warm water and then touch the spot with a camel-hair brush or the tip of a small feather dipped in tincture of iodine. Should the

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Baltye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4.

blister come again repeat the operation after a week or so when it appears filled with the fluid. You might well be a little more generous with your dietary. In addition to the staple dietary, give separately every third day for a month a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk. Drain two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkle with soft sugar, and on the intervening days give first half a teaspoonful of the mixed seed advised in reply to "W.L." in this issue, one day, and the next give a morsel of banana (preferably), boiled carrot, or two or three crisp young leaves of dandelion. In the drinking water add ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, every second day for a week; and after this give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight.

WHAT IS A PAIR?

B. F.—(1) Yes, it is quite possible to rear young Canaries on the biscuit food you mention as a substitute for the ordinary egg food. Many fanciers have used it successfully in this way in past years, so there is certainly no reason why you should fail. With regard to the main question as to economising eggs, you might note reply to "Novice, Birmingham," in the issue of March 10. (2) When dealers offer so much "a pair" for Canaries in their advertisements, I take it that "a pair" means a cock and a hen, which need not necessarily be unrelated. Dealers, you see, do not buy the birds to breed with them as bought, and they should have unlimited opportunities for making up unrelated bird pairs, so that it is quite immaterial whether the pairs are made up with related birds or not when they buy them. But, perhaps some dealer may see this, and if I am wrong, state the fact and say just what is meant by the trade term "a pair."

ABOUT AN AVIARY.

Yellow and Buff.—I think you would be best advised not to leave the open space you propose in the roof of the flight with the object of growing something in the flight. The idea, I assume, is to plant a tree of some kind to grow up through the roof, and if so the disadvantages would far outweigh the advantages. I note you mention covering the space loosely with canvas, which would not be at all a safe method unless it were also covered with wire or netting firmly secured, to provide against accidents when storms came. There could be no objection to fixing up a small fountain and bath in the centre of the flight, and if you wish any further decoration you might plant a clump of marrow, or some such lush-growing vegetable, and a few marigolds, after they have grown outside to a fair size would be useful for the birds to peck at, if they would allow them to come to the blooming stage. But that is a very big "if." As a whole the aviary will do very nicely without any alteration, though if it is of a fair height, which you omit to state, the ventilators would have been all the better for being an inch deeper; that is, 6in. by 3in.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

BULLFINCH MOPY.

M. E. W.—I fear you have not been feeding your Bullfinch properly during the winter months. I would advise you to put five drops of syrup of buckthorn in his drinking water and let him have it to drink for two hours daily; then two days later procure equal quantities of tincture of rhubarb and tincture of gentian, and put 20 drops in two tablespoonfuls of water. He should have this to drink for about five days, giving it fresh daily. As regards his feeding, make up a staple mixture of two parts canary, two parts teazle, and one of summer rape, and give daily a few sunflower seeds. When you discontinue the medicine, feed pretty liberally upon wild food, dandelion in particular, both the leaves and the seed pods, as soon as you can procure them. Have you our Nutshell booklet on the Bullfinch?

MULE FEATHER EATING.

E. Knap.—Your trouble with the Greenfinch Mule is rather unusual, although similar cases occur occasionally. First of all, make a complete change in your manner of feeding. Discontinue the linseed and niger from the staple food, and offer half-a-dozen good sound sunflower seeds three days a week. On the other days give a spoonful of soaked rape and teazle, made in the following manner. Pour hot water on the quantity required, let it stand an hour, then strain off as much water as possible, and let it stand all night. If not dry enough to use in the morning just dust it with a little plain biscuit. I would also advise you to try your bird with some kind of insects, mealworms are the handiest just now, but later on you will be able to collect some

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should consult Moulton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (1/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Harabills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each), No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., 4.

from the garden, particularly green fly. Your one piece of watercress per week is not sufficient; give it every other day, or young dandelion leaves, chickweed, and other wild food. Catch the bird and carefully examine him for insects, as these might cause irritation. It would be as well to change his quarters, say, into a larger cage in a strange room, and hang a chicken's feather on to the cage by a piece of string; it will possibly amuse him and assist in helping him to discontinue the plucking.

FEEDING A SONG THRUSH.

Song Thrush.—You can feed your bird on either of several mixtures, but I may say that the better the food the healthier the bird will be and the more song you will get out of him. Undoubtedly insectile food is the best, composed of ants' eggs, dried flies, etc. You can make this yourself, but as you have only the one bird it would scarcely pay you to do so, and most dealers sell it. Get the best; it is the cheapest in the end. For a change you can add a spoonful of fine crissel or meat meal to crushed puppy biscuit, and soak in hot water, adding occasionally a little hard-boiled egg. You must also offer mealworms and insects from the garden, such as small caterpillars, beetles, gentles, etc., and a little fruit when procurable. With this treatment he should soon come into song. Our Nutshell, No. 4, on this bird, would assist you; post free from this office, 2½d. Yes, the cock Twite sings; its performance is somewhat like that of the common Linnet, although scarcely so musical, nor so strong. You cannot do better than treat it as you would the Linnet.

SAMPLE OF WILD SEED.

J. Taylor.—I did not detect any unpleasant odour in the small sample of wild seed mixture sent to me. The earthy taint may be caused by the presence of particles of earth, which is usually found in most wild seed mixtures. I would advise you to sift some of it, and then test it; if you have any doubts, wash and soak it and use it when just sprouting.

AVIARY FACING EAST.

Sussex.—You will be quite safe in erecting your aviary with the eastern aspect, as the high wall will be a great protection to it, and if you have room you could still further protect it by planting a few evergreen bushes, such as box, along the front. In planning it I would advise you to have part of it boarded up, so that the birds can find additional shelter from rough winds. Of your two suggested positions I would prefer the one nearest the house as the other one would be anything but comfortable when the wind was in the North-East. Perhaps you would like to send me a sketch of your proposed building. I may be able to offer one or two suggestions.

BREEDING WITH GOLDFINCH MULE.

Wm. Murray.—You make a mistake to keep changing your hens about. They should all be in a three compartment cage, with the Goldfinch in the middle compartment. If you cannot arrange it so, you can possibly put them in separate cages quite close to each other; then when one of the hens is ready to go to nest the Goldfinch should be run in with her, and when she has had put him with the other hen. It is a mistake to keep two hens together when they do not agree, they are at this time particularly spiteful and likely to do each other an injury. Your breeding appears to be all right, but do not overdo the hemp seed to the hens. A little soaked seed twice a week is beneficial to both hens and Goldie.

MORE MULE QUERIES.

Fresh Starter.—Your Bullfinch hen will be all right in the aviary; if she pairs at all it will probably be with the Greenfinch, but if she paired with either of the others and you happened to rear the young, they would be still more valuable, so you see you cannot do wrong by leaving them as they are. As regards the British birds and Canaries in the other aviary, you cannot anyway be sure how they will pair; you will possibly get Mules from both the Goldie and Linnet, but you can in no way regulate the matings when they are flying loose. If you are desirous of any particular hen breeding with either the Goldie or Linnet, you must pair her up with your selected partner, and keep them caged during the season.

TRUSTING FINCH WITH EGGS.

R. E. Baldwin.—It is rather risky trusting a cock Goldie with valuable eggs unless he has been tested. It is much safer to run him away from the hen each evening, removing the first three eggs; after that he can be taken away altogether. You could try him later on with one or two clear eggs in a nest. If it is inconvenient to remove him at night, you could keep him away altogether after the first egg, but one likes to make as certain as possible of the fertility of the eggs, as a full brood is always better than a single bird; they are reared more easily, and there is no time wasted.

FEEDING A BUNTING.

Andrew Marr.—The Yellow Bunting is not a difficult bird to feed; he is particularly fond of canary seed, and does not care much for the others. If you added three spoonfuls of somd canary to one of the Finch mixture, that would do for him capitally. You could offer a spray of green food occasionally, also a little soft food, and a mealworm or two or other small insects.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

WHAT PARRAKEET?

D. I. P.—Most of the genus Psittacula are very similar, differing only in plumage as to the intensity of their coloration and extent of blue areas. However, I think your bird is a cock Passerine Parrakeet (Blue-winged Lovebird). Most of the smaller Parrakeets are very fond of spray millet (millet in the ear), and it is very good for them, but is more costly than loose seed. It will be beneficial to supply them with a spray twice a week. The other portion of your dietary is satisfactory. Yes, they should breed and do well in your outdoor aviary. The hen has no blue in her plumage, and the green of sides of face and underparts is more or less tinged with yellowish. All foreign birds are more or less scarce nowadays. An advert. for a hen in our columns would be your most likely means of obtaining one.

BREEDING BUDGERIGARS AND ZEBRA FINCHES

Esperance.—Yes, you can introduce the husks at any time, but your hen, which has been kept indoors during the winter, must be kept in a cold room (i.e., one without artificial heat) for at least a week before being put outside. Any hen that comes direct from an outdoor aviary can go outside at once. The Zebra Finches in our uncertain climate must not go out before May 1st, unless the spring should prove unusually early and settled. The hen appears to have caught a chill, and you should keep them in quite warm quarters for the next three or four weeks, and then gradually harden them off for a fortnight before turning them out. Make the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts once a week, and three times a week lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food. The present month is always a trying period with birds, whether kept indoors or out, as the weather vagaries usually cover a succession of rapid changes—gales, storms, high and low temperatures. Warmth will be the best tonic you can give the Zebras for the next few weeks. What you refer to is merely owing to the cock being anxious for the hen to go to nest, and as yet she is not sufficiently fit.

GREEN AMAZON DULL AND STUPID.

E. G.—You must continue the treatment already advised till the bird is quite fit again. Seed mixture and ripe fruit should form the staple dietary, but such extras as nuts (in variety), biscuit, crusts of bread, plain cake, raw carrot, or a piece of dry boiled potato. Parrot grit and cuttlebone must be continually in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. As soon as the bird gets fit and lively again, begin to train it by the constant repetition method, repeating to it, when it is in restful mood, any short sentences or words you wish it to repeat. It should also, as it already talks a little, pick up many words and phrases which are continually being spoken around it, and in like manner mimic calls and sounds. If it is a youngish bird it should materially improve its vocabulary, but a change of home often checks development, though this difficulty should have been passed by now. Speak to it endearing words and phrases while you are attending to its wants, and also when you give it any tit bits. Many of these it should ultimately pick up. I trust the bird will continue to do well and improve.

BREEDING BUDGERIGARS IN BEDROOM FLIGHT.

A. C. M.—The Budgies should do well in your flight ultimately. You must keep them under as close observation (not disturbing observation) as you can, and ascertain the cause if possible, i.e., see if the birds are fighting among themselves and if one or both pairs are equally responsible for the loss of the eggs. If one pair, or one bird only, are delinquents, then such had better be changed; it is very probable, however, that you will find that the weather conditions prompted the bird's behaviour. I am presuming that the husks are infested with life. If so, boil the husks and replace when thoroughly dry. Of course, one cannot give outdoor green food while the frost lasts, but I do not favour watercress much myself, owing to the conditions under which it is mostly grown, but use sweet apple as green food for the winter months, though in most large towns and villages one can procure fraine lettuce from the greengrocer. As soon as weather permits, supply the flowering and seeding heads of grass ad lib. Put your birds on a course of chemical food, lightly colouring the drinking water every other day with same. Once a week put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the water. If egg-binding occurs, take the affected bird and put it in a small cage, stand this on the top of kitchen range till the bird has voided the eggs, and then gradually cool her down. So long as the cage is not fired the heat will not be too great. I do not know how your perches are arranged, but fix matters up so that they must fly to get from one to the other, as the more exercise they take, the less you'll be troubled with an egg-binding. Millet sprays are good for them, and these are advertised almost weekly under "Foods" in our columns. Hang these up—not to the branches, but suspend them on string, so that the birds must fly to them, and cling like acrobats thereon while they pick out the seed.

YOUNG GREY PARROT AND WOOD-CUTTING.

C. W. H. G.—(1) No harm is likely to result from its eatting up and eating wood of a non-splintery character. Wood with the bark on (a chunk of a thick branch), which has begun to decay is excellent for it. (2) Your mixture is an excellent one, but it would be improved by adding two parts of oats. It should also have ripe fruit, nuts (shelled), biscuits, dry pieces household bread, and plain cake, but do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

YOUNG PARRAKEET WITH BARE FACE.

L. A. Dixey.—You do not say how you have been feeding the bird, nor what kind it is. Spray the bare parts (bathing would be better if you can handle it) with a solution of tepid water and Condy's Fluid. Put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food. Give both honey and borax, and cod liver oil emulsion thinly spread upon bread, biscuit, or plain cake (or anything similar the bird will eat) daily, but not both spread on the same piece of bread, etc. Give one in the morning and the other in the afternoon, a piece of bread or biscuit slightly damped and then lightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, will also help a young bird materially. I cannot, of course, pretend to advise you how to feed it when I do not know the species, but do not give it table scraps, slops, and messes, etc., of any kind. It will be well to keep it in quite warm quarters, but not in a stuffy corner, and it must not be subjected to draughts or cold winds. Its cage should be covered up at night round the sides entirely, but a space of three or four inches' diameter at the top should be left uncovered for ventilation.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

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Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

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NORWICH cock Canaries, 5/6 each; aviary bred: Morley, Balsnam-road, Lamon, Cumos. (894)

HIGH-class Norwich cocks, good head and necks, from 12/6: Hunnick, Marden, Cumbs. (895)

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SEVERAL useful hens, 4/6 each; cock, 10/-: Parsyn, 18, Southampton-st., Fitzroy-sq., W. (893)

O. C. SMITH can spare two grand 1915 buff cocks, ideal stock birds, 30/- each: Smith, 73, Audley-st., Reading. (894)

EXCHANGE, yellow 1916 Norwich cock, for good buff cock: Griffiths, 17, Oldfield-rd., Ellesmere Port, Cheshire. (894)

ONE Norwich hen, two Roller hens, 4/6 each; one Norwich cock, 9/-: F. Cooper, 164, Wolverhampton-rd., Walsall. (894)

NORWICH unflighted yellow and buff cocks, 10/6, hens 7/6; approval: W. Growdridge, 59, Clarendon-road, Hinckley. (841)

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LARGE typical Norwich hens, 1915 and 1916, for sale; cold-room bred, 5/- each: Mundy, 440 Archway-road, Highgate, N. (893)

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UNFLIGHTED buff cock, 17/6; variegated buff hen 3/6; worth double: Hayward, 21, Marlboro-ave., Manley-park, Manchester. (894)

TYPICAL yellow hen for sale; also buff hen (good size) and double breeder: Crow, 21, Hayburn-crescent, Partickhill, Glasgow. (893)

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NORWICH buff variegated cock, 30/-; buff variegated hen, 12/6; another, 7/6; all large birds: John Kelly, Dean-rd., Kilbirnie. (888)

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NOTICE! Grand lot high-class Norwich; prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (857)

LARGE typical Norwich cocks, 17/6, 21/6, 25/6; correctly matched pairs, 25/6, 30/6, 35/6; approval; state requirements: Hanford, Derby. (891)

TWO pairs of Norwich canaries, matched for breeding, £1, and two pairs of Green Budgerigars, 12/-: Elliott, Holmleigh, Edward-street, Nuneaton. (894)

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Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

LONDON & COUNTIES A.C.B.

Annual British bird show, Mar. 17, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C. The show was much better than last year, with 29 entries, good type and quality, and had a fair number of visitors. Judge, W. Shakespear. Goldf. (7): 1, Bell; 2, vhc, c, Hurst; 3, Gilbert. Bullf. (3): 1, Humphries; 2, 3, Gilbert. Linnet (3); 1, Stubb; 2, Gilbert; 3, Greenland. Siskin (2): 1, 2, Humphries. Bramble or Chaffinch (2): 1, 2, Humphries. Greenf. (5): 1, Humphries; 2, vhc, hc, Stubbs; 3, Gilbert. Bunting: 1, Humphries. Finch or Bunting Hen (5). 1, Bell; 2, Hurst; 3, vhc, Stubbs. Mules (1); Greenland.—W. Gilbert, Hon. Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S

Table show of British birds, Mar. 17, headquarters. A grand turn-out of 65 entries, and some fine specimens on the tables. Mr. Jamieson judged with satisfaction to all. GOLDF. (9): 1, sp, Connelly; 2, sp., and 3 and sp, McLellan; 4, M. Clymont; 5, Hyslop; 6, Lawson; 7, Knox. BULLF. (3): 1, 3, McClymont; 2, McLellan. GREENF. (7): 1, Knox; 2, 3, McClymont; 4, sp., Connelly; 5, Steel; 6, Brown; 7, McLellan. LINNET (10): 1, 4, McClymont; 2, Heggie; 3, Booth, 5, 6, Connelly 7, Jeffrey. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Connelly; 3, McLellan; 4, Wilson. LESSER REDPOLL (5): 1, 3, Steel; 2, McClymont; 4, Connelly; 5, McLellan. HENS FOR HYBRID BREEDING (8): 1, Steel; 2, sp, 3, McClymont; 4, McLellan; 5, Wilson; 6, Lawson; 7, Knox. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, sp, 2, 3, Heggie DARK (7): 1, 2, Heggie; 3, sp, Steel; 4, Jeffrey; 5, Booth; 6, Clarkson; 7, Knox. A.O.V. (9): 1, sp, Hyslop; 2, 4, 6, Connelly; 3, sp, Booth; 5, 7, Brown.

BIRKENHEAD CANARY F.A.

Night show of British birds and monthly meeting, Abletts Cafe, March 21. The birds were not so numerous as in former years, but what they lacked in quantity was made up in quality. Mr. J. Burns judged and his awards were well received. Goldf.: 1, Caine; 2, Byrne, fine house moulted Finches, staged in excellent condition; 3, Morton; 4, Greatrex, useful Greypates. Linnet; 1, Price; 2, Greatrex; 3, 4, Morton, all field moulted, the winner a bird of high merit, and very steady. A.O.V.: 1, Wilson, grand 4-pointed Goldf.Canary; 2, 3, Greatrex; 4, Morton. The judge gave a most interesting and instructive lecture on the show points and general management of British birds, and many questions were asked and answered. Several new members were made, and first feather show dates fixed for the last Saturdays in June and July. A vote of thanks to the judge, who was the founder of the society 15 years ago, ended a most enjoyable evening.—G. Morton, sec.

Club Reports.

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting Mar. 15, "Red Lion," 2, York Street, St. James' Chairman, Mr. Robson, and a good attendance. Two new members nominated, and after general business an interesting discussion took place on "What constitutes a tick?" which proved very instructive.—A. Wallington.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

On Monday, Mar. 26, well over a hundred members and friends braved the elements to join in the first social and musical evening of the association, and reaped a just reward. In spite of the execrable weather prevailing, quite the majority present were ladies, and one of the most pleasant evenings ever enjoyed by bird lovers was spent. Mr. J. Robson was in the chair and was supported on his right by Mrs. Robson, and on his left by the representative of CAGE BIRDS. The programme consisted of twenty-five items, and the encores made more of it, but all were got through to the evident enjoyment of artistes and audience alike. Miss K Davis presided at the piano, and among the many who gave their services were Mrs. Pinn, the hostess, with three popular songs which were finely given and enthusiastically received; Mrs. Jackson, with two stirring recitations; Miss Davis, who sang the ever-popular "Good-bye" (Tosti), and "England, our England," both of which were encored; Master Pinn, a chip of the old block, evidently; the worthy hon. sec., Mr. W. Gilbert; and Messrs. Westbury, Durham, and Langford. Mr. Robson proposed the toast of "The Society," and pointed out how the association had progressed from a small beginning until it had become a strong society, and Mr. Gilbert modestly responded. The other toasts were "The Visitors," responded to by Mr. Fulljames on behalf of the ladies, and Mrs. Pinn for the gentlemen, "The host and hostess," and "The King." All joined in singing the National Anthem, and a memorable evening came to an end. During the evening light refreshments in the way of sandwiches of all kinds and tasty sweets were handed round, and the manner in which these were served reflected great credit on the management of the host and hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Pinn.

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CRYSTAL PALACE AND PENGE.

Meeting, Mar. 14, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, Mr. Foxen, chairman. Balance sheet of pair show passed, showing balance of 7/3. Two new members elected, and other business discussed. Chairman asked Mr. Martin, of Battersea, to kindly give his lecture on "Basis of a strain," which was greatly appreciated, and caused a number of questions to be asked, which the lecturer was well able to answer. A vote of thanks was passed, and the lecturer thanked the members for their kind attention.—W. D. Fryett, Hon. Sec.

WALTON AND EVERTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Mission Room, Kilshaw Street, March 14, Mr. T. Rowlands chair. New members nominated: Mr. G. Thistlewaite and Mr. Howard. A cup and two medals were promised for most points novice Canaries throughout the season. A night show was afterwards held, some very good birds being staged, especially in the Mule class. Class 1: 1, 2, Satterwaithe; 3, Jordon; vhc, hc, Hayes. Class 2: 1, Jordon; 2, vhc, hc, Satterwaithe; 3, Hayes; c, Jordon. Class 3: 1, Satterwaithe; 2, Hayes; 3, Jordon. Class 4: 1, Jordon; 2, Hayes. Mule or Hyb.: 1, vhc, hc, c, Lloyd; 2, 3, Satterwaithe. Brit.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Satterwaithe; vhc, Lloyd. A vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. Holden and Wilkins for judging. Points for British section: Satterwaithe 25, Lloyd 11.—J. Lloyd, Hon. Sec.

GREENOCK, PORT GLASGOW, & GOUROCK O.S.

Annual general meeting, March 14, Shepherd's Hall, Mr. D. Molloy presided over a good attendance. New members admitted: Messrs. D. MacLennan, C. Brooks, R. Maitland, J. McKinnon, J. McDougall. Balance sheet read and adopted. Office-bearers for 1917 elected:—Hon. Pres., Thos. Watson, Jas. Smith; pres., D. Molloy; vice-pres., D. Brown, min. sec., G. Wylie; sec. and treas., J. Mc G. Dooley; auditors, T. Watson, A. Craig; committee, Messrs. McDermid, Brown, Roddin, Mount, McCartney, Urquhart, Fleming, Best, Martin, McCathy, McAleese, Galbreath; visiting committee, for Canaries, Wylie, Mount, Dooley, Roddin; British, McDermid, Martin, Molloy, Urquhart. A vote of thanks to the retiring treasurer brought the meeting to a close.—J. Mc G. Dooley, Sec.

AYRSHIRE (Scotch Fancy) C.C.

Meeting, Brodie's Hall, Kilmarnock, Mar. 24, Bailie Robertson presiding. It was pointed out that subs. were due, and the following members paid: Bailie Robertson, Messrs. Campbell, Hainey, McLean, Smith, Lees, Ralston, Burgess, and Rodger and Ferguson. The date of show has been fixed for Nov. 24, the system of working to be the same as before. Judges nominated: Messrs. J. A. Stewart (Sen.) and A. Livingstone. Owing to the increased cost of travelling it was not thought advisable to call another meeting until about a month before the show. With a view to giving all Scotch Fancy men in Ayrshire a chance of letting their specimens be seen to advantage, it was suggested that fanciers in Ayrshire who wished to join, and who would be thereby enabled to show eight young birds at no cost for entry, might communicate with the sec., Hugh M. Ferguson, 37, Whitletts Road, Ayr.

AYR C.B.C.

Meeting, Wallace Tower Hall, High Street, March 23, Mr. P. McQuiston presiding. The new hon. pres., Mr. P. Paterson, was present, and his keenly interested participation in the discussions gave much pleasure and encouragement to the members. The vice-president, Mr. Douglas Wason, sent a letter of resignation, and the sec. was asked to write him requesting him to reconsider his decision. Arrangements for F.F. Show, June 30, were discussed. Canaries, etc., to be judged by Mr. Smillie, British, etc., Mr. McQuiston, who will not compete, but may send a good number of specimens to increase the display. Classification: Norwich 2; Yorks. 2; Scotch Fancy, 2; Bord., 2; Norwich 2; Yorks. 2; Scotch Fancy, 2; Bord., 2; Young Mule or Hybrid; Goldf.; Bullf.; H.M. Linnet; F.M.; Mealy Redpoll; Twite or Siskin; Lesser Redpoll; Hen, British; Old Mule or Hyb.; Common Canary; 3d. per bird entry fee. Mr. Paterson, hon. president, intimated that he would present a prize of 10s. for most points with young birds, the secretary giving 5s. as second prize. Mr. McQuiston gives a first prize of 3s and a second prize of 2s. for most points in Mules or Hybrids and British, and Mr. Robert C. Gribben a prize of 3s for most points over the show. Mr. Charles Kermack was elected a member. A vote of thanks was accorded to the hon. president for his presence, and generous support.—H. M. Ferguson, sec.

SOUTHERN NORWICH P.C.

THE TICKED OR MARKED QUESTION TAKEN IN HAND.

The annual meeting was held at the Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, Mar. 15, Mr. J. Hazel, chair. Sec. presented his report, and in the unavoidable absence of the treasurer the accounts for the past year. A copy of the balance sheet having been sent to all members, the same was passed. Sec. pointed out that the subs., etc., for the year had exceeded those of 1914 by 26s., and that patronage had been given to five shows, but in only three cases had the diploma, etc., been awarded. At Clapham show the special had been won by Mr. Houghton, and the diploma by Mr. Rippon. At Cheltenham Mr. Houghton won both special and diploma, and at Dulwich and Peckham Mr. Spillman also secured both.

Result of election of officers by voting papers.—President, Mr. E. Baker; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Crabb, J. Hodder, W. R. Miles, J. W. Ramsden, G. W. Saunders, and W. Spillman; auditors, Messrs. T. Heath and J. Robson; committee, London: Messrs. R. J. Burt, F. Cole, G. F. Crawford, G. A. Harris, J. Hazel, W. Hodson, and F. J. Martin; provincial: Messrs. W. Collins, S. Gill, J. Houghton, W. N. Midgley, A. E. Morris, and E. J. Rippon.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. W. Pavey drawing attention to a recent disqualification of a Norwich Canary, and after considerable discussion it was decided to recommend the following definitions as meanings for the words "clear," "ticked," "marked," and "variegated," so that the same might be fully considered by all members before the next meeting:—A bird is "clear" when it has no visible or surface marking, darkness of underflue, beak, or legs not to disqualify.

A bird is "ticked" when it has a small visible or surface mark, or series of marks, or grizzle, on an otherwise clear body, the extent of which marking can be covered by a three-penny piece. A bird is "marked" when such mark or series of marks cannot be so covered. A bird is "variegated" when it is "ticked" or "marked" in two or more places.

Mr. Crawford drew attention to the fact that the society did not hold a specialist club show, and was of opinion that the same should be seriously considered, and an extended classification given thereat. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the officers for the past year and to the chair.—F. Cole, Hon. Sec.

JARROW, HEBBURN C.B.S.

Meeting, Victoria Hotel, March 21st, Mr. Hutler chair. Messrs. F. Griffen, J. Foreman, W. Hostbam were elected members. Mr. Hutler, our old and respected late treasurer, was elected chairman. Mr. Ayers was re-elected as sec., and the office of treasurer was left open for a further date. Owing to so many members working on urgent war service we were not able to pick a committee, but hope to do so at next meeting. We have a splendid challenge cup to be competed for annually, and a hearty invitation is given to all fanciers to join us.—W. Ayres, sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Meeting headquarters, Mar. 20, Mr. Dawn presiding over one of the largest attendances for some time. Mr. J. Robson gave a lecture on general management and pairing, a most appropriate subject. The lecturer pointed out many little details the neglect of which meant failure and disappointment, and eventually a breeder lost to the fancy. His remarks on pairing were very instructive, and were listened to very earnestly. At the conclusion numerous questions were asked. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Robson, who, in replying, said how pleased he was to come to Sheffield, and if his remarks had removed any misconceptions or suggested some important truths in connection with the subject treated he was amply repaid.—E. C. Job, Sec.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

The general meeting was held March 2, at 2, York Street, Piccadilly; Mr. G. Crabb, chairman. A resolution was passed that all members be asked to pay their subscriptions for 1917, also that we give our support to four shows during the coming season, with the same specials and conditions as last season, but the competition for the two ten-guinea books be withheld until the termination of the war. The balance sheet as audited was presented and duly passed, showing a cash balance in hand of £8 15s. 7d. The hon. sec. reported that they had only two applications for club's support last season, viz., Cheltenham and Sheffield. Although these two shows were held on following days, both shows had very good entries and one of the best shows of Crests and Crested-bred birds ever held in the North, both as regards quality and number of entries was held at Sheffield, showing that shows reaped a great advantage when they obtained the club's support. All members should obtain their closed rings direct from the hon. sec., giving him 14 days' notice. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—T. Heath, Hon. Sec., 28, Kenilworth-court, Putney, S.W. 15.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Annual general meeting; Rev. C. B. Jolliffe presided, and the meeting was well attended. Officers for the ensuing year elected, President, Mr. C. Williams, chair Mr. E. J. Banks, vice-chair, Rev C. B. Jolliffe, treas, Mr. A. Ball, sec., Mr. E. T. Romas, committee, Messrs. H. C. Smith, E. James, W. J. Phelps, J. Pearce, A. Shellam, E. J. Davies, P. Braill, E. W. Allsopp, F. Moward, M. Pugh, M. Wilson; the auditors, Rev. C. B. Jolliffe and Mr. H. C. Smith, presented the report and congratulated the society on the result of the open show, which showed a balance to the good of £12 6s. 9d. Resolved that this be handed to the Prisoners of War Fund. The general fund was also good, and we have a balance in hand of £21 5s. 10d. and cups to the value of £35. Resolved to purchase a cup for the Mule section, the cost to be provided by voluntary subscription. £2 was promised at the meeting. Resolved to hold Young Bird shows June 20 and July 25, and that committee deal with the date for the open show. Rev. C. B. Jolliffe promised to give his idea on how co-operation could be worked at a special meeting on April 3, members please note. Mr. H. C. Smith will read a paper on seeds at our next monthly meeting. Mr. Lewis, Porth, was elected a member.—E. Thomas, Sec.

PLYMOUTH W. COUNTIES O.S.

Meeting and club show Mar. 20, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street; The birds staged far exceeded anything yet seen in the hall, the number of birds being 60; Messrs. W. Spillman, sen., and G. Pridham judged. Deep regret was felt that the hon. sec., Mr. W. A. Dyer, was compelled to tender his resignation, business having called him away from the locality; members expressed their best thanks to him for past services, trusting that he will at an early date be amongst them again. The hon. asst. sec., Mr. O. Moffitt, was elected to fill the vacancy pro tem. Special prizes were awarded Messrs Cheney, J. Wills, Hambley, Olver, and Bennett. Other awards were: Goldf. and Bullf. H.M., 1, 3, Cheney; 2, Hambley; 4, Mitch; 5, 7, Craven; 6, Deeble. F.M.: 1, Cheney; 2, 3, Condy 4, Rapson; 5, 6, Garland. Linnet, H.M.: 1, J. Wills; 2, Hambley; 3, F. Wills; 4, Olver; 5, 7, Cheney; 6, Perrin. F.M.: 1, 2, and 4, Deeble; 3, Hambley. Siskin, etc.: 1, Cheney; 2, Condy. Greenf.: 1, Olver; 2, Cheney; 3, J. Wills. A.O. Hardbill: 1, Bennett; 2, Cheney; 3, Wills; 4, Rapson; 5, Olver; 6, Walter Spillman. Hardbill, H.M.: 1, 3, Perrin; 2, Spillman; 4, F. Wills; 5, Cheney; 6, Hambley. Light Mule: 1, Hambley; 2, 3, and 4, Perrin; 5, Cheney. Dark: 1, Hambley; 2, Cheney; 3, F. Wills.—O. Moffit, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting Feb. 7, Mr. Broadhurst chair. Officers for 1917 elected: President, Mr. G. A. Smith; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. A. Eckersley, W. W. Butler, J. Webb, A. J. Smith, H. C. Wilkins, E. Fordred, A. Broadhurst, J. H. de Maillett, W. C. Wells, F. Dipple, P. T. Cowley, and H. T. Collier; chair, A. Broadhurst; vice-chairman, W. C. Wells; treasurers, Messrs. H. T. Collier and J. H. Allen; auditors, Messrs. S. N. Taylor and A. Ward; sec., A. C. Shirley; committee, Messrs. J. Bastock, J. Burke, F. Derry, J. Fessey, T. Jones, G. Raby, and W. Sheldon; also meeting Mar. 7, Mr. Broadhurst chair, a poor gathering. Decided to hold annual open show in Dec., and to ask Messrs. J. H. Roe, R. Norman, and J. Robson to adjudicate. Mr. J. H. de Mailett read the show balance sheet, which was very satisfactory, showing a profit of £1 6s., and was decided to grant him a further sum of £1 10s., making £3 in all as an acknowledgment for valuable services rendered. The general balance sheet was read, which showed a balance of £15 in hand. Subject to audit, this being £6 in excess of last year. Decided to post a printed copy to each member. Next meeting night, Saturday, April 7, at 7.30. Mr. Weaver, Wolverhampton, will give us a seasonable lecture. It has been decided to hold this on a Saturday, so as to get a good gathering, and not disappoint the lecturer. Should this prove a better night for our meetings it is possible the night will be altered to Saturday. New members are wanted. Will members do their best to introduce them. A cordial invitation to non-members to attend to hear Mr. Weaver's lecture.—A. C. Shirley.

HASLINGDEN R.C.C.

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent by members and friends on Mar. 24, when a lecture on the Roller Canary was given by Mr. Kilshaw, Bolton. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Kilshaw for the able manner in which the lecture was given. Friends came from Nelson and Great Horwood to listen to him.—H. Nuttall, hon. sec.

ACCRINGTON C.B.

Social evening, Mar. 21, at Crown Hotel, Mr. D. Harwood, chair. About 40 members and friends attended. Mr. F. Galloway entertained the company on the piano. Messrs. Ashton, Hargreaves, Riley, G. (Singleton, and A. Noble contributed highly appreciated songs and music. Our esteemed President, Councillor J. Smith, in presenting the cups to the winners, said it gave him great pleasure to think how they had progressed in the fancy. Seven new members were enrolled. An invitation was given to all to our next meeting, April 4, when a lecture will be given by Mr. A. Hirst on the general management of birds when breeding. A vote of thanks to President and artists brought an enjoyable evening to a close.—Wm. Parkinson, sec.

In the Courts.

BIRD DEALERS AT LAW.

A Costly Letter to a Newspaper.

At the Leeds Assizes March 13, F. Allen, bird fancier, Porter-street, Hull, sued John Day, carrying on similar business in the same street, for damages for libel. Mr. R. A. Shepherd, instructed by Mr B. Pearkman, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. H S. Cautley, M.P., instructed by Messrs. Laverack Son, and Wray, for the defence.

Mr. Shepherd, said the plaintiff had carried on business for some years at his present address, and about three years ago the defendant began a similar business. The suggestion counsel put forward was that the defendant had attempted to ruin the plaintiff's business, but, whatever his motives, Mr. Day had not the courage of his convictions.

He wrote a letter, to which he did not attach his name, to the editor of a Hull newspaper, which began:—

"Being out in the country the other day, I came across two able-bodied men belonging to Hull, bird-catching, and walking up Market last Saturday saw one of the men selling these birds, linnets, at 1s. and 1s. 6d. each. Now, it is against the law to catch these poor little birds at this time of the year, as they are only in their nest feathers yet. It should not be allowed."

The letter went on to suggest that the men would be better in khaki, and continued:—

"One of the men keeps a bird shop. The other works when he likes, and they do it in good style with a motor and side-car. This should interest Major Boyd."

Major Boyd was the Hull recruiting officer. The letter, Mr. Shepherd remarked, made two charges, one of catching wild birds during prohibited times, and the other that the man concerned was shirking his duties as a patriotic citizen.

The letter appeared in the paper on August 30, and almost by the same post Major Boyd received a letter calling attention to the correspondence in the paper, adding:—

"Why is this state of things allowed to go on—two young men bird-catchers in war-time, when men are badly needed? They have got exemption by telling a pack of lies."

Cross-examined by Mr. Cautley, the plaintiff admitted that he styled himself "the British Bird Champion," and that he judged at singing contests.

You also describe yourself as "the British Linnet Expert"?—Yes.

And as "Fred Allen, B.B.C., Linnet Specialist"? Yes: I have beaten all the world as far as I know.

Are you aware that in the East Riding it is illegal to catch birds?—I don't know. I never have occasion to go out.

You come of a bird-catching family? Your father was a bird-catcher before you.—No, sir; my father was a humourist—(laughter).

A verdict was given for plaintiff, who was awarded £5, with costs on the High Court scale.

A Plate of Eggs.

With the "Boy's Own Paper" for March is presented a coloured plate reproduced from a painting by Mr. Geo. Soper, of British Birds' Eggs. A companion plate to complete the series will be given with the May issue. The picture is very nicely printed, and as a whole is a useful presentation of the coloration of the eggs of some of our British birds. It is open to criticism in some details however. The egg of the Song Thrush, for instance, is not of the same blue in the picture as in reality, and that of the Blackbird is shown as being of a brownish hue instead of the greenish blue of the egg in nature. The Cuckoo's egg again is so heavily marked with brown as to present a brownish appearance all over, and nothing is said in the text referring to the picture of the great variation in the coloration of the eggs of the species. We doubt if any individual Cuckoo's egg was ever so brown as the one depicted. These are but minor defects, however, in a very nice plate.

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Twitterings.

Mr. J. G. Taylor writes that he has removed from Old Fallow, Cannock, to 206, Watling Street, Bridgtown, nr. Cannock.

The first annual open show of the Maesteg C.B.S. will be held on Nov. 21, writes Mr. C. Williams, hon. sec. Other Welsh Societies please note, so as to avoid clashing.

The Barrow C.B.S., writes Mr. Thos. A. Croft, hon. sec., have arranged to hold its nest feather show on July 7th. Nominations close definitely April 7. Messrs. Wellings and Mulliner will judge.

The annual show of the Barrow-in-Furness C.B.A. has been fixed for Dec. 7, 8. The judges are Messrs. J. Robson, Borders and Scotch Fancies; H. W. Battye, Yorkshires; T. Beswick, Norwich; and J. Maddison the remainder.

If Mr. G. E. Minoprio, 28, Alexandra Drive, Prince's Park, will send full address, writes Mr. J. Hicks, Holsworthy, the parcel of wild seed will be delivered. It is now, and has been for some weeks, lying at one of the L.&S.W.R. offices in London, and the Company are unable to trace Prince's Park in London.

Those interested in the keeping of British birds should attend the meeting of the Clapham C.B.A. on April 3, at the "Clock House," Clapham Park Road, when Mr. A. R. Coe is to open, at 8 o'clock, a disoussion on "Buntings." Some useful information should be gained from the remarks of the many members of the Clapham C.B.A. who are keepers of British birds.

Owing to the vast amount of work we have at present on hand, and the scarcity of labour, writes Mr. E. M. Stanton, Patricroft, I am compelled to state that we cannot guarantee despatch of any future orders before the end of April. Much credit for the success I have achieved is due to Cage Birds. It brings orders from far and near, and I have much pleasure in wishing the success it rightly deserves.

On the Way to a Settlement.

As will be seen by the report in another column of the annual meeting of the Southern Norwich Canary Club definitions were suggested which are designed to obviate the repetition of misunderstanding between exhibitors and judges as to whether birds are "marked," "ticked," or "variegated." If the suggestions be carried out as made, there will not be in Norwich Canaries an evenly marked bird, for if there be more than one mark or tick on the plumage, no matter what the size of the marks, or ticks, it would be styled a variegated, even or uneven as may be. A mark will simply mean a group of dark feathers larger than a threepenny piece; smaller than this will be a tick.

A Word to the Wise.

The question of the paper supply is getting more and more acute, and the restrictions laid upon consumers such as newspaper proprietors and publishers are becoming more and more severe. In the circumstances we ask our readers to give us their kindly help by placing their orders with their newsagent for the regular weekly supply of Cage Birds. In the immediate future it will probably be out of our power to send from our publishing offices more copies than are actually on order, and we are giving the hint as above entirely in the interests of our readers.

An Address Wanted.

Mr. C. J. Martin, hon. sec. of the Hornsey Wood Green C.B.S., would be glad if Mr. Watts would send his address, as there is no record of his membership in the club's book of members.

One of the Old School Comes to Town.

During the week we had the pleasure of a call from our old friend Mr. Howard, of Norwich, "Jimmy," of that ilk, and we were glad to note that he has not lost any of the vivacity so well known to fanciers of the old school, who, alas, are getting fewer and fewer, When the shows come round again as of yore the gatherings will be the poorer for the loss of some of the old familiar faces, but it is pleasant to know that there are still amongst us those who are looking forward to many a "crack" to keep up the memory of days that are past.

An Invitation to Newcastle Fanciers

Newcastle C.B.S., writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, chairman, are to have a lecture upon breeding and rearing by Mr. Johnstone, of Wallsend, on Thursday, April 5th, at Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, and extend an invitation to all fanciers whether members or not. I suppose Mr. Johnstone rears more Canaries than any other fancier in the North-East, and those who have not been successful in the past should not fail to hear him give his methods. We want an early start, so that we may finish early, so those who wish to hear him should come in good time; see secretary's announcement.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Owing to the Easter Holidays, the Editorial Offices of Cage Birds will be closed from Thursday evening, April 5th, to Tuesday morning, April 10th. Correspondents will greatly oblige by posting their communications to reach us on Thursday, and queries to which an answer is desired in the following issue must be in hand not later than Thursday afternoon. Next week's issue will be published one day earlier than usual, and will be on sale on Thursday morning, April 5th.

Seasonable Hints on Useful Weeds.

By RICHARD MORSE, F.R.H.S.

Groundsel.

A Widely Distributed and Valuable Food for Birds.

THE natural distribution of our wild plants is an ever-present problem for the botanist. Certain plants, apparently quite hardy, are to be found in only one or two districts in Great Britain. They have been established there for generations, and surrounding conditions are often eminently favourable to their rapid spreading, and yet they seem never to venture beyond their limited habitat, even though assisted by man to do so.

GROUNDSEL IN FLOWER.

Other plants there are which spring up abundantly in every conceivable place, high and low, rich and poor, damp and dry, all seem equally well to suit their purpose, and they flourish and spread where closely related species would rapidly wither and die. Fortunately for the bird-keeper the common groundsel (Senecio vulgaris L.) is one of these ubiquitous plants, and only the most carefully tended fields and gardens can claim to be free from its invasions.

As one would naturally expect from such a plant, it is of a most variable character, according to the conditions under which it grows. On dry banks and walls tiny flowering specimens scarcely more than two inches in height may often be seen, whilst on well manured ground it sometimes reaches fifteen or more inches, becoming also much branched, as well as robust and succulent, and almost unrecognisable as the same species. The hairiness of the plant, too, varies very considerably, it being sometimes decidedly cottony, and in other cases totally devoid of any trace of even the tiniest of hairs.

The general appearance of a spray of groundsel is shown in the accompanying sketch, with one expanded seedhead at the summit. This latter closely resembles the well-known globular head of the dandelion, but is of course very much smaller. The tiny flower heads never seem to the inexperienced to open to their fullest extent, but on close examination it will be found that this is not the case, for there are none of the familiar petals which we so often associate with flowers of this kind, but only a number of florets similar to that shown with an enlarged leaf in the other drawing.

Groundsel is for the bird-keeper undoubtedly one of the most valuable of all our wild plants, and withal one of the safest in use. With regard to its collection, it is generally preferable to go some distance from the roadway, for the cottony substance which often covers the plant seems to gather a vast amount of dust and dirt of all kinds, which of course make it far less palatable as a food. If gathered in clean and healthy condition, it can always be given with perfect safety, and the young tender shoots which are now becoming plentiful in fields and allotments will even delight the Goldfinches, in spite of their usual indifference to green foods in general.

In connection with all medicinal herbs, it has long been known that the time at which

LEAF AND FLORET OF GROUNDSEL.

a plant is gathered as well as the health and vigour of the specimens concerned are most important factors to be taken into consideration. Rank and overgrown plants are best avoided, as they usually contain too great a proportion of water or connective tissue, and seldom produce anything like the quantity of seed to be found on more normal specimens. Groundsel becomes unnaturally stimulated on very rich soils, and then tends to run to leaf and stem at the expense of its flowers and fruits.

Country folk have for long ages had great faith in the medicinal virtues of groundsel, and this herb has been claimed for generations to be an invaluable remedy for various internal disorders, particularly those arising from disordered liver and kidneys, and also as a most excellent spring tonic and purifer of the blood.

Readers are invited to send any botanical specimens which they have difficulty in identifying. The whole plant, including fruits, should be sent whenever possible. Packages should be addressed "The Editor, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. 4, and must be accompanied by a P.O. for sixpence. Answers will appear in this column.

The Crested Canary Club General Meeting.

At the general meeting of the Crested Canary Club (see under Club Reports), it was resolved to give the patronage of the club to four shows during the coming season, but to hold over the two 10 guinea bowls until after the war.

OBITUARY.

MR. G. LAWRANCE, COVENTRY.

I deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. G. Lawrance, Coventry, who was one of the oldest fanciers in the district, writes Mr. J. Kent, hon. sec. Coventry O.S. He was a good fancier, and a man of great experience in bird keeping. I am sure that all who knew him will join in offering deep sympathy to his family in their sad bereavement.

Mr. M. WOODHOUSE (South Shields).

I regret, writes Mr. W. F. Smith, hon. sec. Leeds C.B.S., to have to announce the death of one of the old school, Mat. Woodhouse. He was showing birds 40 years ago. Always of a quiet disposition, and a visitor to all the principal shows, he could hold his own wherever he went. He was always very keen on anything uncommon and likely to create attraction. He had his hands full during the last few years, and his wife, who had been an invalid for 11 years, passed away a few months ago. Our friend followed her, about 3 weeks ago. "Old Mat." will be sorely missed by many.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

In consequence of the Easter Holidays next week's issue of CAGE BIRDS will be published ONE DAY EARLIER, and be on sale THURSDAY MORNING, April 5th.

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BIRDS OF QUEENSLAND.

We all know of the Cuckoo in the Old Country, writes the Queensland correspondent of the "North Queensland Register," and even those of us who have not been there have read of that bird's lazy habits as regards nest building—how it takes advantage of another's industry. But how many of us know that we have a bird with us here which has similar habits (the coo-ee bird we call him, though his correct name is Koel), and that he belongs to the Cuckoo family? He is a black bird, and his wife dresses quietly in grey. These birds go away for part of the year, but just now round outside Brisbane the male bird is persistent in his cry. "Coo-ee!" he seems to call, and his wife answers "Quick! Quick! Quick!" It is nesting time, but it is not that they are in a hurry to build. They do not find pieces of twigs and leaves, and soft feathers to line little warm nests—not they! The male bird also calls "Warra, warra, warra," and one often hears this cry through the night.

As I write there is a picture before me, and the sound of a multitude of bird voices. Dozens of those quaint looking and quaint voiced birds, the Leather-heads, are rioting amidst the yellow bloom on a tall, silky oak tree. The golden glow on the tree is beautiful against the sky, but one hardly knows how lovely these silky oak flowers are until one gathers a spray and looks into the heart of it. As the flowers mature, little spikes of yellow are released and stand up, tipped with the palest of green tiny knobs. At the base of these spikes there are stripes of red, and here in the wee cups is the honey. One has only to put one's finger on the moisture and taste it to realise what a harvest the birds reap with their wondrous busy tongues—a harvest of honey. No wonder there are birds galore, for all the thousands of little cups are filled. Birds of all sorts which love honey collect there, and they know that their lives are protected in these grounds, no boy, big or little, being allowed to hurt or frighten them.

The Essentials of Aviculture.

By J. W. N.

(Continued from page 184.)

A Series of comprehensive articles, embracing the proper management of all kinds of birds in captivity, their housing, feeding, general management and diseases, and the breeding of species, Mules and Hybrids.

IT is always best to allow the two birds to fly together during the winter, or to share a double breeding cage with a wire division. In this way they become quite accustomed to each other, and this is another of the secrets of success.

Every effort ought to be made to get green food, but where this is impossible, fruit, such as apple or pear, must be substituted. Germinating seed is an article of diet which does not have sufficient attention at the hands of breeders. It is in this state that birds obtain most of their seeds in nature, and it is so easy to produce that a supply should always be at hand. All that is necessary is to sow some seed on flannel which must be kept damp and in a warm place.

When Breeding Time Comes.

Towards the breeding season the diet should have many of the more stimulating seeds included in it—hemp, maize, niger, maw, gold-of pleasure, are all useful in this respect, and it must not be forgotten that the principal seed of the Goldfinch in the wild state is the thistle.

A good plan is to give the staple mixture as usually advised for the individual birds, and in addition on three days a week let them have a mixture of some of the seeds mentioned above, on the other four days a few grains of cracked hemp being given.

With this treatment and the observance of facilities for bathing on all possible occasions, the birds will come quickly into breeding condition when the season arrives, and the results may be looked for with a good deal of confidence.

The signs of birds coming into breeding condition are unmistakable, and if further proof be needed the beak of the Goldfinch will be seen to be almost clear, whilst that of the Linnet is slaty-blue. These points, with the fact that the cocks will be in full song, and the hens flapping excitedly from perch to perch, are sufficient indications.

The same method as advertised for Canaries when mated is all that is necessary, giving special notice to the eggs where the Goldfinch is concerned, as he has an unfortunate propensity for poking his long beak into them. To prevent this a bunch of flowering grasses, a millet spray, thistle heads, etc., can be hung up near the nest, and the restless Goldfinch will vent his destructive powers on these to the benefit of his mate's eggs. However, if there is any sign of inquisitiveness in the nest he should be at once removed.

As a rule Mules leave the nest much earlier than young Canaries, and are able to feed themselves sooner, and so are easier to rear. I have only mentioned Goldfinches and Linnets as cock birds to breed from, but the Greenfinch, Redpoll, and Siskin are all successful parents and are comparatively easy to get into condition.

Some Pretty Hybrids.

If Mule breeding requires a good deal of skill, the breeding of Hybrids will tax the ingenuity and patience even more, as British hens in cages prove very poor mothers, and foster-parents have usually to be resorted to.

To mention a few favourite crosses, there is the hen Bullfinch, mated to the cock Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Redpoll, Linnet or Siskin. Fertile eggs have been obtained from all these crosses, but these are only a few of the combinations that can take place, and from the above list any two birds of different sexes can be chosen with the possibility of a successful result.

The only member of the Finch tribe that had better be omitted is the cock Bullfinch. Unfortunately he has proved a failure, and if the hen Bullfinch has had an opportunity of mating with one of her own kind she is very often the same. It is as well, then, if breeding from the Bullfinch is contemplated, to obtain a young bird and keep her isolated from her own species. A visit to a big show will demonstrate the numbers of crosses that can take place, and will probably serve to kindle the enthusiasm so necessary for the successful breeding of these beautiful birds.

The aviary, of course, is the ideal home for the breeding of Mules and Hybrids, and many of the troubles incident to cage breeding do not assume the same importance here. Do not forget in putting birds in an aviary for the purpose of Hybrid breeding to let the hens have it for a week all to themselves. In this time they will have chosen their nesting sites, and when the cocks come along there is less likelihood of prolonged quarrelling.

British birds, at any rate the Finches, do not nest as early as Canaries, so on an average May is the most propitious month for starting breeding operations. Just as in Mule breeding, the parents ought to have become thoroughly acquainted with each other during the winter. The question of feeding has been gone into in the case of Finches for muling, so need not be repeated.

Many types of cages have been advocated for hybrid breeding, and most of them aim at giving some seclusion to the nest. If a double breeder is used, and a panel of wood nailed, or, better still, screwed on in front of the nest this is really all that is required.

A Nesting Tip.

In regard to nests, if one can obtain the old lining of that of a Thrush or Blackbird, and supply nesting material as near as possible to that used in a state of nature, the hen can sometimes be prevailed upon to build her own home, but, if not, then this must be done for her. As a stand for the nest, a flowerpot, not too high, does very well, or what I have found even better is an empty shaving bowl.

A difficulty which requires carefully handling arises in dealing with birds whose diet differs. As an example, in dealing with a Bullfinch and a Siskin some plan must be devised for keeping the Siskin away from the food of the Bullfinch, otherwise he will make such a feast that all hopes of breeding will for the time being have to be given up until the deranged internal organs again allow him to think of other things. In this case the slide of the double breeder should only be pulled out for a short time, and, while out, the Bullfinch's seed hopper can be temporarily removed to be returned later on.

British hens sometimes have the unhappy knack of allowing their eggs to drop when they are on the perch instead of depositing them in the nest, with the result that they get smashed. When a hen shows any tendency to this course of action the perches should be lowered and hay or some similar substance spread thickly underneath. As the eggs are laid they should be removed and kept in a cool place until the full clutch is obtained.

As stated before, it is better not to trust to the hen to hatch out the young, and here two courses are open. One is to remove the eggs to the nest of a Canary, giving her eggs to the British hen to passify her in the event of her wishing to sit. This is quite a good plan provided the Canary does not get frightened at the young and refuse to feed them as is sometimes the case. If all goes well, however, she must be supplied with insectile food as well as the usual egg food.

Wild Birds as Foster Parents.

A better plan is to transfer the eggs to the nest of a wild bird such as the Greenfinch or Linnet, and allow her to look after the catering department for the first 10 days. In this way the young have a much better chance of surviving, and at the end of that time can be removed and hand-reared on egg food with a little insectile food and a few live ants' eggs.

Mention has only been made of British birds, but Mules and Hybrids can be obtained from foreign species, although this branch of aviculture is still in its infancy. Mules have been obtained from foreign Finches and Canary hens, and some interesting hybrids have occurred amongst Parrakeets in captivity.

For all these the aviary is practically essential. In fact, all Mule and Hybrid breeders should endeavour to use the aviary. Its advantages are numerous, not the least of them being the fact that the hen will usually rear her own young and so obviate the tedious necessity for hand-rearing.

It will be seen by the above very brief outline of this fascinating branch of breeding that it is not easy, that it requires a good deal of time and patience to be devoted to it before satisfactory results are obtained. At the same time, the fact should not be underestimated that luck very often plays a strong part; the fickle goddess sometimes bestows her smiles on the veriest novice, while she persistently refuses her favours to the seasoned veteran.

(To be continued.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

THE CROSSBILL.

The Crossbill is not very generally kept as a cage bird, either as a pet bird or for exhibition, but a tame Crossbill makes a charming pet, and a good specimen is certain of recognition by the judge. The Bird in our picture won 2nd prize at the Holborn Hall Show for its owner, Dr. M. Wilson, Pannall.

The Breeding of Linnet Mules.

By "British," Chopwell.

THE breeding season is now near upon us and many young fanciers will have the birds paired up and also probably be going into ecstasies over the signs of high breeding condition which their pets evince. Once or twice lately during spells of fine weather I have been tempted to allow my birds to run together, after watching the vigorous antics of the cock birds and the flapping wings of the hens, but experience is a great teacher and has caused me to forbear to do so.

I am essentially a Mule breeder, and, like many other fanciers, I made my initial success as such in the breeding of Mules with the Linnet and Canary, birds which yet hold first place in my estimation. In this article I shall set forth a plan of action which I have always found highly satisfactory when breeding.

The Treatment of the Linnet.

I think no one will question the statement that in the breeding of Linnet Mules the most important bird is the Linnet. There are very few steady, housemoulted Linnets who will refuse to pair with a suitable hen Canary if both birds are properly attended to.

When choosing a Linnet from a dealer, try to obtain a bird with a good shaped body and a good thick neck, for I have often found that if that is not given good consideration the youngsters will have a tendency towards "snakiness."

When you have chosen a bird for breeding purposes, he should, if possible, be kept in a Linnet stock cage in the living room from the latter end of November to the beginning of March, and then he should be removed to the bird-room.

It is surprising how tame birds become thus treated; they become steady and gain more and more confidence every day. If possible speak to the bird every time you pass his cage, and make a point of re-adjusting either the seed or water vessel, so that he may learn that your movements do not bring him any harm. The method of feeding of the the Linnet advised in CAGE BIRDS Linnet Nutshell I find admirable for bringing and keeping him in condition.

For exhibition purposes it is perhaps best to try to establish a light muling strain by judicious crossing and in-breeding; but as I breed the Mules chiefly for their song I am not well acquainted with this. Some fanciers I know try breeding with dark hens in the belief that the young will be healthier birds, but I prefer a clear yellow Norwich, and often obtain grand offspring from these.

There is certainly no fixed time for the commencing of the breeding season. Some years I have known it begin with the advent of March, but this year—well, fanciers know the conditions which have prevailed so far. I let the birds run together in the same cage, but with the wire slide in, from about the beginning of March, thus giving them time to get used to each other, and when the weather seems to have at last become settled I draw the slide and let them in together.

Valuable Green Foods.

In regard to the diet when paired, I generally manage to steer a middle course, studying the likes and dislikes of both the Linnet and the hen. When procurable, I offer an abundance of green food such as shepherd's purse, chickweed, and especially dandelion, both leaves and seeding heads; the two birds will partake of any of these with relish.

It must not be forgotten that during the period when he has the whole of the breeding cage to exercise in, the Linnet will have a tendency to get a little wild, and to counteract this he must be carefully watched. When he appears to be on good terms with his mate, and when in her turn she shows the unmistakable signs of wanting to go to nest, supply them with a nest-pan and nesting material. The Linnet often shows not the slightest interest in the building operations of the hen bird, although I once possessed a bird, twice house-moulted, which even helped the hen in "setting up house."

Whether to remove the cock bird or not after the arrival of the eggs depends upon the nature of both himself and the hen; some Linnets are useful with eggs, and some hen Canaries will leave the nest if he is removed.

On about the thirteenth day of the hen's sitting supply some egg food, the young may be expected at any time. Young Mules I find do very well on the same treatment as young Canaries. Supply the egg food regularly, and, if the hen feeds, everything should go swimmingly. I find chickweed and other forms of green food valuable assets in rearing young mules. Mules leave the nest much sooner than young Canaries; as soon as they do so they will begin to pick for themselves, as they are very hardy.

I would now like to give some advice to young fanciers. Don't sell or part with your young Mules, unless known hens, until after the first moult, for it often requires this to bring a bird to his best; many a bird thought a "waster" has moulted out a winner.

These few remarks are founded on my own methods, and I shall be very pleased if they assist novices in any way, for I consider that there should exist a greater "give and take" spirit amongst fanciers and less "trade secrets."

Bird Societies and Governing Bodies.

By "NAPOO."

A fancier of wide experience, who prefers that his name should not be published, states his reasons why in his opinion a governing body is not necessary.

IN the past many discussions relating to the establishing of a governing body have appeared in CAGE BIRDS, and at such times it has been more or less impossible for me to "enter the lists," but, having a few spare moments on my hands, I should like to give you some impressions resulting from a lifelong experience with the fancy and fanciers, particularly concerning cage-bird societies during the last fifteen years.

It would, perhaps, carry some weight if I mention that it has been my lot to sit on many committees, important and otherwise, to help found societies, and to act in various official capacities, and that during this period the ways and manners of my colleagues have been by no means without interest. During this period I have, like others, seen the start and finish of "Unions" and "Federations," and have also not failed to notice the types of individuals constituting the membership of societies.

Types of Fanciers.

Conspicuous enough are the following:—(1) The man who catches rampant "bird fever," comes in with a rush, buys up everything he can lay his hands on, and then fizzles out in from two to four seasons and is no more heard of. (2) The "sticker," who was born a fancier, sticks to his fancy, cannot be shaken off by any adversity, and, often at the cost of his own pocket (which may not be deep), is the backbone of his society. (3) The individual whose experience is so slight that he has not plumbed the depths relating to occurrences which older hands know must turn up, and who, without first ascertaining full particulars of the matter before him, believes that he can make everything plain sailing at once. (4) The ready "promiser" of all sorts of things, help, assistance, and even prizes, but who is nowhere to be found when the business commences. (5) Those who under great disadvantages give up valuable time trying to link together almost impossible chains, and who have no axes of their own to grind, but who are just genuinely interested and will do anything within reason to support their section, and so forth.

These remarks are, perhaps, a little wide of the subject, although relative thereto, but have been mentioned in order to give those who may not know an idea of the material with which one has to contend.

Most readers of CAGE BIRDS know that as a fancy their hobby of exhibiting birds does not at once appeal to the general public so readily as does that relating to dogs, horses, cattle, poultry, etc., and in consequence, except in their own circles, their work goes on relatively speaking behind the scenes.

People That Help.

They also know that outside any "professionalism" that may here and there be attracted to it, the financial status of their societies is not heavy, and that it would be almost impossible to run large or even small exhibitions unless they could depend upon the financial assistance of enthusiastic or wealthy members.

This being the case, it is more or less unavoidable that clubs and societies should be numerous, perhaps more so than is really advisable, and in consequence we find membership running from any number between 50 and 200, rarely the latter, and subscriptions often not more than 3s. 6d. to 5s. per annum. I think it is, therefore, obvious that the hobby cannot very well be styled as that of a rich man.

There is but little necessity in many cases for committeemen to attend more than from 12 to 20 meetings in a year; in fact, the whole annual business of the average cage bird society could be conducted in half the time usually expended upon it. It is, moreover, a pleasing feature that the necessity of dealing with an offender is comparatively rare, and that, taking them all in all, cage-bird fanciers are remarkably good sportsmen. Naturally one cannot expect in a mixed body of men to find all angels, but a chairman with tact can usually dispose of the complaints of a "grouser" satisfactorily.

The formation of local societies is largely brought about in consequence of the members more often than not being working or business men who cannot spare time or money to travel any distance, and, this being the case, with societies dotted about here, there, and everywhere, the business of any society cannot consist of matters of very great moment. That is to say, there very seldom, if ever, occurs any matter that members cannot settle themselves.

Irrespective of the choosing of the date, classification, and so forth, connected with a local or open show, together with such matters as may arise with reference to annual outings, lectures, or entertainments, it is seldom that anything occurs. Societies fall into the way of avoiding wherever possible the clashing of show dates, but even should this occur we must not overlook the fact that they are separate bodies, and have an equal right to choose their own date.

A governing body cannot well do this, because as often as not outside influences may make it impossible for their ruling to be acceptable alike to society A, B, or C, as the case may be. Then, again, concerning these very rare offenders that may be convicted of fraud, no society requires assistance from outside to deal with them. It is quite easy to sever connection with them, and they are, perforce, dealt with as far as penalties are concerned by the usual rules embodied in show schedules. Moreover, following on this, such matters are reported to the specialist societies under the guidance or support of which section the offence may occur. Through such medium an offender who may be proved guilty will find it exceedingly awkward, at any rate, to continue illicit practices.

Probably specialist societies, when they conduct business properly, i.e., minus dictatorial methods, are the best safeguards against the continuance of trouble of this kind, and, moreover, when they support sections by seeing that competent judges are provided, and also a decent classification (which, where possible, they should help to support by providing it by guarantee), there is very little chance of any matter arising that cannot be dealt with under the ordinary club or show rules of a society.

Why Delegates Fail.

To put it in a nutshell, no body of men are in a better position to deal with their own affairs than the committee, and as far as I can see, directly you adopt a governing body and have yourselves (i.e., any society) represented by delegates, you at once entail the waste of a lot of time, and sometimes money, over matters that any ordinary business man would settle in about ten minutes.

This does not necessarily apply in the large centres of Canary breeding, where, perhaps, a large number of clubs exist devoted to one particular breed of Canary, be it Yorkshires or Norwich, and where some sort of local Union may prove of mutual benefit, but generally speaking, provincial and London societies who may hold open shows ought to be able to cope with their own affairs without outside interference or ordering.

I know that in past years, when societies were affiliated it has been a matter of impossibility for the best business men of a society to attend a delegates' meeting, and in consequence someone quite unfitted for the work has been appointed, the result being that a matter which, after all, was of ridiculously small importance has been carried over two or three very uninteresting meetings, and the members in the end were about as wise as when they started, or were very much dissatisfied with a verdict, many of them objecting to a purposeless levy.

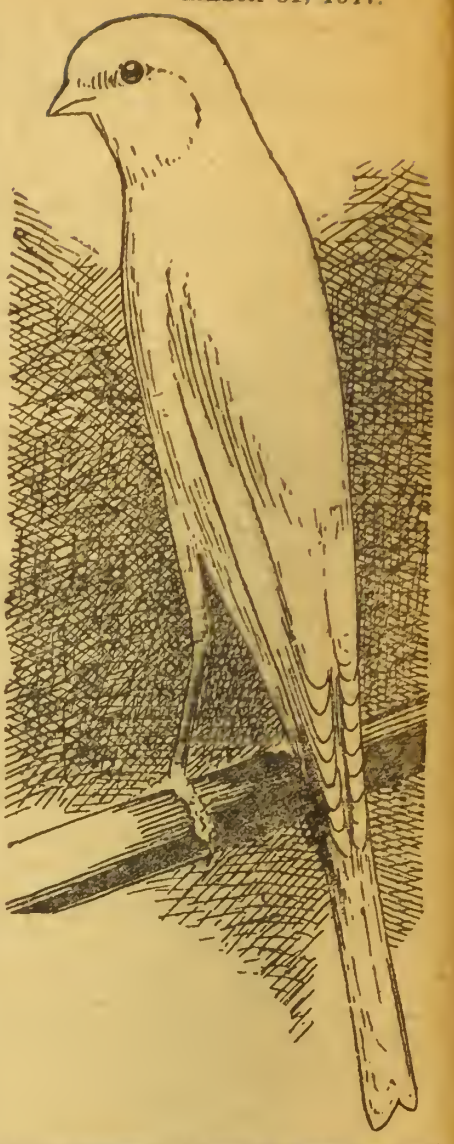
No Safety in Numbers.

Taking a "looker on's" view of the situation, it seems that the smaller a committee is, within reason, so much the better, and that a tactful and good chairman, thoroughly intimate with the fancy and its workings, is a necessity, and that when a committee is composed of men who are not out for their own ends, but for the common good of the society, things work easily enough.

As these officials, including secretaries, are usually elected annually by the votes or propositions of the body sitting, it should not be difficult to remove incompetent or undesirable men, and it usually takes members but a short time to ascertain the calibre of their associates. A popular man is not necessarily a suitable man for a post, but a business man with the interests of his society at heart can prove a veritable tower of strength in times of trouble or dissent.

Of course, one meets with those who object to a few men running a society, and who think, for some curious reason, that this should not be. It has, however, been my experience that when such has been the case they did get on with the business, and accomplished something, and that men of the type capable of taking matters in hand are always ready to give vouchers for all they do; in fact, the usual rules of a society should provide for necessities of the kind, and interested members should see, both by audit and by inspection, that things are as represented. The mere taking for granted of a report is as unfair to the preparer of it as to the society itself, and good business men like all their work properly checked, if only for self satisfaction.

Concerning the foregoing statements, I wish it to be understood that I do not put them forward in a dictatorial sense. I may be quite wrong in my ideas according to the experiences of some, but I certainly have found the workings of societies conducted with greater ease and with less dissatisfaction when untrammelled by outside interference, which sooner or later causes loss of membership.



This fine specimen of a Yorkshire Canary won 2nd prize at Croydon Show for Mr. R. Mudd, Croydon.

The Kea, the Kaka and the Kakapo

New Zealand Parrots which have Changed their Characters.

By L. B. THOBURN-CLARKE.

(Continued from page 170.)

MY first experience of the great brown Kaka was gained from a tame one belonging to a neighbour. This bird was possessed of almost fiendish intelligence, and a capacity for mischief only equalled by a small monkey. When he had accomplished anything particularly wicked he would fly on to my shoulder, and, leaning forward, would stare up into my face with a look of impish mischief that was almost humanly evil in its expression.

I was only a small child at the time, and the Kaka constituted himself my principal torment, and I was terrified by the uncanny impishness of the bird. He would fly over to our place in the twilight and seek me through every room until he found me; then, watching for an unguarded moment, he would fly on to my shoulder and nip my ear with his powerful beak.

My scream of pain would be echoed by a wild whoop of delight as he flew away to await another chance of torturing me. The very sound of his pattering feet on the veranda would send me seeking frantically for safety behind locked doors, while the Kaka would patiently wait on the doormat watching for me, until some one, answering my frantic appeals, seized the bird and carried him off. He never attacked anyone else in the same way, so I suppose my terror amused him.

He was very knowing, and, although he pattered all over the garden and house from early twilight until ten o'clock at night, he would vanish mysteriously the instant the clock struck, so that he should not be locked up in his cage. He was quite friendly with the numerous animals, and would visit the big duck-yard and amuse himself waddling up and down. He never attempted to touch the ducklings, and he was quite to be trusted with cats and kittens.

But every skin heartbrug was torn to scraps, and, if he could manage it, he would in the course of a night have the window-frames bitten through and the glass in pieces on the ground. Cups and saucers were pushed to the edge of the table and knocked over just to hear them break with a crash on the kitchen floor. He fully realised that he was doing wrong, for he would screech with delight.

Another Kaka which I owned a few years later was a most amusing bird, and loved walking, following me about like a small dog, but he invariably slept during the day, only waking in the late afternoon. He loved climbing the tall blue-gum-trees in the garden, and would scream defiance to our entreaties to him to come down.

He climbed straight up the trunk after the usual Parrot manner, but always came down backwards. Gripping with his beak a piece of bark or a projection of wood, he would drop his feet straight down, then catch hold, and cling while he twisted his head down as low as possible, taking another grip with his beak, and repeating the process until he had reached the ground; then he waddled after me. No calling would make him come down, but the sight of me opening the gate would bring him scrambling down, as he dearly loved a walk in the twilight.

We fed him on fruit, and during the summer he would gather and eat all he required in the orchard. I never saw him attempt to find insects, nor did he trouble to suck the honey from the flowers. He was exceedingly fond of sweets and sugar, and was very mischievous.

One of his favourite tricks was to come in very quietly, and remain hidden until the middle of prayers, when he would suddenly fly on to my shoulder with a screech which was most startling. If shut out of the room he would go round to the window and endeavour to get in. He loved to catch hold of anything that was being shaken, and would sit on a sack, almost asking to have it dragged over the ground.

When he wanted anything he would catch hold of my dress and try to drag me in the direction he wished. At night he was shut up in a large outhouse with the dogs, and when he got dissatisfied with his own kennel he would drive out a dog and take possession of the kennel he coveted.

He was very quiet, but sometimes he would call to his relatives as they flew past, and one day, when he was about eighteen months old, he flew off to join them, and I never saw him again. He was much missed, for he was always amusing, and his mischief had such a thought-out element about it that it was interesting to try to fathom the reasoning power of his brain.

The Kakapo (*Strigops habroptilus*), another large Parrot, has changed, not its food, but its physical habits, owing to the difference in its surroundings. A nocturnal bird, always feeding on the ground, and admirably concealed by its protective colouring of freckled green, so closely resembling the moss on which it feeds, the lack of ground vermin big enough to attack so large a bird has made this Parrot lose the use of its wings.

Sir Walter Buller, in speaking about this, states that the wings are apparently large and strong, but, although the muscles are developed, they are overlaid with a quantity of fat, and the bird never attempts to use them.

The Kakapo appears to have been very plentiful in the days when Sir Julius Haast observed its habits while he was exploring the west coast of New Zealand in the early sixties. He speaks of the true habitat of the Kakapo as being the "mossy fagus forest near mountain streams, with occasional grassy plots, but it also lives on the hillsides, amongst great masses of rocks in which it has its holes or burrows." These immense rocks were mostly overgrown with roots of trees and a deep covering of moss.

He saw "one sitting on a fuchsia tree, feeding upon the purple berries, but as soon as it saw him advancing it threw itself off the branch as if it had been shot, and disappeared amongst the huge fragments of rocks strewed along the hillside." Apparently it never attempted to use its wings.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

EVERY WEEK A PRIZE OF TEN SHILLINGS IS GIVEN FOR WHAT, IN THE OPINION OF THE EDITOR OF "CAGE BIRDS," IS THE BEST LETTER PUBLISHED UNDER THIS HEADING. THE LETTER MAY BE ON ANY SUBJECT. IT MAY BE A COMMENT, FOR OR AGAINST, ON ANYTHING WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN OUR PAGES, AN OPINION ON THE POLICY OF OUR PAPER, OR MAY HAVE NO REFERENCE WHATEVER TO ANYTHING WHICH HAS ALREADY APPEARED. SO LONG AS IT IS ON A "BIRDY" SUBJECT, AND IS ORIGINAL, IT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR THE PRIZE.

The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. J. T. Whitaker, 54, Tempest Road, Leeds.

Birds on the Doiran Front.

An Identification Problem Solved.

SIR,—With regard to the two ducks which puzzle your correspondent, the first is difficult to make out, but I think he may mean the Red-Crested Pochard. It should be common down there, and taking the description as in general terms, I should say that is the bird. The other duck is no doubt the Smew, which, of course, if one of the sawbills. Genus, Mergus.

The Starling is very interesting, and I will find out when and where it was ringed. Meanwhile, could you get me the date on which it was shot, as that is not mentioned. It is, as you suggest, a Russian ring. There is a scheme for ringing similar to mine, with its centre in Moscow. We have had two Starlings previously reported in England with the Moscow Ornith. Committee ring, both these having been ringed in Livonia. There is another (separate) scheme in Finland (Helsingfors) under Professor Palmer. H. F. WITHERBY.

We hope Mr. H. Donnan, who enquired in our issue of March 24 about the Starling, and whose question is kindly answered by Mr. Witherby, will be able to forward the date on which the Starling was shot as reported in his letter.

Mr. J. Currie, Edinburgh, has also kindly identifies the birds mentioned in the article, "Bird Life on the Doiran Front," which appeared in our issue dated March 24.—ED., CAGE BIRDS.

Economical Hints for the Birdroom.

Green Food from Waste Seeds.

SIR,—During these trying times no doubt fanciers, like all others, are ever on the lookout for methods of saving expense. The price of seed of all kinds has gone up immensely, and therefore it behoves us to try and economise wherever possible.

First, to a town bird-keeper, is the difficulty of obtaining fresh green food, and it usually means buying the same from the greengrocer, either lettuce or watercress. With those who live on the outskirts or in rural districts this difficulty is soon overcome, and much can be saved in the seed bill by collecting the various green foods and seedling plants well known to fanciers. I am able to get a fair supply easily, but at the same time I like to have a bit in reserve if time does not permit to go and gather wild food.

This is one of my methods. When sweeping up the bird-room there is always a certain amount of seed scattered from the cages, no matter what sort of feeding bottles are used, then there are also the siftings when one is clearing the hoppers out. Instead of throwing this waste into the dustbin, it is easily turned to saving by sowing in shallow boxes and the sprouting seeds given to the birds again as food.

I usually throw them on to the garden and just rake them over with a fork, and during summer time I can always lay hands on a bit of fresh greenstuff. This latter plan has its disadvantages, however, for it brings the Sparrows around the garden, and they in their turn bring the stray cats, the bird-keeper's enemy, although the latter I am not much troubled with, as I keep a good Terrier dog, and am fairly handy at digging a hole with a spade.

The egg bill may also be lessened by those who, perhaps, only keep one pair or so. If a whole egg is not required each time, it can be kept quite fresh even for 24 hours if turned cut side down into a saucer, covered with oatmeal, and an inverted cup placed over it. I tried the latter plan years ago when I used to breed one pair only, and it was a success. One's own nest moss may also be gathered in the autumn and dried for the next season. I have kept birds for many years now, and have always gathered my own each season.

W. LIDGETT.

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Nets and How to Use Them.

A Side Net Described and Illustrated.

SIR,—In reply to J. D. Griffith's letter, I will answer his questions in rotation. Mr. Griffiths asks me what size nets I use for Goldies and Linnets, and their colour on grass land. The nets I chiefly use for Goldies are 18ft. by 5ft. I find this size will take most flocks of Finches, besides being easy and quickly set, and they will work quickly in a moderate wind. For Linnets my nets are 30ft. by 5ft.

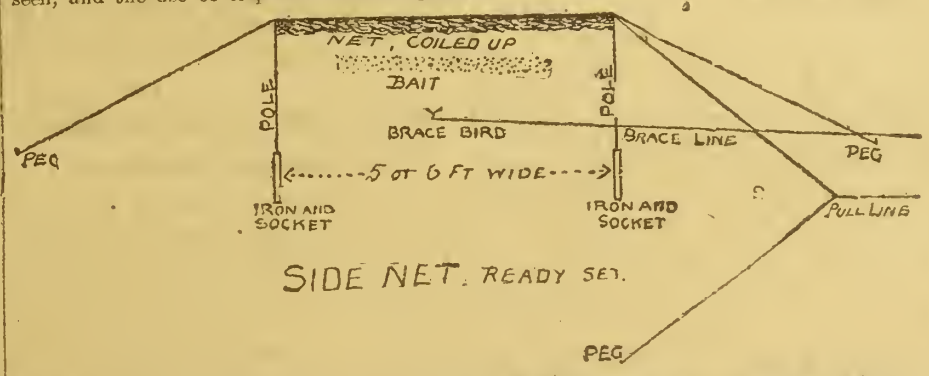
I prefer green netting if it is the right colour green, but most nets bought from the makers dyed "green" are bird scarers. So it requires a little foresight. Ask your dealer to dye the nets grass green, or light brunswick; the nets are invisible if the right colour is attained.

A side net is a single net, chiefly used for catching Bullies, or in places where clapnets cannot be set. I have had great results with this net with Goldies and 'Polls. Very often in farmyards where a thresher has been at work in winter a number of Goldies are to be seen, and the use of clapnets is out of question. I took a whole flock of 18 with a side net 24ft. by 5ft. in a farmyard, on a bank where the wild seeds had been thrown, working the net down hill. I might add there were 100 odd Greenies and Chaffies. Yellow Buntings and other common birds such as are found in stackyards in winter. This proves a side net is invaluable, as clapnets on a bank, especially the one I mention, would be out of the question.

A side net should always be 5 or 6ft. wide; the staves required for a 6ft. net should be 2ft. 11in. long, and the net when set is coiled up under the top line, so from the tip of stave when set to when over, the amount of ground covered is 5ft. 10in.; the extra 2ins. prevents strain on back pegs when net is over.

Mr. Griffiths also asks me if bird catching is a paying hobby. In quick reply I answer yes, and providing the birds are not kept long on hand if he is going to sell his catches to dealers; if not, well he will still find a big profit besides having the great opportunity of selecting from the catch. It is advisable to remove a peg or two if birds are together; this prevents possible escape.

F. W. STOWE.



SIDE NET. READY SET.

The Care of Canaries.

Maxims in Metre.

SIR,—

If any Canaries you have in your care,
Don't blind them with sunshine or starve them with air,
Or leave them out late in the cold and the damp,
And then be surprised if they suffer with cramp,
Or open the window in all kinds of weathers,
Quite near to their cage, till they puff out their feathers.
The birds that are free fly to bush and to grot
If the wind be too cold or the sun is too hot,
But these pretty captives depend on your aid,
In winter for warmth and in summer for shade.
When they chirrup and ceaselessly hop to and fro,
Some want or discomfort they're trying to show.
When they scrape their bills sharply on perch or at wire
They are asking for something they greatly desire.
When they set every feather on end in a twinkling,
With musical rustle like water a sprinkling,
In rain or in sunshine, with sharp call-like notes,
They are begging for water to freshen their coats.
Cage perches and vessels keep all very clean,
For fear of small insects; you know what I mean.
They breed in their feathers and leave them no rest;
In buying their seed choose the cleanest and best.
I feed my Canaries (excuse me the hint)
On hemp and canary, rape, millet and lint.
I try them with all till I find out their taste,
The food they don't care for they scatter and waste.
About their bright cages I hang them a bower
Of shepherd's purse, chickweed, and groundsel in flower.
At a root of ripe grass they will pick with much zest
For seeds and small pebbles their food to digest.
But all should be ripe and well seeded and brown,
Few leaves on the groundsel, but plenty of down.
In summer I hang them out high in the shade
About our hall-door by a portico made.
A bath about noontide on every mild day
Will keep your small favourites healthy and gay.
In hot summer sunshine some calico green
In front of their cage makes a very good screen,
On winter nights cover from lamplight and cold,
And they'll sing in all weathers and live to be old.

W. CRUTCHLEY.

Wild Seed for Caged Birds.

How May it be Preserved?

SIR,—Last season I collected a large quantity of wild seed, viz., the seed of dandelion and thistle, and after troubling so much over it I kept it in large airtight tins, but after a few weeks it got mouldy, and therefore quite useless. Is there any simple way of separating the seed from the down and drying it? I would be much obliged to any one who can give me a few hints on this matter.

NOVICE.

Breeding Goldfinches in Captivity.

Methods which Should Command Success.

SIR,—As the Goldfinch is such a favourite with all, a few remarks on how to breed him in captivity may be helpful. The present is a good time to make a start. Procure one or two pairs at once, selected for size if possible. Put each pair in a double breeding cage, and hang up in the living room, or in a room where people are constantly passing in and out. This will do more than anything else towards getting them tame, which is, I think, the main thing for success in breeding. Feed on the best mixed seeds, with thistle and dandelion seeds in addition, also give a little green food, groundsel, etc., every day.

Undoubtedly the best place for breeding is in an outdoor aviary, which need not be an elaborate affair. In my case, it was a boarded-in place, 5 ft. square and 6 ft. in height, the front was glass about 1 ft. down from the top (I whitewashed the glass over on the inside), a door was in one end, and at the other end was a wire netting flight, about 3 ft. in length, and part of the house at this end was wire netting to allow them sufficient air.

If you have, or can build, a place similar to this, prepare for the breeding season as follows:—In each top corner of the house fix up some bundles of evergreen shrub, spruce, cedar, etc., or, failing these, some heather or fir. If these are not procurable, get some twiggy pieces of pea sticks, etc., tie these up, and twist some dry grass or weeds round the outsides, to give the birds as much privacy as possible. Also, if possible, get some branches of Scotch fir and fasten them across the top of roof (these birds are fond of building in this tree in a wild state). Each corner site should be arranged so that a depression is formed in the centre, and a little moss can be put in each place.

Strew the floor with coarse sand and some old mortar beaten up fine. If you can get it, collect some lichen from the bark of trees, or an old Chaffinch nest pulled to pieces will do, also some sheeps' wool, feathers, moss, and horse or cow hair; scatter these on the floor. In a wild state the nest is composed of lichen, moss, and wool, and mostly lined with the fluff from the seed heads of the wild clematis. In the country a bird lover can often see these birds pulling the inner lining from a nest of the previous year and taking it to line the new nest. In captivity a very good substitute is the fluff from thistle heads. I always save some over from the previous year.

Having your place ready, turn in the birds about the end of April. Supply with the same seeds as previously, give plenty of green food in variety, and, most important of all, disturb a little as possible, and they will breed and rear the young, but if one is always going inside to see how things are progressing disaster will follow. The birds will not eat egg food, but seem to rear the young mainly on green food and the seeds they like best.

H. HOOD.

Some Birds of Ceylon.

Notes by a Tea Planter.

SIR,—Your offer of 10s. for the best letter on any bird subject has tempted me to have a try. I have been a tea planter for the last six years in Ceylon, and having been a keen lover of nature all my life I made the study of the birds of the Island my [illegible]. I happened to be in the same district for the whole time I was out there (up country at about 3,000 to 4,000 feet elevation), so do not get much chance of getting really at home with the water birds and waders, etc., as my trips to the low country were few and far between, but I had ample scope during my rounds to observe the habits of all the others.

I think the chief thing I noticed out there was that a great number of birds can be quite easily "called up," provided the "caller" can mimic their notes fairly well. Four birds in particular I can remember "calling up" most successfully, the Scimitar Babbler, Forest Bulbul, Bligh's Whistling Quaker Thrush, and the Ceylon Spotted Thrush; the last two are peculiar to the Island. I dare say the reason why these birds are easy to "call up" is because their notes are easy to imitate, being mostly a series of whistles, and I think the cocks of these species are of a slightly pugnacious disposition, or perhaps only inquisitive.

I remember once finding a nest built at the end of a low branch of a Dadap tree (a tree used for shade out there), which contained two greenish blue eggs, spotted and blotched with brownish red markings. I did not know to what species it belonged, but thought it might be the nest of the Spotted Thrush, as I had seen a brownish bird slip off it.

I withdrew to a short distance, and started imitating the song of the cock bird. This was immediately answered, and in a few seconds he came up nearly to my feet, seemingly in a furious rage, and no doubt thinking I was an intruder come to make love to his mate during his absence in search for food.

The most satisfactory thing was that the hen, on hearing her mate (or the bogus one) singing, and thinking the intruder, who had rudely disturbed her, had gone, returned to her nest, and after sitting for a few seconds by the side of it with head cocked on one side quietly slid on to her eggs; the cock bird by this time had retired in shame and confusion behind a tea bush, "fed up" at being so grossly deceived.

Jungle Cock (also peculiar to Ceylon) may also be called up by the well-known method of slapping the hand on the thigh or a folded up pocket handkerchief. This is about the only way to get a shot at them, except an occasional pot at one as he rises out of the tea on the edge of the jungle, into which they wander in the early morning and evening to get grit.

I remember trying to call up one in a small patch of bamboo jungle. I was sitting on the side of a path clapping a folded up handkerchief at intervals, but could not call him near me. I got up to retrace my steps, when I saw the old warrior on the path behind me only a few yards away, no doubt laughing for all he was worth at my fruitless efforts to lure him to his death; he rose, and I had a hurried shot at him, but missed. Of course, the slapping of the handkerchief is meant to represent the clapping of the wings of a cock preparatory to a fight, and jungle fowl are, like our own barn door cocks, very pugnacious, and always ready for a scrap at any time. I could write many instances of interesting things I have seen out there in connection with bird life, but will reserve them for later, that is to say, if you can find space for such a long-winded epistle as this.

T. E. TUNNARD (Lieut.)

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 187.)

Oxalic Acid for Red Mite.

Sir,—The correspondence in Cage Birds is a treat. Old Helpmate's reply in Cage Birds March 24 is interesting and instructive, for he seems to know something about these things. If cages are done with whiting or limewash, with dissolved oxalic acid added to it, you could dip the ends of perches in the same, and it would do away with the danger Old Helpmate speaks of, i.e., dipping perches in water solution of oxalic acid.

G. L. Beddall.

A Clear Explanation Why it is Non-poisonous in Conjunction with Lime, but Very Dangerous in a Water Solution.

Sir,—As a very new reader of your paper who has already appealed to you through your query columns for advice on an ailing bird, and who in response has received a very full and prompt reply, which I appreciate very highly, may I be permitted to do a little to show that appreciation by trying to be of some use to others of your readers who are interested in the above subject, as evidenced by letters in your correspondence columns.

First, let me say that I happily know nothing about red mite, except that it is an insect which is, as I gather, very harmful and obnoxious to birds if it makes its appearance in a cage, in the crannies and crevices of which it hides and multiplies. But I know something of oxalic acid and lime, concerning the use of which for the purpose of destroying red mite there is a difference of opinion amongst your correspondents; hence my desire to contribute.

Lime Kills the Poison.

Oxalic acid is a rather dangerous poison, indeed, it is a powerful one. Even in small doses of a dilute solution it is harmful to all living organisms owing to the fact that it forms with calcium (see below) an insoluble salt, and therefore robs the organism to which it is introduced of calcium in solution, a sufficient quantity of which is necessary to its well-being. If taken in strong solution it causes death by corroding the tissues with which it comes in contact. I have no doubt, therefore, seeing that it will kill a man, it will also kill red mite—or a bird. If used about a cage in which a bird is kept, it should be used with extreme care.

Lime, as most people know, is prepared from limestone in one or other of its forms, e.g., marble and chalk are chemically of the same nature. Limestone, marble, chalk, etc., are all compounds of the metal calcium (with which, as stated above, oxalic acid forms an insoluble salt) with another solid (carbon) and a gas (oxygen). When heated or burned under suitable conditions as in a lime kiln, the whole of the carbon is driven off in combination with part of the oxygen, and calcic oxide or "Lime" is left still in hard lumps.

If this hard lime is allowed to go cold, and as soon as it has done so, whilst still quite fresh, is sprinkled with water, it will crumble into a fine powder, or if thrown into water will form a soft cheese-like paste, and in doing so either will generate great heat—the water will literally boil, and carts laden with quite fresh lime are said to have sometimes been set on fire by a shower of rain.

How Oxalic Acid Acts.

This fine powder or cheesy paste is calcium hydrate or "slaked lime." By mixing with more water until it becomes of a consistency of a thin cream, we get the limewash which we use to whiten our walls or cages. In adding this water no further heat is developed, and no boiling takes place. Again, if oxalic acid be added to it, whether in crystal or dissolved, no boiling will take place either, and no appreciable heat will be developed. But something else will happen—the oxalic acid will be "killed," and will be no longer poisonous, for the "insoluble salt" above referred to will have been formed, and this is innocuous. If a man takes a poisonous dose of oxalic acid, and it were safe to give him a dose of fresh limewash, and this were done quickly, his life would be saved, or at any rate he would not die from oxalic acid poisoning.

If Mr. Beddall has never found oxalic acid make limewash boil, the above paragraph explains the reason—it is because his limewash has always been fresh and in good condition. But let him take say a teaspoonful of his fresh limewash, and put it into a clean glass bottle with say a half pint or so of clean water and shake it well, then let it stand a day or two (corked) until the lime has settled and only a clear liquid (limewater) remains above. Then let him remove the cork carefully so as not to disturb the settled lime, and add a drop or two of his dissolved oxalic acid, and he will see a white "cloud" form at once in the clear liquid. This "cloud" will quickly precipitate to the bottom of the bottle—it will not dissolve again. It is the insoluble salt (calcium oxalate) before mentioned.

But lime, whether in the form of a powder, paste, or wash, or in the burned lump, has another property. It readily absorbs carbonic acid if exposed to its action, and there is plenty of carbonic acid in the air. So that wherever the air has access to the lime as it has when the lime is washed on to our walls or cages, or is left in an open container, this absorption takes place, and the lime again becomes, in composition, what it was before it was burned—the same as limestone, chalk, marble, etc. If a solution of oxalic acid is dropped on this, "boiling" will take place—this is not a real boiling with appreciable increase of heat however, it is merely the result of the release of the carbonic acid which causes it. If Mr. Beddall will let some of his limewash stand exposed to the air in the bucket for a few weeks, and will then take a little of the upper layer, put it in a smaller vessel, and add a little of his oxalic acid solution, he will, I have no doubt, see something of this "boiling," though it may not "take the chill off." The whitewash which "boiled" in "Old Helpmate's" hands would be old whitewash, having become a mixture of chalk and limewash owing to this absorption of carbonic acid during long standing exposed to the air.

It is to reinforce "Old Helpmate's" warning that I write. The mixture of oxalic acid and limewash might, I should say, be used with safety, the oxalic acid, being killed by the lime, probably would not injure either the bird or the red mite. I will not dogmatise on the latter though, because it is quite possible, though it does not seem very probable, that the insoluble oxalate of calcium may in some way be destructive to the insect though harmless to man. Both "G.L.B." and Mr. Beddall say the mixture killed the red mite, but that is not conclusive, as there is nothing to show that the pest would not have disappeared without the application of the mixture. But no one who values his birds should think of dipping either his perches or any part of his cages which the birds could peck in dissolved oxalic acid and leaving it to dry on. That would mean grave risk to the bird for the reason given by "Old Helpmate."

If oxalic acid is used about a cage at all I should suggest that the most effectual way of using it would be to first wash out the cage, allow it to dry, then wash it over again with a not too strong solution of the oxalic acid, paying particular care to get it into all cracks, corners, and crevices likely to harbour the pests; allow this also to dry, and, finally, wash the whole over with the some care as to the cracks, etc., with plain limewash to which no oxalic acid had been added, being careful to apply this to every part and particle of the cage and its fittings to which the oxalic acid had been applied. The ordinary washing would remove the dirt, the oxalic acid in its unaltered state would kill the vermin, and the limewash following that would in turn kill the poison and make all safe.

But why not try the petrol recommended by "W.R." on February 17th. If, as he says, it is efficacious in destroying the red mite, I have no doubt it will be both easily applied and harmless to bird life. But care should be taken to use it, if possible, in the open air or in a well ventilated room, and certainly not to do so anywhere near a fire or a light.

J. T. Whitaker.

Timely Hints for the Breeding Season.

Some Notes for Novices, by an Old Hand.

Sir,—The breeding season is now close at hand, and perhaps a few hints on matters relating thereto may help a novice over the style. Many men, many ideas, and although I do not wish to pose as an authority, and am always willing to learn from others whose experience is, perhaps, greater than my own, I can fairly well claim to many and varied experiences during my long time in the fancy.

I am not a great believer in unnaturally forcing birds to breeding condition quickly by a lot of stimulating food, but, at the same time, one must understand that the Canary is now a domesticated breed. Nature is nature the world over, and if left entirely to their seed diet alone I have no doubt that a pair of Canaries would reproduce their kind, but whether the progeny would be as strong as those that had been brought up under a pair that had had the usual care and attention devoted to them by careful breeders is open to doubt.

My own methods for several years past have been as follows, and I have bred a few good ones during that time. About January 1 usually put the hens in one large flight and the cocks in another, and their food is a staple diet of plain Canary (best Spanish) and twice a week an equal quantity of red rape and hemp seed. On one of the days when this is not given I let the cocks have half a teaspoonful of maw seed each, and the hens the same quantity of niger.

In the middle of February I start with the egg and biscuit once a week, one fresh egg to eight family biscuits, and this they have each week until the middle of March, when it is given twice weekly instead. I also give a small quantity of sprouting leaves of the dandelion as soon as these are to be obtained.

By the first week in April I begin to put the pairs together. As my aviary is outdoors, I think this early enough, and often even in this month there are cold nights, and these all tend to the chance of egg-binding. The wire slide is closed until the pair get on amiable terms, and when they begin to feed each other it is withdrawn. I then put in the nest pan and a small quantity of nesting material for a start, until the hen begins to nest in earnest, and then enough is put into the cage for their requirements.

If all goes well, one can look for the first egg from seven to ten days after, sometimes a little earlier. I always remove the eggs as laid and substitute a dummy. On the evening of the third day, providing the hen has laid each day, I dust the nest with Keating's and replace the eggs just before the hen goes to her nest for the night. I never trouble to look whether a fourth or fifth egg is laid until I catch the hen off the nest, and then I take a peep. I disturb as little as possible during the period of incubation, and on the evening of the thirteenth day I put a little egg food in again. I might mention that while the hen is sitting her diet is plain Canary with a small quantity of rape once a week.

If the cock is amiably disposed I leave the pair together, otherwise I part them. I have reared good birds with the hen feeding alone, but I prefer the two parents feeding if this can be arranged, as it is a great strain on a hen to feed a nest of lusty youngsters alone, and then expect her to be in the pink for breeding a second nest straight away.

After the third day I give just as much egg food as they will clear up, and also hemp seed and green food is given. As soon as the young are able to leave the nest I put them on the other side of the breeding cage and let the old ones feed through the wire division, and the second round is then gone on with. It is necessary to colour feed if one's stock is for exhibition, but this I will leave for another time.

W. Lidgett.

Some Notes on the Skylark.

And Its Keeping in Captivity.

Sir,—I thought I would write you a few words about the Skylark and its keeping in captivity. The Skylark is an easy bird to cater for, and will do well even with live food, which, being a soft-bill, is his natural diet. I give biscuit meal scalded and mixed with equal portions of sharps and barley meal. Sometimes a little bread and milk, and most days a very small portion of minced meat, either raw or cooked, and he is very fond of a little hard boiled egg.

I use an ordinary box cage 36 inches long, and 18 inches high, and 18 inches from back to front. At the bottom is from three to four inches of sand, and the turf is put into a small oblong tin behind which the bird can retire if he doesn't feel sociable, but he will generally show himself for a call; they are very intelligent, and soon become tame.

I find in a cage, unless great care is taken, their feet will become clogged, and as soon as this appears to be the case the bird should be taken in the left hand, covering the wings firmly but gently, so that the thumb and fingers nearly meet under it. Shake the feet in a shallow dish of water, rubbing gently with the fingers of the right hand. When all the grit is swilled away, turn your hand over so that the bird is quite on his back, and dry the feet with a soft towel; then, if needed, is the best time to cut the claws. Take off the top of the sand, and stir it well up, for the bird will take a good dust bath as soon as he is put back.

The song of the Lark is the most beautiful of all our captive English birds, but in freedom this beauty is doubled and trebled by reason of its travelling whilst singing. The notes are dispersed and multiplied until it seems a veritable shower of song, especially when its mate is at nest I have been tempted to try my hand on a little rondel about him; here it is:

Bird on the wing, in Heaven's blue dome,
Crystal clear fountain of song you sing;
Right to the gates of Heaven you roam,
Bird on the wing.
High out of sight, yet I hear you fling
Passionate notes like the dancing foam;
Down they fall where the wild flowers spring,
Bird on the wing.
There on the ground is a nest—your home;
Honey sweet joy to your mate you bring;
Safe while you sing, aloft in the gloam,
Bird on the wing.

We know that the Skylark in nature is a very pugnacious little thing, and I have been told by a catcher that he will claim a whole field, and allow no other Lark near, so they sometimes put a looking glass under the nets, and whilst he fights his own reflection he is caught, but my bird, since he lost his wife last summer, has allowed a little hen Hedge Sparrow to share his cage, and sings away to her as soon as it is light in the morning. Both, needless to say, were hand reared.

(Mrs) E. M. Sargeant.

Hints on Canary Breeding.

Procedure in an Outdoor Bird-room.

Sir,—I venture to write a line or two on the methods I adopt in the breeding and rearing of Canaries. It is three or four years since I first started in this fascinating hobby, and I have derived much pleasure by keeping these bright little creatures.

I keep my Canaries in an out-door bird-room, which is not heated in any way. I do not believe in heating a bird-room. If the birds cannot stand the natural temperature, I consider they are not in the best of health, and, therefore, not available for breeding purposes. A week or two ago the temperature in my bird-room was so low as to freeze the water in the drinkers, but the birds were none the worse. They are as hardy as any British bird.

The cages I use are the compartment cages, which can be made into flight cages, measuring about 5 ft. by 1 ft. 6 in. by 11 in., by removing the two slides. I run three or four birds in each of these flight cages for the moult, and as February approaches I replace the slides, and put one hen in each compartment ready for the breeding season.

The diet now consists of three parts Canary seed to one part rape. I also give one teaspoonful of the following mixture: Equal parts hemp, maw, niga, linseed per bird per week. About the beginning of March I give this mixture twice a week, and I generally find the birds in fine condition for breeding about the end of March, without giving any egg food to bring them on.

I generally run one cock with three hens, and if the weather is pretty mild about the end of March I start the first pair off housekeeping. About a fortnight from the time they gain access to one another the first egg may be expected, and as a prevention of egg-binding I give a little niga seed a day or two before the egg is due, which can be gauged by the fullness in the abdomen.

When incubation commences I cease giving the mixed seeds and give as the staple diet three parts Canary seed to one part rape. On the thirteenth day of incubation I give a little pure yolk of egg chopped very finely, and if the weather is warm I give the hen a bath, and the moisture which is carried on the bird's plumage to the eggs softens the shells, and helps the young ones to break their way out. The bath need hardly be given for the first round, as the air at this time is generally laden with sufficient moisture.

Supposing the young to hatch out all right, I give a little pure yolk of egg. The next day I mix nearly the same quantity of bread crumbs with the yolk, and the third day and onward I give one part egg (yolk and white) to two parts bread crumbs. I also give cracked hemp in quantity from the third day. I have found that some hens will rear a brood on cracked hemp alone, and not touch the egg food.

Should I find the hen to be a bad feeder I give her a bath, with a teaspoonful of common salt added to the water, which generally has a good effect, or a little Epsom salts added to the drinking water sometimes proves beneficial. Some hens, no matter what you give them, or how you treat them, will not feed their young. Such hens should be discarded from the breeding room, unless they are of a very good type, and you want some young ones from them, and are prepared to give the young ones to some good feeding hen to bring up.

I do not give any green food, as I have an idea that this causes diarrhœa in the young, and the undue watery evacuations cause the trouble in the hen known as sweating. If the egg food is made too rich, it may also cause the same trouble.

When about three weeks old the young will be ready to leave the nest. At this stage some hens will pluck the young ones, and take the feathers to line the nest for the next round. In this case I put the young ones in a nursery cage hung on the front of the breeding cage, so that the hen can still feed them through the wires, but will not be able to pluck them. I put the cock, which should now have got the third hen to nest, with her again for the second round, and so continue until I have had three nests from each hen.

To the young in the nursery cage, which may now be picking a bit for themselves, I give, in addition to the egg food, cracked hemp, Canary seed, and Canary seed that has been soaked in water for an hour or two. As they become able to crack the dry Canary seed, I gradually diminish the egg food, until they are on hard seed, but the egg food must not be stopped too suddenly, as many losses are caused by doing so. It is a good plan to give a little egg food, say once a week, until they have moulted, or as a change a little bread soaked in milk is very beneficial.

When the young are able to look after themselves I remove them to a large flight cage, where they can have plenty of exercise, and get themselves in good condition for that very trying time, "the moult," when so many are lost.

Kenneth.

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CORRESPONDENCE

(Continued from page 183.)

Inbreeding and What It Does.

A Practical Experiment to be Tried.

Sir,—We are progressing. We have now one of the opponents of the system acknowledging that it may be of use. During the course of the summer correspondence Mr. Gordon Stewart sent me a letter from a Norwich exhibitor and breeder, which, without his permission, I cannot divulge or even quote, but perhaps if he sees this correspondence he may write you himself. From the letter it was quite evident that he believed in inbreeding, and that several well-known and successful breeders-exhibitors practised it with Norwich Canaries, and owed their success to it, so that even amongst the chubby ones the system may produce good results. In my own variety several friends are pairing relations, and out of 15 pairs with which I hope to breed this season 7 or 8 will be blood relations, some close, others remote, so that I hope to be able to give your readers the benefit of my observations after the close of the season, which I hope to do without prejudice.

T. C. Crawhall.

Linnets for Contest Singing.

A Host of Questions.

Sir,—Will you please inform readers of Cage Birds I am quite willing to answer their questions on Linnets, providing they enclose a stamp for reply. I have received up to date over 40 letters, and nearly in every case correspondents mention how interested they were in my article on Linnets. I beg to thank them all for their kind remarks.

Messrs. J. Dant, W. Lyons, F. Ellis, A. Turner, R. Rees, C. Dunn, H. Richardson, G. Bamforth, and J. Shaw ask whether it is better to have a young bird for training than an old one. My answer is: I prefer a young bird, but age does not really matter, providing the bird is quite healthy and well on its legs. I had a bird which won first prize at the Windsor Castle, Leeds, when he was 22 years old. The bird on that occasion sang very well, but someone spoke during the sing, and an objection was raised, the first prize being awarded to Mr. Chippendale's famous "peeing" bird, and my bird having to be content with second.

Messrs. R. Bean and T. Walker ask if a Linnet can be forced into moult. "Yes, but the process is an unnatural one." To Messrs. Griffin, Smith, Wilson, DeVine, Yeadley, Dawson, and Hudson my answer is "Yes." In reply to Mr. Ward, "I do not know if it is true." In reply to Mr. B. Newton, "I have never given watercress." Messrs. W. Tucker, R. Best, G. Dobbs, E. Hale, S. Harvey, H. Fletcher, etc., were good enough to enclose stamp, and I have answered their questions through the post.

I hope the above answers will satisfy my correspondents, for if I had to answer them individually through the post I should be at least 10s. out for stamps, that is if the letters continue to come in as they have done. I really did not think they would be asking questions from me.

Fred Allen.

Sir,—I have already sent one letter answering questions put to me by several fanciers. I have received more letters on the subject, and I noticed a letter in your last issue signed "A.J.B." I am very pleased indeed to learn that "A.J.B." is a lover of the Linnet, and in answer to his letter I would say that I do not breed my Linnets. There is no need to do this when they are so cheap. I used the two Linnets mentioned in training others, in other words I used them as schoolmasters. I am certain that in his case the feeding is radically wrong, otherwise I fail to see how he could lose all his youngsters. Why does he not consult one of his local fanciers? Surely one of them could put him right.

Fred Allen.

The Federation of Roller Societies.

A Judge Declines Engagements.

Sir,—I have read with much interest the correspondence published in Cage Birds about the federation of Roller clubs, and as I am a member of the Provincial Roller C.C., which is a federated club, and of the British Roller C.C., a non-federated club, I should like to make my position quite clear. It is my intention to remain a member of both clubs for another year, and I will then decide whether it is advisable to remain in both clubs.

The federation of Roller clubs is a very good idea, but I cannot follow them the whole way. My objection is to a portion of Rule 6. I have just had a circular sent me which makes it clear that no member of a federated club can judge at a non-federated club show. I have said I am going to retain my membership of both clubs. I am also going to accept their ruling where the entry of birds is concerned, but I am not going to accept either club's ruling when it affects my personal liberty, which they have no right to touch. I would like the fancy to understand that I am not saying this in any spirit of defiance; I am just trying to make known to any club who might desire my services as judge that I cannot offer them terms. My reasons for stating this is to save time and trouble.

To those of the fancy who might not know the rule I will give it: That no member of a federated club shall contest at other than federation contests, and that no judge connected with a federation club shall judge at other than federation club contests, under a penalty to be fixed at annual delegate meeting." As I am not in agreement with the latter portion of this rule, I deem it wise not to accept any offers to judge at forthcoming contests.

James Lyons.

More About Glucke Tours.

Sir,—Again I beg your indulgence to allow me to reply to Messrs. Montague, Barnett, and Tomlinson. Mr. Montague now begins to use wild statements which have no foundation in fact. I will only deal with one such statement which concerns our own club, and that is, "The two outstanding clubs would not even condescend to discuss the question of federation." This clearly shows Mr. Montague does not know the usual proceedings at club meetings, where all correspondence to the secretary is read to the members. As regards the Midland Club, I may say that all the letters we have received from Mr. Best, the secretary of the Federation, have been read and discussed by our members, and where a reply has been required the same has been sent. Every time the federation business has come up (in all about five times) a vote has been taken, and every time it has been unanimously decided that we do not join the Federation.

In reply to Mr. Barnett on the ring question, it will be as well for all fanciers to know that up to now the patronage of the B.R.C.C. has been given to all clubs with the condition that birds shown in the two young bird classes must be B.R.C.C. rung, and all clubs accepting the patronage were expected to abide by the conditions imposed. It has certainly been to the advantage of the clubs holding the shows, as it meant anywhere from 50 to 100 entries, which is a great consideration from a financial point of view. The rule in question bars a man from showing at an unfederated show in any class. We do nothing of the kind, for there are three other classes the birds could be shown in, providing, of course, the fancier is eligible to show in them; the rings do not matter, either B.R.C.C., P.R.C.C., Continental, or no ring at all, so that, however black Mr. Barnett may paint us, we shall bear comparison with his or any other club in the country.

Now, as regards Mr. Tomlinson and the Glucke. I mean the old Bell Glucke and the new Bell Glucke. I give Mr. Tomlinson credit for having very well defined the Bell Glucke in his letter. I call that the old Bell Glucke because it was the first we knew of it in this country, and it was certainly, and is now, a most beautiful tour when done well, but the new Bell Glucke, so called, is totally different. From birds I have heard that have been given points for Bell Glucke, and which certainly do not bring the old Bell Glucke, I came to the conclusion that the Hollow Glucke was being called Bell Glucke, and am still of that opinion.

The conversation Mr. Tomlinson refers to as having taken place in my room took place some seven or eight years ago, and I can't say whether I was pulling their legs or not. I even cannot remember who the third fancier was. But if the question put to me was the same as printed, viz., "Whose Glucke is that?" the probability is that the answer given is correct, because to answer the question one would connect it with some particular fancier. Had the question been "What Glucke is that?" a different answer would most likely have been given. The Glucke in question was a Bell Glucke, and a good one as well, but I had at that time also some good Hollow Glucke birds. One I have still left who was a champion then, and still delights us with his beautiful Glucke, although he must be ten years old.

As I said before, Mr. Tomlinson gives in his letter a very good description of the old Bell Glucke, viz., the Hollow Glucke with the Bell intonation. The Hollow Glucke pure is as near the "glucke, glucke" of the ordinary house fowl when calling her chicks as one can describe it. It is entirely without any rippling, watery sound, and is delivered with a small pause between each "glucke, glucke." The more separate and distinct the gluckes are the more valuable it is.

Now this Glucke in some birds is brought rather quickly, not joined up sufficiently to be called a Glucke roll, and from what I have seen and heard at shows, that is the Glucke that has been called the New Bell Glucke, and, as I said in my last letter, it is not a new Glucke, but the old Hollow Glucke coming to the front again.

We will take the song of a first class contest bird, and in imagination will draw a line right through the middle of it, and I think to take the Hollow roll as about the centre of its song pitch, which it generally is, will be about right. Now his song, from a musical standpoint, will be either on that line, above it, or below it.

Now think of the song. All the tours with Bell joined to their name appear above that line, say the Hollow Bell just above it, Bell tour and Bell roll higher still above it, and the Bell Glucke must also be above it, or the word Bell cannot apply. We have no Bell tours lower in pitch than the Hollow Boll, and as some examples of what I have heard described as the new Bell Glucke have been delivered much below that line in pitch I contend they are not Bell Gluckes. One bird in particular brought his Glucke very deep, after a very deep water glucke, and then finished with bass.

I am quite aware that birds do not always sing the same, that is, before the judge and at home, but so many birds have been given credit for Bell Glucke, and not for Glucke, that exhibitors begin to want to know where they are. I am quite aware that mistakes can be made by judges in the song as sung before them at times; none is infallible—nobody knows it more than myself. Yet I contend that there should not be such differences in the naming of tours between different judges as now appear on the judging sheets, and the hope that the matter can be cleared up a bit is my excuse for writing at such length.

It would be good for the fancy generally if some of the exhibitors would give us their views on this matter, and as Mr. Tomlinson claims his honesty of purpose in calling these tours what he does, I take it he will allow other judges and exhibitors the same privilege. As to what a judge should do when he meets the bird Mr. Tomlinson quotes that brings a clear Water Glucke or a Hollow Glucke without any trace of the Bell, in addition to this Bell Glucke he described, I should say he should give points for the Water Glucke, also for the Hollow Glucke under the Glucke heading on the sheet, and also for the Bell Glucke under its correct heading, because if all the tours are good they should be given credit.

Queries Answered

For Rules see last week's issue.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN

HOARSENESS.

T. W. B. H.—(1) As you have already cured the wheezing symptoms with the remedy advised in another reply, it is quite possible that the hoarseness which is left behind will gradually disappear as the bird gets into full song if you have taken the most important step of seeing that the exciting causes of the trouble are removed. If the symptoms have not already disappeared you may give the following concoction instead of plain water to drink two days in every three for a week. In a teacup place a small teaspoonful of linseed, a piece of Spanish liquorice the size of a small marble, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, fill with boiling water, cover, and infuse beside the fire for half an hour, stirring occasionally until the Liquorice is dissolved. Then strain off the clear fluid, add a teaspoonful of lemon juice, and give in the drinker in place of plain water. (2) There is no particular seed or seeds that can be truly said to keep birds on song, or make them sing, other than those which most closely supply the natural food of the birds and thus maintain and promote a high condition of health and vigour. The seed mixture frequently advised in these replies, or a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure seed, in addition to the usual seed diet, with an occasional morsel of egg food and green food, is as good as anything for this purpose. Your dietary might be improved by dropping out the linseed, and the cod liver oil, otherwise it is not a bad one. Cod liver oil, though a valuable adjunct in treating ailing birds, is rather out of place in the regular diet of healthy birds. (3) The paste you refer to is made by well mixing together a teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion, ditto of pure honey, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, ditto of powdered grain of paradise, adding whilst mixing a sufficiency of finely powdered biscuit to bring the whole to the consistency of soft cheese. Stick a small cube between the wires when necessary. A morsel given to the bird referred to in No. 1 for a week or so would help the other treatment.

SWOLLEN ABDOMEN.

Anxious, E.8.—The symptoms point to liver trouble, and you would be well advised to look well into the quality of your seeds and foods, especially any hemp you may use, to see if all are quite sound and sweet. Give a staple of plain canary, and in addition give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight or so, and on the alternate days give either a pinch of mixed seed and a morsel of banana, or half a teaspoonful of boiled summer rape. Keep in a fairly warm place as free as possible from rapid and violent changes of temperature, and for the first three days give in the beak two drops of a mixture of equal parts of pure salad oil and syrup of buckthorn daily. After this dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, ditto of sulphate of iron half as big, in two tablespoonfuls of water, add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid, and give the mixture in place of pure water two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another fortnight afterwards.

MAKES WHEEZING NOISE.

A Novice.—You ought to have given a few details as to how and where you keep the bird. Any way, treat as follows for a fortnight or three weeks, and if not well in that time please write again and give this necessary information. See that the bird does not hang near or over burning lights in the evenings, nor high up near the ceiling, and do not let it be exposed to cold direct draughts nor rapid extremes of heat and cold. In addition to the staple seed diet give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana, boiled carrot, or green salad. In the drinking water every second day for a week add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give instead four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre two days in every three for a week, and if not quite free from the wheezing, then continue the latter every second day for another week.

RINGING AND UNFLIGHTED.

R. H.—(1) There is really no hard and fast rule as to the correct age to ring young birds with closed rings. It depends to a certain extent upon the breed, and also the size of the young. In a general way the correct time will be found to come somewhere between the seventh and ninth days after hatching, the larger breeds or birds being ready for ringing about the seventh day, and the smaller breeds about the ninth day. (2) There is no necessity at all for methodically soaking the seed for young birds starting to feed themselves. The soft food is not discontinued all at once, and the young will continue to get sufficient moist food from this source whilst gradually becoming accustomed to the dry seed in its natural state. Summer rape, which is sometimes given to the hens to assist them in feeding large broods and may also be given in moderation to the young as an extra after they are taken away from the parents, may be soaked in cold water, or scalded with boiling water. The latter would be preferable for young just doing for themselves. (3) The term "unflighted" means a bird that is still wearing the flight and tail feathers with which it left the nest. It is therefore, always a bird that was bred only last season, and in this sense naturally means a bird that has not been bred with previous to the present season. But if bred with early this season, and then unmatched, it would still be properly termed an unflighted bird until it had moulted its flights, which would not be before the natural moulting season, notwithstanding that it had been bred with earlier in the season. The Canary, you must know, does not naturally shed its tail and flight feathers at its first moult, and unless these have been forcibly removed it remains an unflighted bird until its second moult. In former days it was the custom to extract these feathers at the first moult, and the bird was then termed a "flighted" bird, but the practice has long been obsolete.

PANTS HEAVILY.

A. Mcl. R.—Keep the bird in a fairly warm temperature, and guard against draughts and extreme fluctuations of heat, as outlined in last reply, and then treat the bird as advised to "S. G. P., Bedworth," and also keep a morsel of the paste advised to "T. W. B. H. (3)," both in this issue, stuck in the wires for it to peck at when it likes for two or three weeks, and continue the other part of the treatment until a week after the feathers have quite ceased dropping. If the panting symptoms have quite disappeared and the bird appears in quite good health and active, there is no reason why you should not mate him for breeding a little later on in the season. It will be quite useless, however, to do so until about three weeks or so after the moulting has quite ceased.

BALD AND SCURFY.

P. Clarke.—Keep the cage and perches as clean as possible, and it would be judicious to keep the bird isolated for the present in a cage by itself. Allow it to bathe freely if it desires to do so, but do not try to force it to bathe. In addition to the ordinary diet, give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and then sprinkled with maw seed every third day for a fortnight, and on the intervening days give first a morsel of boiled carrot or some kind of green salad, and add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea. Continue this treatment for a fortnight, then miss a week, and resume and give it again for another fortnight. As a local application, you may carefully anoint the bare skin, without soiling the surrounding plumage more than is quite unavoidable, with Lanocyllin ointment or Jeyes' veterinary ointment, and then dust it over with dry flowers of sulphur twice each week for a month.

OBSTINATE DIARRHŒA.

C.B., Waterloo.—Stop giving the bread and milk, continue the same staple diet, and otherwise treat as follows for three weeks. Do not give any green food at present, and give every third day a morsel of banana as before in lieu of any other fruit. On the intervening days give first a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle and broken groats, and next about half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts crushed arrowroot biscuit and maw seed given dry. Keep a piece of cuttlefish stuck in the wires for the bird to peck at. In the drinking water add six drops of tincture of catechu and four of tincture of opium two days in every three for a week, and then give instead a teaspoonful of ordinary chalk mixture in the water every second day for a fortnight. Before adding the latter to the water remove the vessel for an hour or two, then put in the mixture, shake, and put it on the cage so that bird may drink before it settles down to the bottom. Give the vessel a shake occasionally afterwards. If the bird has acquired a habit of drinking very copiously, you may at the end of this course add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid to the water daily to prevent it drinking too much, and gradually discontinue this as the habit is broken.

PROLAPSUS.

A. W.—This trouble is not very amenable to treatment in hens, especially at this season. It may be caused by the strain of expelling an abnormally large egg, or eggs without shells or imperfectly shelled, so that it is useless trying to breed with such birds. Keep the bird in a moderate-sized cage where it can get a fair amount of exercise; feed on the ordinary diet with just enough green food to prevent constipation without causing any undue

looseness. When the part becomes displaced, catch the bird and bathe it gently with a small dossil of wool with a cold solution of wych hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of water—then absorb the moisture with the wool, so as to leave the bird as dry as you can, and gently return the part to its natural position with a piece of smooth and bluntly-pointed wood, similar to the end of a lead pencil, or the tip of a bone knitting pin which has no sharp point. Use no force or unnecessary pressure, but "coax" the part back into its normal position, and then insert a morsel of gall ointment, which you will get at any chemist's in small quantities. A piece about the size of a hemp seed will suffice. Repeat this treatment as often as a recurrence happens. If this does not cure the trouble, there is nothing else that can be done except a small operation, which would have to be done by a veterinary, and the value of the bird would, of course, have to decide whether this is worth while.

DIFFICULT EVACUATIONS.

E. J. G. P.—The symptoms you describe are not in any way connected with egg-binding, but may arise either from constipation, the bird being overfat, or to something in the diet. On the latter point you are quite silent. Try the following treatment for a fortnight, and if the bird is not well in that time, please write again, repeating particulars, and say whether the bird is in a plump condition or otherwise, and how you feed it. See that your seeds and any other items of food you may give are quite sound and free from decay, and especially see that any hemp you may give is sound and sweet in the kernel. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and in addition give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, black rape, inga, teazle and linseed, and on the alternate days give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with maw seed. A small spray of watercress or any similar green salad daily if you can get it quite free from frosted or decaying portions, may also be given. In the water add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea for three consecutive days, and after this give instead six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and four of tincture of opium two days in every three for a week, or until the symptoms have quite disappeared.

REMOVING EGGS.

C. G.—(1) Sample of rape marked No. 1 is not summer rape, but one of the so-called bird rapes. It is of only fair quality, and the appearance of the sample suggests a rather large amount of dust in the bulk. No. 2 is a nice mild sample of summer rape, but is very dry and broken—probably old stock, and being free from mustiness is none the worse for that. No. 3 is not rape at all, but cole. It is a very good all-round quality of this seed. No. 2 would be best to form a portion of the staple diet of Canaries; the other two are better adapted for use in seed mixtures for occasional use as tit-bits. (2) It depends upon the composition of the enamel whether a solution of camphor in methylated spirit would do it any harm. If the enamel had a spirit base the solution would soften and destroy it sooner or later, according to the frequency or liberality with which it was applied, but if made with an oil base it would not be seriously affected by the solution—perhaps not at all. You may form a fairly correct judgment what base it is from the smell of the enamel when using, the rapidity of drying, and the medium advised in the directions for use to be used for thinning if it becomes too thick. Quick-drying enamels have a spirit base, and methylated spirit will be advised for thinning; oil enamels are more slow in drying, and turpentine is recommended for thinning. (3) No harm whatever will result from allowing an egg laid in the morning to remain in the nest until mid-day before removing it. Its chances of hatching will not be affected at all. Remember to leave in a nest-egg of pottery for the rest of the day, as some hens need it to settle down properly. There is no need to move the pot-egg about. Place it in when the first egg is removed, and allow it to remain until you are returning the clutch for the hen to commence sitting.

IN SOFT MOULT.

S. G. P., Bedworth.—Am not sure whether I have your initials correct. This abnormal moulting is not in the least degree infectious nor contagious, so the bird you purchased could scarcely start the trouble amongst your birds. Possibly there has, either known or unknown to you, been a slump in the temperature of the place where the birds are kept which has affected all alike and brought about the condition. See that they are kept in a comfortable temperature, not necessarily overheated, but free from sudden and violent fluctuations and direct cold draughts. In addition to a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, and a morsel of banana, or two or three crisp young leaves of dandelion—the latter for preference if you can get them. These quantities are meant for each bird. Dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a small teaspoonful of honey, and give 20 drops of this in the water two days in every three until the feathers cease dropping. It will be useless mating the birds until about three weeks after the feathers have quite ceased dropping.

REARING DIFFICULTIES.

Hardee.—Yes, the food you name has been repeatedly used with success for rearing young Canaries from the shell without the addition of the usual egg, so I see no reason why you should not also succeed with it, and by preparing the food in the manner you suggest you will certainly have the best chance there is to succeed with it. In all these cases of egg substitute the parents, and especially the hen, are the deciding factors in success or failure. Really good feeding parents, and in particular a good feeding hen, will undoubtedly rear all the breeds hatched with a food of this description, if they appreciate it them elves, practically as well as they will on the orthodox egg and biscuit. I note you attribute your losses last season in some degree to your method of feeding which you describe briefly as pure yolk, soaked seeds, etc., etc., as so often advised. But I would point out that neither pure yolk nor soaked seeds are very often advised in these columns for regular use in this direction. At most, the former is recommended for a few hours only after hatching, say for the first day, and soaked rape is advised only when the young are getting ready to leave the nest and require a lot of feeding, or to help to tempt whimsical hens to feed more freely. It is neither necessary nor advisable to soak any other seeds. If you have not already got it, get our manager to send you a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, and you will find full details of foods and feeding during the time the young are being reared. It is quite possible your feeding would be at fault last season.

CAUSE OF DEATH.

Greenhorn.—To get any really reliable opinion about the cause of death you ought to have sent the body to our post-mortem examiner, as per rules under that heading, as soon as possible after death had occurred. Any opinion based on a description of symptoms before death can only be so much guesswork, whereas a proper post-mortem might have revealed very definite evidence. In a general way I should say the bird was of a very highly-strung nervous temperament, and eventually became afflicted with a mild form of epilepsy, most likely during a period when it was run down or weakened by anæmia, which attacks increased in strength and frequency as the bird got weaker, and when it had come to a very low condition the late severity of the weather finished it. To take your definite questions in order: (1) Most probably epilepsy of a progressive kind. (2) The cause of this is frequently obscure, but it is frequently accompanied, or preceded, by anæmia and a generally weak and low state of health. Congenital weaklings are often sufferers from this complaint, but it may also arise from excessive nervousness, improper feeding, or impurities affecting the head or nervous system. (3) The change in the colour of the beak before the end was merely a symptom of venous congestion, probably showing a weakening action of the heart, though it may also have been due to some obstruction in the circulation preventing it performing its work properly. These are the things which only a post-mortem could really clear up. (4) Judging from the description you give of its condition, it is very doubtful if the bird would have recovered under any treatment at all. The best you could have done was to keep it quite on the warm side; give sufficient green salad or a saline aperient to keep the bowels acting freely without undue looseness, and add a tonic, such as Chemical Food, to the water occasionally, and generally aim at building up the general health. Your feeding seems to have been fairly good, but you might have tried adding two drops of cod liver oil emulsion to the bread and milk each time you gave it. But on the whole, very little indeed could be done for such a case.

ACCOMMODATION, ETC.

S. J. S.—(1) The aviary, 8ft. square and 8ft. high, will very comfortably accommodate all the birds you have—two cocks and four hens—but although you would undoubtedly stand a chance of getting a brood or two of young Mules by allowing the cock Goldfinch to share the aviary with the Canaries, you would probably be far safer in getting decent results by omitting him altogether and devoting your attention entirely to the Canaries. The cock Canary and four hens should do very well in such an aviary, but the Goldfinch may easily prove the disturbing element which would spoil all your plans. Fix up about eight nests for the four hens. (2) With a group of birds flying loose in an aviary for breeding, it is impossible to so control the supply of egg food that only those birds having young to feed can partake of it. You can only give a moderate supply twice, or better still, three times daily, and trust to luck. Fortunately, with birds flying loose in a space like this aviary, where they have plenty of vigorous exercise, a little extra feeding is of little importance and is not likely to have the same ill-effects as in the case of closely confined birds, so when there are young in the nests you may still follow the usual method of giving just about sufficient soft food each time, as they are found to quite clear up by the time the next supply is due, whether you give it two or three times a day.

EGG AND COLOUR.

F. W. M.—(1) You wish to know if yolk of new-laid eggs will keep fresh enough to feed young for three days. If you mean after the egg is boiled and the food prepared, the answer is most emphatically "No." It is, in fact, not without risk to prepare sufficient food to last the entire day when the weather gets mild and settled. The best economy you can make in this direction is to make a single egg last two days if you have only a very few birds to cater for, by boiling the egg as usual, then allowing it to become cold, and slightly cracking the shell and removing a narrow strip all round the centre, so that the blade of a table knife will pass through the middle of the egg, making a clean cut. Cut through in this way, and use the one part, leaving the other part in the shell, turning the cut side downwards on a clean saucer and covering all over with meal, such as oatmeal, and use this next day. Keep it in a cool, dry place, and it will remain quite fresh under these conditions; but it is essential that the cut surface be completely protected from exposure to the air. (2) No colour feeding does not injure the birds' constitutions in the least if it is properly carried out according to modern methods. With some breeds it is essential for success on the show bench, and where it is not essential it is entirely a matter of individual taste and discretion. As a rule, in popular opinion the colour-fed bird gains an advantage over the natural colour one. (3) The food you name is a good one and has been used successfully in the manner you indicate.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

CAGE FOR SKYLARK.

Thos. Conneily.—I am very doubtful if you will be able to purchase a cage exactly like the one you mention. It is an improvement on the ordinary bow-fronted cage, which latter can be bought anywhere. Failing this, I would advise you to get a Lark's runner cage, or you could possibly make one yourself. My own is 18 inches long, 11 inches high, and 8 inches from back to front, and has a raised platform at one end and a rather long narrow door opposite it, so that a turf can be easily put in. You should be able to buy bird sand at any of the dealers in your town, or possibly you could get half a bushel or so from a builder or builder's merchant. They frequently have a good sharp sand, which does admirably for covering the floor of cages. You can only tame your bird by gently handling the cage and placing him in such a position that he can see people about, and whenever you go near the cage speak to him and give him a mealworm or some tit-bit he is particularly fond of. If he is a freshly-caught specimen he would no doubt be somewhat unsteady, but will probably settle down for good after the moult.

MANAGEMENT OF AVIARY.

Pompey.—Your suggested aviary should do admirably for British and Canaries, and you should be able to breed Mules in it with ordinary good luck. (1) The rough cages you mention should only be small ones, suitable for the birds to nest in. In addition to these you should fix up pans and nest-boxes. Have many more nests than birds, so as to allow a good choice, or they will probably quarrel. The common box tree makes capital shelter, or you can get bundles of furze or heather and fasten them roughly on the sides of the aviary by means of lengths of wire or wire netting. (2) The Goldfinch and Linnet would do, but the Bullfinch cock is only a doubtful breeder. Try a Siskin or Greenfinch. With these you could turn in half-a-dozen hen Canaries and a Bullfinch hen if you can get one. (3) When a hen sits, see that her nest is securely fixed, and then let her come off when she likes. Let her have the freedom of the aviary. (4) You can use Yorkshires if you like, but Norwich hens produce the most shapely Mules and the best in colour. (5) You can catch any given bird quite easily with a small net on a short stick. A stout butterfly net answers the purpose.

ANOTHER UNSTEADY BULLFINCH.

M. Tracy.—Please read the replies to others in this issue. You must not expect a freshly-caught bird to be tame at once. He has to settle down and get used to his surroundings and his owner. Some birds come to hand at once, while others require care and attention for some time. Treat him gently and try to remember he is still a wild bird, and do not frighten him.

GROWTH ON HEAD OF BULLFINCH.

A. E. Hayward.—As the trouble you write about at the base of the beak on your Bullfinch is only just appearing, you can treat it by applying a little iodine. Do it carefully by means of a small paint brush; repeat a few days later, but not too often, as it causes the surface to crack. Should the growth still continue to increase, your remedy is to have it removed by a surgical operation. This, if carefully performed, usually effects a cure. Give the bird a good supply of wild food and fruit during the summer months.

SEXING GOLDIES AND LINNETS.

G. Marsh.—The sexing of Goldfinches and Linnets to one unused to birds is not by any means a simple matter. Even old experienced hands make mistakes sometimes; therefore you can understand that is not easy to explain the differences in the sexes. The cock Goldie, as a rule, has a snaky head, with a rather long tapering beak, somewhat stouter than the hen's at the base. He is bright, with smart carriage. The blaze is, as a rule, more expansive in the cock than in the hen, running well past the eye at the top. His wing butts are a pure black or have a greenish tinge. The head of the hen is usually smaller and rounder, the blaze not so large; the wing butts are not so pure in colour, and she is generally a shade smaller. As regards Linnets, you should have no trouble at this time of the year. A cock bird is mottled on the breast, and if you handle him and turn up the breast feathers with the finger or a lead pencil, you will see they are a dull red, and as the bird comes into condition this will begin to show on the surface. If you open the wings you will see the cock bird has more white on the primary feathers, and it runs right up the quill.

TAMING A BULLFINCH.

Foolish.—As a rule the Bullfinch is one of the easiest birds to get steady. Yours is no doubt a freshly-caught specimen, and I would therefore advise you to place him in a quiet corner of the birdroom—one a little removed from the light—and do not interfere with him in any way excepting to give him fresh food and water, and, of course, to clean out the cage. This is best done by running him into a spare cage by placing the open doors opposite each other and running him back again when his cage is ready. Do not trouble about his bath just yet; wait until he has somewhat settled down. Should he be very dirty, you could gently spray him while in the spare cage. When he has got used to you, you could occasionally pick the cage up and talk to him, and give him one or two extra sunflower seeds or anything he is particularly fond of. A little patience and perseverance will do wonders in taming birds.

BREEDING GOLDFINCH MULES.

Cymro.—All your Goldfinches should breed this season if they are healthy and on song. You should place the birds now in the breeding cages—the hen in one compartment and the Finch in the other—and occasionally you can pull the slide and let them fly together for an hour or so. When the hen is seen to carry anything about as though she is inclined to build, you could then put them together permanently and give them a nest pan, some moss and cowhair. As a rule, a Finch is not quite fit for breeding until his beak is clear; that is, with no dark mark on the upper mandible. Should a hen be ready before the Finch, you had better run a cock Canary with her for the first nest, and use the Finch for the second.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

IDENTIFICATION OF PARROT.

Nox.—(1) It is the Roseate Cockatoo, also known as the Rose-breasted and Galah. (2) The majority of this species do not talk much, but I have come across several which have been really talented talkers. Unless it is an old bird, if you talk to it while attending to its wants, and generally pet it, it should ultimately talk at any rate a little, not only what you teach, but also pick up words and sentences which it hears spoken; also mimic any cries and calls it hears. (3) The proper diet is seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and such extras as biscuits, stale crusts, plain cake, and raw carrot. Cuttlebone and Parrot grit should be continuously in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. Do not give table scraps or any sops and messes. (4) It is the most freely imported of all the Cockatoos, and usually to be obtained quite cheaply as a new arrival, but, of course, an acclimatised and talking specimen might be worth several pounds. They are very hardy, should have plenty of light and air, but it, as well as any other species of bird, must be kept out of draughts.

THE NESTING OF WEAVERS.

P., Alra.—(1) Until recent years very few Weavers have been bred in captivity, but during the last few years several species of Weavers and Whydahs have been bred in naturally planted garden aviaries. They build their own nests, suspending them from some twiggy branch, using hay and long fresh grass. (2) When feeding young they take heartily of live insects, and you should supply meal-worms, gentles, live ants' eggs, wasps' grubs, and any smooth caterpillars, spiders, etc., you can capture for them. Insectile mixture (soft food) of any good make should also be supplied. (3) The Madagascar has not yet been bred in captivity, but there is no reason why it should not do so. The Napoleon Weaver has certainly bred in four aviaries during the past two seasons.

PARROT LOSING ITS FEATHERS.

F. Hill.—Apparently there is not much wrong with your bird. Add to its dietary ripe fruit, nuts, bits, crusts, raw carrot, plain cake. Keep cuttlebone and grit in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. It will benefit the bird if you can get it to take it, to give it a piece of slightly damped biscuit, lightly dusted with flowers of sulphur. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intervening days lightly colour the water with chemical food. It should be sprayed twice weekly with a tepid weak solution of water and quassia essence. You would find our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d., post free, from our manager, of much assistance to you in treating your bird.

FREE BREEDERS IN CAGES.

A. L.—Very few species of wild birds, be they British or Foreign, are free breeders in cages; certainly there are none which breed more freely than the domesticated Canary. You cannot put wild species up in a cage and expect them to breed as you do Canaries; if you do you are likely to be grievously disappointed, and all the instances of isolated successes do not alter this fact. Moreover, wild species, either Foreign or British, need a more roomy cage than is usually given to a Canary. A good size as a minimum is 30ins. long, 15ins. deep, and 18ins. high, with a nest-box or husk at one end screened by a twiggy branch. The two species most freely bred in cages are Zebra Finches and Budgerigars. Cuttlefishes also go to nest very freely, but do not always rear their young. They do not go to nest, however, with the same precision as Canaries, and take longer to settle down, but the nesting season is longer for them, and there is no occasion to give up hope of the nesting till September is well in. If they do not nest the first season, success with them in the following one should be very probable.

AMAZON WITH DISCOLOURED PLUMAGE.

A. C. Pearson.—I am of the opinion that the discolouration is only a temporary one, and that things will become normal at the next moult. Keep its bowels moving quite freely by giving one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water once or twice daily. As regards its diet, seed mixture is the staple item, but ripe fruit, nuts and carrot, dry crusts and plain cake can be offered at intervals as extras, to vary the diet. Cuttlebone and grit must be continually in the cage, also a chunk of wood for mandible exercise. A glass or crock drinker is the best to use, and you can purchase these at most bird-shops, of a shape and size to stand inside the tin hoppers of a Parrot cage. If it will take it, a piece of bread, biscuit or plain cake lightly spread with cod liver oil emulsion, daily, will be very beneficial. If the bird does not bathe it should be sprayed twice weekly, using tepid water and a little Condy's Fluid, and keeping the bird carefully out of reach of chill winds and draughts till the plumage is dry. Report progress in a few weeks' time.

BREEDING ZEBRA FINCHES IN CAGE.

Esperance.—I suspected egg-binding. The best cure for this is to keep the birds as warm as you can till the chill winds have passed, as Zebra Finches are rather subject to this annoying trouble in chill, cold spring. If your bird is similarly affected again put it in a small cage on a piece of flannel and put the cage over the kitchen range; any heat that does not scorch the cage will not be too great for the bird, leaving her there till she has voided the egg, and then gradually cool her off and return to the cage. There is no reason why you should not attempt to pull off a brood before putting them out, and in case of success you must defer turning them out till the young are able to fend for themselves. Till the clutch of eggs are laid keep watch on your birds daily, without undue disturbance, of course, so that if anything goes wrong with the hen you may discover it before it is too late. The stimulant of weak brandy or whisky and water (warm) is very good in such cases, and dry heat will usually effect the cure if discovered in time, but, of course, a bird that has been almost baked must not be returned to cold quarters immediately: it must be done gradually—the gardener calls it "hardening off" with his plants before planting them outside.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. The Post Office regulation is that bodies of birds must be sent at the letter rate of postage, and must be packed in hermetically sealed receptacles which must themselves be enclosed in strong wooden, leather, or metal cases. If this regulation be infringed the packets may be destroyed by the authorities. **Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.**

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

OBTAINING BIRDS IN THE CLOSE SEASON.

C. Smith.—It is no offence against the law to buy or sell birds during the close season, providing that the birds are not "recently taken" within the meaning of the Act. It has been held in the High Courts that if the owner of birds can prove that they have been in captivity for a fortnight or more they cannot be said to be "recently taken." As you need do therefore is to get a guarantee from the seller to this effect, and the responsibility will be upon him to prove it if any action is taken.

BOOK ON NESTS AND EGGS.

Linnet.—There are many good books on the nests and eggs of British birds, but what is the "best" depends on your own point of view and whether you are prepared to pay a good price for a good book. A very nice book, with coloured pictures of eggs, is Finn's "Eggs and Nests of British Birds," Our Manager would send you a copy of this for 5s. 4d. post free. Two other very fine works are advertised on page 191 of this week's CAGE BIRDS. The prices of these are 6s. 5d. and 15s. 3d. respectively, and you may see full particulars in the advt. You would not be able to get a very cheap work that would be perfectly reliable.

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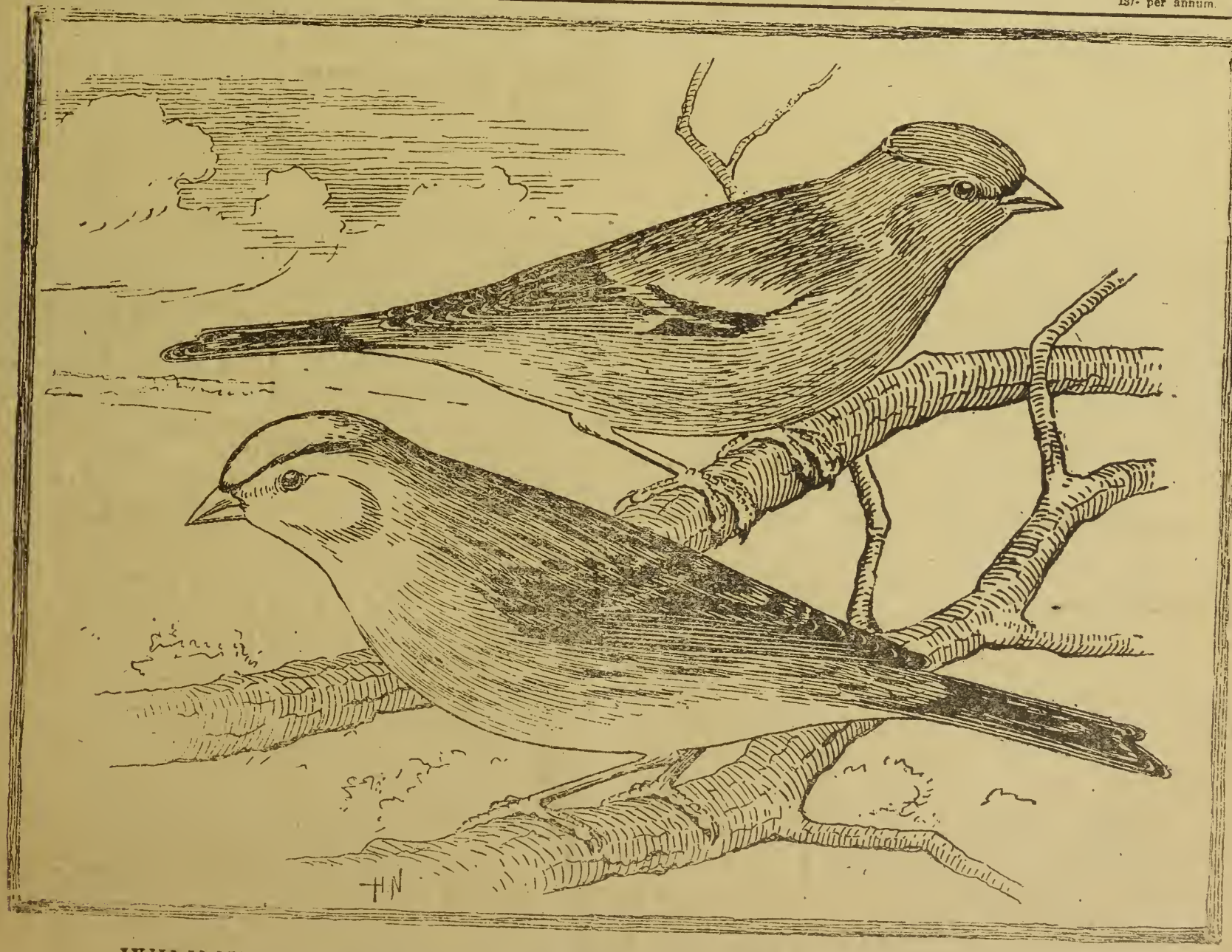

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Club Reports.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Meeting, Headquarters, Mar. 26. The question of the Club's patronage for the coming show season was discussed. It was the opinion of most present that whilst it was inadvisable to put the club's cups into competition this year, something should be done to encourage members to support the societies who put on classes for our variety. Various suggestions were put forward, but after considerable discussion it was decided to postpone the meeting to May, and to invite suggestions from the Provincial Committee. No further business being on the agenda the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman. I hope the Provincial Committee will let me have their suggestions as soon as possible.—Geo. Burton, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER-LE-STREET C.B.S.

Meeting, March 17, with only a moderate attendance. Nevertheless, we got through a good deal of business. Decided that N.F. show be held July 28 and annual show, Dec. 1. Also decided that the annual subscription be 5s. instead of 3s. 6d., as before, this making our subscription the same as other societies in the district. Decided that members must have 3s. 6d. of subs. paid at N.F.S., the rest to be paid on closing day of entries. Also that entry fee at N.F. show be 9d. per cage; 1s. 6d. will be added to the prize money in each class. Decided also to give a special of 2s. 6d. for most points in Canary section, and the same in British (Mules to be included in British section). The schedule for N.F.S. was left over for the next meeting.—R. Ward, Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB

Meeting, March 31, Mr. Jas. Findlay presided over a good attendance. Balance-sheet was read and adopted, showing a credit balance of £6 3s. 6d., which was considered highly satisfactory. New members admitted R. McEwan, R. Cullen. Thereafter table show of British, Messrs. W. Brown, Cambuslang, and A. Macfarlane, Glasgow, judged. Goldf.: 1, sp, 4, Trotter; 2, 5, 6, 7, Pettigrew; 3, sp, Johnstone. Linnet, H.M.: 1, Trotter; 2, sp, 3, Bannerman. Siskin: 1, Trotter; 2, 3, Pettigrew. Linnet, F.M.: 1, Johnstone; 2, 3, Trotter. Members are reminded of special show of Linnets, two classes: H.M. and F.M., April 14, at 7, Classification for show May 5, Headquarters, at 7: Greenf., Twite, Lesser Redpoll, Mealy Redpoll. Members are requested to make these monthly shows a success for up till the present they are deserving of better patronage. Messrs. Findlay, Macfarland and Pettigrew supplied the specials.—J. H. Adam, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Mar. 26, Headquarters, "Seven Stars," St. John-st., Wolverhampton, Mr. Willows presiding over a record attendance of over forty members; many new members putting in their appearance for the first time. The change of meeting night having met with approval, 28 new members were enrolled: Messrs. Austin, Garbett, Joy, Norris, Fenton, Morris, Jones, Smith, Cowell, Harris, Nickholds, Mead, Mason, Bayliss, Appleby, Brown, Mason, Harper, Lucas, Pimm, Griffiths, making a total of 55 new members elected this year. A splendid challenge cup was chosen for the novice section to be competed for at our annual show, rules appertaining to same will appear in the new rule book. New schemes were suggested, whereby members, residing in all parts of the country will be able to participate in the management of the society. The sale of rings is very promising, over 1,700 being sold. After business, a very enjoyable time was spent listening to several birds brought by our champion members, the different tours being explained by Mr. A. Harper; his services were much appreciated. Next meeting some more birds will be brought, in conjunction with a paper from Mr. Rhodes, on the general effect of the Roller Canary song.—J. W. Thomson, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM ROLLER C.C.

THE CLUB LEAVES THE FEDERATION.

Meeting Crown Hotel, March 21. Mr. W. Pimm presided over a good attendance. New members elected, Messrs. E. Grove, A. Smith, J. J. Samuels, J. B. Freeman, and W. Brown. Several letters were read with regard to rule 6 of the Federation, and after discussing same the meeting was adjourned until March 28 for further information as to how many shows were to be held in the South next season, the club to take a vote of all members on rule 6, and as to the club remaining in the Federation. Adjourned meeting of March 21 was held at the house of one of our members, Mr. W. Pimm chair, with a good attendance. Letters were read from members that could not attend, and after fully discussing the Birmingham Club's position of remaining in the Federation, it was resolved that the Birmingham Club resign from the Roller Federation; also that we hold two shows next season. Members elected: Messrs. Stephenson, Tatney, Smith, Twigg, Jones, Plant, Rhodes, Humphries, Harper, Williams, Cadman, bringing our membership up to 53. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Laylands, for kindly providing a room for the meeting. I shall be pleased to hear from any intending members before rule book is in print.—W. Taylor, Hon. Sec., Council School, Hospital St., Birmingham.

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SCOTTISH ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Club Rooms, Mar. 28, before a record attendance; Mr. McLean in the chair. A letter was read from Mr. Best on the rules of the Federation. After a little discussion it was decided that we uphold the rules of the Federation. Secretary read letters from two friends asking to be made members of the club. A note was also read from Mr. Best asking the members to give their mind on the song tours. It was left to Mr. Jackson, Mr. McLean, and Mr. Macdonald, to go into it and report. Vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting. —J. Jackson, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Annual general meeting, Central Halls, Glasgow, March 3, C. Martin presiding. Balance-sheet for 1916 was adopted, which showed a balance on the right side. Decided that Young Bird classes at patronised shows be left open, and that all young birds competing for club's specials, etc., be rung with closed rings, which must be bought from the secretary, price 1s. 3d. per dozen. Decided to hold F.F. Show in June. Classification: Cl. or Tkd. Yell., Cl. or Tkd. Buff, Variegated Yell. or Buff; entry 6d. per bird. New members elected, P. Corbett, J. Mount, S. Johnstone, W. S. Smith, J. Crawford, J. Whitelaw, and J. Eccleston. New members are now being enrolled; particulars from S. F. Wood, Sec., 4, Tollcross-rd., Parkhead, Glasgow.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Meeting, Y.M.C.A. rooms, March 28, Mr. R. B. Cairns presiding over a good attendance. The following were elected judges for the annual show, Dec. 1: Norwich, Crest, or C.B., Mr. A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch, and Mr. A. McFarlane, Glasgow; Borders and Yorks., Mr. W. Clark, Irvine; Brit., Mr. H. Jamieson, Glasgow. Mr. Davidson was to have given one of his famous lectures, but unfortunately he was unable to be present, and on the suggestion of the chairman the time was occupied in a friendly discussion on mating, rearing, egg-food, and seeds, which was very interesting and instructive. Hat night next meeting, April 25. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—A. Foreman, Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Old Boar's Head, Manchester, March 31. Mr. Thos. Turner presided over a capital attendance. New members elected, Messrs. A. Bowden, N. Dickinson, D. Jones, J. Shaw, F. Marsh, F. Entwistle, and S. Watkins, bringing the membership up to well over 100. Decided to hold annual contest Dec. 7-8, when new rule re challenge comes in force, viz., that each member be allowed to nominate one bird and pay 6d. extra, these to be judged separately, and can be entered in any other class as well. The meeting was unanimous in supporting delegates' decision re Federation Rule 6. A suggested judging standard was drawn up, upon which all members present were given the opportunity to pass an opinion, and vote, this being the Federation method of doing things. Particulars as to membership will be supplied on applying to E. Hibbert, 27, Pendlebury Road, Swinton, Manchester.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

The fourth annual social and musical evening was held March 21, at the St. Thomas's Schools, Ardwick; Mr. W. Robinson presided over an attendance of nearly 90 members, wives and friends. An excellent entertainment was provided, and several of the artists who had never previously appeared in public gave a very good account of themselves, rendering some very nice songs. After the first half of the programme was gone through, there was an interval of half-an-hour for refreshments, a light supper being provided, which was very much appreciated by everyone. In the later half of the programme several of the artists had to render encore songs. The artists contributing to the musical part of the evening were: Mr. W. McKail, Mr. Meadowcroft, Mr. and Mrs. Tonge, Miss Oldham, Miss Lloyd; accompanist, Mr. Greenlees. The singing of the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. —J. Spencer.

W. BROMWICH & HANDSWORTH.

Meeting, March 24, Ivy House Hotel, Handsworth, Mr. S. N. Taylor presiding over a good attendance. After general business, which included the election of two new members, and the fixing dates for annual ramble and two N.F. shows, Mr. Jeffreys (Harborne) gave a lecture on "The Feeding of British Finches and Canaries," which proved to be most interesting and instructive, and was much appreciated. The lecturer explained how, in their wild state, the members of the Finch family vary their diet in the different seasons of the year, naming and describing both the seeds and various forms of insect life most favoured by the birds at different periods. Mr. Jeffreys is well known as a breeder of the Nightingale in captivity, and having made a life-long study of the habits of all wild birds, expressed the opinion that Canary fanciers as a body are too conservative in their methods of feeding their pets, and if a more varied diet were adopted, it would in many cases be attended by far greater success. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer brought a pleasant evening to a close.—P. T. Cowley, Sec.

DURHAM CITY C.B.S.

Meeting, March 24. Officers elected: Chairman, A. Robson; Sec. and Treas., H. Briggs; Auditors, R. Ward, Thos. Halliday; Committee, R. Ward, W. Forster, J. Briggs, S. Bailes, J. Stewart; T. Halliday, R. Lawson, T. Atkinson, J. Whyatt, R. Blake, J. McNay, J. Gillespie. Show dates: Nest Feather, June 16; annual show, Dec. 29. This concluded the business of the evening, and we commenced the social evening, which was a huge success, and the few members who missed attending missed the treat of the season, as we had more programme than we had time to go through. The following gentlemen kept us happy with songs and music: Messrs. A. Bailes, A. E. Priest, W. Forster, A. Stanger, A. Weire, T. B. Ward, R. Ward, Thos. Rate, and G. Towers. During the evening Mr. Forster made an appeal to the company on behalf of Mr. James Hedley, of Chester-le-Street, who was the founder of the Chester-le-Street C.B.S. He volunteered for the army when the war was only four days old, and after being blown up by a shell he was temporarily discharged last August, and got light employment; but was obliged to give it up owing to his condition. He has a wife and three children, with house rent and coal to find out of a pension of 17s. 6d. per week, so it is easy to see what straits he must be in. Anyone in the district who knows him can say what a fine steady-going man he is, and that it is a very deserving case. The appeal resulted in a collection of 12s. 6d., and this was given to Mr. Forster to hand to Mr. Hedley, with the sympathy of the members of the society. This concluded the business of the evening, which will be a red letter day in the meetings of the society.—H. Briggs.

WELSH C.B.C.

As the annual general meeting will be held shortly, I shall be pleased if any member who has any matter to bring forward will communicate with me at once to enable me to place it upon the agenda. If such is an alteration of rules, the same must be published in the Press at least one calendar month before such meeting, see Rule 11. For election of officers, etc., see Rule 6. I have eight new members to propose, and if there are any further names to submit I shall be pleased to accept names and subscriptions.—D. H. Tedstone, Hon. Sec.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them

NOTE.—Only the details asked for on our cards can be published. Such phrases as "a large attendance desired," etc., must not be included. Classification for forthcoming shows, appeals for new members, and any other matter in the nature of an advertisement will only be inserted if paid for at advertisement rates.

Aberbargoed F. and F.S.—April 7, 7, Annual meeting; show matters.—W. J. Ellis.

Abertillery C.B.S.—April 14, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30. Fix date for young bird show, and other business.—J. Webber.

Alfreton C.B.S.—April 14, Red Lion Hotel, 6.30. General business, also table show of British; 4 classes, special in each class; Mr. T. Barlow judge. —G. Sawer.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—April 12, Bodmin St. Schools, 8.—D. Haverhand.

Bolton Roller C.C.—April 10, Joiners' Arms, 7.30. Club business.—T. Ormston.

Bradford City O.S.—April 7, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 7. Alteration of meeting night, first Saturday in month instead of second Saturday. Special business, members' shows, nomination of judges for Union shows.—J. Bolton.

Bristol East C.B.S.—April 7, Glass House Hotel, Lawrence Hill, 8. Discussion on general business.—W. J. Norman.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Abandoned, Bank Holiday.—F. J. Martin.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—April 7, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 7 to 7.30, usual business; 7.30, lecture by Mr. F. J. Weaver, of Wolverhampton; cordial invitation to non-members.—A. C. Shirley.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—April 11, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 7.30. Remarks by Mr. Foxen on colour feeding; discussion.—W. D. Fryett.

Doncaster C.B.S.—April 14, Druid Arms, Bentley, 7. Balance sheet, election of officers, washing exhibition and seed show.—H. Lumby.

East Ham C.B.S.—April 12, Town Hall, East Ham, 8. Egg food competition; judge, Mr. J. A. Webb. Interesting paper by Mr. F. Onslow, Hon. Sec. Friends heartily invited.—H. J. Kybert.

Farnworth C.B.S.—April 11, Church House, Church Road, 8. Mr. Mitchell will read a paper on Yorkshire Canaries, show business, etc.; fanciers and friends cordially invited.—W. Dawson.

Glasgow (West End) C.B.C.—April 13, Co-op. Hall, St. Geo. Cross, 8. General business, also "hat night" (for questions and answers), on items of interest.—J. Campbell.

Halifax O.S.—April 7, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Meeting and lecture by Mr. A. Kaye, Lindley. Subject, British Birds and their Haunts and Habits. A hearty invitation to all fanciers and friends.—J. J. Dunn.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—April 7, Queen's Head Inn, 7.30. Fanciers invited.—R. H. Dixon.

Hull C.B.S.—April 7, Oddfellows' Hall, 2.30. Pair show, Mules and Hybrids.—W. Furnandiz.

Keighley C.B.S.—April 10, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Business for open show.—J. Bower.

Lanarkshire B. B., Etc., C.—April 6, Hamilton Town Hall, 6.30. Standard cages will be on view, and adoption of rules.—W. P. Campbell.

Larkhall C.B.A.—April 14, Y.M. Halls, 7. Lecture on Border Fancy Canary, by Dan Hamilton, Hamilton.—A. Thomson.

Leeds C.B.S.—April 7, Griffin Hotel, 7.30. Questions and answers; distribution of 1917 syllabus, etc.—W. A. Wilson.

Leeds Roller C.C.—April 7th, Griffin Hotel, 7.15. Judging competition; judging standard; voting re rule 6, and other business.—H. Best.

Leigh C.B.S.—April 11, Railway Hotel, 7.45.—R. Charleson.

Liverpool B.B.A.—April 12, Oldham Hall, 8. Election of judges for N.F. and annual shows, also classification for young shows.—T. R. Jones.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Owing to holidays there will be no meeting on April 7.—W. Gilbert.

Maesteg C.B.S.—April 14, Bird-in-Hand Hotel, 7.30. General business.—C. Williams.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—April 7, Crown Hotel, 6. "Question night." Important to the novices.—T. C. Deans.

Nantymoel, Ogmore Vale C.B.S.—April 11, Committee Room, Ogmore Hall, 6. Paper by Mr. W. Whitford, on Canary Breeding and Management.—T. Davies.

National British Bird and Mule Club.—April 12, Ramble to Cobham and Hatchford; returning from Effingham Junction. Train leaves Waterloo 2.50.—T. R. Trower.

N.W. Glasgow C.B.C.—April 10, Unionist Rooms, 308, New City Road, 7.45. Classification for F.F. show, also nomination of judges for F.F. and annual show.—P. Houston.

Oldham C.B.S.—April 10, Volunteer Inn, 7.45. Members kindly note meeting place; business important.—G. Mills.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—April 11, room back of stage, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. Selection of judge, first nest, and gen. business.—A. W. Newton.

Penygraig C.B.S.—April 7, Butchers' Arms Hotel, 6.30. Decide date for F.F. show, and nomination of new members.—Wm. Hollinshead.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—April 10, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Minutes, etc. Lecture on Egg Food, by Mr. Cole, S.N.P.C. Questions on subject answered. Fanciers invited.—G. H. Maclellan.

Pontypool C.B.S.—April 14, headquarters, 6.30. Important to all.—W. D. Lewis.

S. London Col. and F.A.—April 12, Headquarters, Druid's Head, Broadway, Deptford, 7.30. General meeting.—F. Tottie.

Stanley Empire F.F. and C.B.S.—April 8, Club Room, 7.—R. Hutchinson.

Sunderland C.B.A.—April 7, Station Street Cafe, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Riseborough.—F. Riseborough.

Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.—April 7, Elysium, High Street, 8. Table show of British, 3 classes; judge, Mr. W. J. Jenkins.—J. H. Ford.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—April 10, Victoria School, Alexandria, 8.—G. McCall.

Wakefield O.S.—April 7, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. Usual business; colour food, etc.—T. H. Alexander.

Walsend, Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—April 11, Station Hotel, 7. Election of judges for N.F.S. and annual show, and other business.—G. Greenwell.

Walton, Everton C.B.S.—April 11, Headquarters Mission Hall, Kilshaw Street, 8. Discussion on Hints for Breeding Season, to be opened by T. Rowlands.—J. Lloyd.

West of Scotland.—April 7, Nelson Temp. Hotel 7.30. Meeting, and lecture by Mr. E. Barron.—W. Hutchison.

Windhill O.S.—April 7, Blue Bell Hotel, 7. Election of Sec.; members' show; specials for show, and other very important business.—R. Garnett.

Wombwell B.F.A.—April 7, Ship Inn, 7. Arrange N.F. show, judge, and date.—F. Moore.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, April 1, 24 birds sang: 1, Jackson; 2, 3, Pariett.—Phillipson, Sec.

LEADGATE.

Linnet singing contest, April 7, Victoria Working Men's Club; singing commences at 2, 10s. added to entrance fee (6d. per bird) as prize money; judge, T. Cant; timekeeper, B. Walker.—J. W. Rowell.—(Advt.)

KIPPAX.

Kippax Linnet Club, members' sing, March 31, Commercial Hotel; 39 birds entered: 1, R. Collinson; 2, 3, shared between Collinson and Thomas. Timekeepers, R. Plows and J. Cooper; tappers, W. Perkin and H. Collinson.—R. Plows, Sec

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club, open contest, March 31, 42 birds entered, quality: 1, J. Murphy; 2, F. Murphy; 3, J. Statham; 4, Wilson. Time: 1, Alex. Donnelly, 104; 2, F. Murphy, 80; 3, Cowburn, 70; 4, J. Finch, 61; timers: W. Meadows, J. Murphy; judges, J. W. Jones, J. Statham; minutes, J. Whittle. A members' contest will be held April 14, members to be paid up on Friday night, April 13.—R. Disley, Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, Doncaster-rd., April 1; 19 birds entered for four prizes. Shepherd timer, Barnforth chalker: J. Norburn 3min. 56 sec.; Wright 3.26; Jones, 3.14; Hardman 3.6. Mr. D. France wins best average for 13 weeks' singing, doing a grand record time of 44min. 42secs., and winning first prize, value 25s.; 2, J. Norburn, value 15s., 44.13; 3, Hardman, value 10s., 42.11. Members please note over £7 in prizes this Easter to be sung for. Every member gets a prize. First bird in window 1 prompt.—J. Hardman, Sec.

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LEEDS.

West Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A. Linnet contest, Viaduct Hotel, April 1; 20 birds contested. 1, Baldwin; 2, 3, Chadwick. Judges, T. Dobson and T. Kippling, Timekeeper, T. Cawood.—T. Cawood, Sec.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, April 1; 29 birds sang for four prizes. 1, Binns; 2, Summers; 3, 4, shared between Binns, Wigfield and Bamfield. Judges, T. C. Summers, W. Lipman.—T. O. Summers, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

George and Dragon contest: 1, J. Williams; 2, J. Wainwright; 3, C. Shaw. Open contest Easter Monday; good prize money given; first pair in window at 12.45.—J. H. Nicholls.—(Advt.)

Castleford Potteries, Grey Horse Inn, March 17: 24 birds: 1, Williams; 2, Wainwright; 3, Nelson. March 24, 24 birds: 1, Williams; 2, Shaw; 3, Nicholls. March 31, 20 birds: 1, 3, Williams; 2, Clayton. Open contest, April 7, good prize money. 3d. entry, 5s. added; commence at 4.—J. Oliver.—(Advt.)

In the Courts.

A STORY OF LIME, LINNETS, AND A HAWK.

An interesting case under the Wild Birds Protection Act was heard at Doncaster, Mar. 24, when Walter Worrall, miner, was summoned for having a Kestrel Hawk in his possession. It was stated that the police found defendant near the Roman ridge with several cages of decoy birds, and with lines and lime. He also had the Hawk. Defendant told the Court he was training the birds for contest singing when the Hawk swooped down to get one of them, and he knocked it over with a stone. His birds were Brown Linnets, and were kept by people all over the country for contest singing. One of the birds in court was worth a sovereign. The Bench ordered the defendant to pay costs. They allowed him to keep his birds, but ordered him to forfeit his lines and apparatus.

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Twitterings.

The judges of the annual show of the Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S., Nov. 3—5 next are Messrs. J. Robson, Canaries; and C. Houlton the remainder.

By the death of Lord Muncaster, which occurred at Muncaster Castle, Cumberland, on March 30, the nation is the poorer for the loss of a great bird-lover. In his park he maintained a Heronry and a preserve for the Black-headed Gull. The colony of Gulls is said to be the largest in the United Kingdom.

Nantymoel, Ogmore Vale, and District C.B.S., writes Mr. T. Davies, sec., 29, Oakfield Terrace, Nantymoel., has fixed Wednesday, December 5th, 1917, for its first open show; other societies please note to avoid clashing. We have a few district members already, but we would be pleased to have more; district radius, twelve miles.

Mr. F. E. Jeffreys, chairman of the South Wales and Monmouth Federation, writes that the annual general meeting will be held at The Bush Hotel, Swansea, April 9, at 2, when he would be glad to see a delegate from each affiliated society. Points won by affiliated societies should be communicated to the hon. sec. before the meeting, or to Mr. Jeffreys, Norfolk Street, Swansea.

Thanks.

I beg to acknowledge your P.O. for 15s. 4d., for which I am most grateful, writes Mr. R. M. Laughlin, Earlsfield. Also I return my sincere thanks to all the fanciers who subscribed and to you for so very kindly inserting the appeal on my behalf.

God Bless the Printer!

We are sorry that a printer's error in a sub head of the prize letter of last week nullified the whole sense of the advice given in a most useful contribution. The cross head as written was "Lime kills the poison," but an ingenious compositor made this read "Time kills the poison."

Interesting Evenings for Fanciers.

As will be seen by our list of Club Notices in this week's issue, the forthcoming meetings of many societies should be of considerable interest, and as friends are welcome to these meetings fanciers should make a point of attending if possible. Some meetings at which lectures are to be given are Nantymoel C.B.S., Halifax O.S., Larkhall C.B.A., City of Birmingham C.B.S., Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S., Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. and Farnworth C.B.S. Places, dates and times are given in the Club and Society Notices columns. We hope to get most or all of these lectures for publication in the interest of our readers in general.

Pity the Poor Canaries.

According to reports in the daily newspapers, the Duchess of Portland stated at the annual meeting of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds that she spent her life and money in buying cage birds and setting them at liberty.

Birds on War Rations.

Captain Bathurst, in reply to Lt.-Col. Orde-Powlett, stated in the House of Commons that the waste of food suitable for human consumption by nurses and children who bring half-loaves and slices of bread to feed the birds in the parks is to be deprecated, but it is hoped that the practice may cease without the necessity of issuing an Order.

Eggs—and Eggs.

A contributor to the Glasgow "Daily Record and Daily Mail," in an article entitled "Neglected Sources of Food," says "There are many more birds—Wood Pigeons, Rooks, Jackdaws, and so on—which lay us eggs most agreeable for our eating if we would but make trial of them. Those of the two last named it is likely that we have now and again partaken of unwittingly, figuring under the pseudonym of 'plovers' eggs." We should have thought that the appearance in the "white" of the eggs when cooked would give away any attempt at imposition.

The Cook Gets a Move On.

In a letter by "T. R. G.," the "Yorkshire Post" says that, in order to obtain acorns, Pheasants "will in the autumn desert the stubbles, by travelling some distance away, returning to their roasting (sic) places at or before dusk."

No Returns.

Last week, under the heading, "A Word to the Wise," we forecasted the immediate arrival of the time when our readers would have to order their Cage Birds beforehand to be certain of getting a copy, and we advised them to put the hint into effect by arranging with their newsagents for a regular weekly copy. Now we have to tell them that the time is getting very near when no newspaper will accept returns, and this will mean, of course, that all casual purchase will be stopped. It is a simple matter for any reader of Cage Birds to ask a newsagent to reserve a weekly copy, and we are sure that we have no reader who will omit to do this rather than go without the only paper devoted to the hobby of bird-keeping. It should scarcely be necessary to say that this note is written in the interests of our individual readers, and not in our own, for in present circumstances each copy of our paper costs more than the price at which it is sold, and a decrease in circulation for a time would mean a gain to us, not a loss.

Seasonable Hints on Useful Weeds.

By RICHARD MORSE, F.R.H.S.

A new weekly feature which will be found of the highest value to all who keep seed-eating birds, and of interest also to all who appreciate the beauty and usefulness of the flowers of our waysides and meadows.

The Mistletoe.

ALTHOUGH the mistletoe (Viscum album L.) is inseparably associated with Christmas and its festivities, I feel that many readers may like to have their attention drawn to it at this season of the year, because just now it is bursting into flower, and although in open districts most of the berries will probably by now have disappeared, there still remain in the more sheltered parts a very fair supply.

MISTLETOE IN FLOWER.

The Mistletoe has been familiar to all of us from our earliest days, but only as a gathered plant, for in its wild state it is a comparatively rare species in most parts, though in districts where it does occur, it is often very abundant, and immense masses as much as four feet in diameter may often be seen.

It is not generally known that the mistletoe can be cultivated in one's own garden under certain conditions, though its requirements are different from those of almost any other British plant. It is one of our very few native plants which will not grow in the ground, for, being a parasite of the vegetable world, it is unable to obtain its food directly from the soil, and so is compelled to fix itself permanently upon a host plant, from which it absorbs the necessary elements for its sustenance.

Each of the well-known berries contains a single seed immersed in a very glutinous pulp, and if some of these be stuck upon the under sides of the branches of apple, hawthorn, or certain other trees at this time of the year, they will most probably begin to grow, and their tiny roots will penetrate the tissues of the tree and give rise in course of time to fully mature specimens, so that one may have the pleasure of gathering his supplies of berries in his own garden or orchard.

It should be remembered, however, that a single mistletoe plant is useless as a berry-bearer, for it is one of those peculiar species which produce their male and female flowers on separate plants, and berries, of course, will follow the latter only. The tiny inconspicuous flowers are shown in one of the drawings, and the other sketch illustrates the enlarged flowers of each sex, which are now to be found by all who care to search.

As the berries cling so tenaciously to the plant, they form a valuable winter food for numbers of our native songsters, and have long been held to possess valuable medicinal properties. Blackbirds and Thrushes in particular seem to be especially fond of them, and it is interesting to note that the beautiful Missel Thrush (or Mistletoe Thrush), whose wild and lovely music is now delighting us in these cold and cheerless days, has probably acquired its popular name from its partiality for these fruits.

I find it difficult in notes of this character to avoid occasional digression. There is a charm about wild Nature which we all feel at times, especially in the sweet o' the year, and which I think we ought to welcome and encourage, if only for the sake of helping us to realise what pleasures and happy surprises we can bring to our little feathered musicians from their beloved fields and woodlands at every season of the year. We need not always look for pecuniary advantages to follow our labours for those who do so much to cheer us with their song, but instead we get at least the reward of sharing their pleasures as they welcome each fresh specimen from the open countryside.

1. FEMALE FLOWERS.
2. MALE FLOWERS.
3. FRUIT.

At the time of writing, although the weather has shown occasional glimpses of springtide, a heavy snowstorm has been raging for hours. Wild plant life is therefore remarkably late this year, and the fields and waysides are as unattractive as in mid-winter. However, I took advantage of a sunny spell a few days ago, and was cheered to find the chickweed making good headway in spite of the cold. I therefore propose to deal with this useful plant in my next article.

Readers are invited to send any botanical specimens which they have difficulty in identifying. The whole plant, including fruits, should be sent whenever possible. Packages should be addressed "The Editor, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, and must be accompanied by a P.O. for sixpence. Answers will appear in this column.

"British Birds" for April, Messrs. Witherby, High Holborn, 1s. monthly, is especially interesting as recording the appearance for the first time in our country of three birds which are therefore to be added to the "Hand-list of British Birds." These are the Calandra Lark, the Eastern Great Reed Warbler, and the Semi-palmated Ringed Plover. Two specimens of the Calandra Lark were "obtained" (shot) out of a party of five seen at St. Leonards (Sussex), on May 16 17 last. The Reed Warbler was picked up dead under the electric wires, also at St. Leonards, in August last. All three species are described in the issue. The usual "Notes" comprise many interesting records appertaining to British birds.

The opening article in the March issue of the Avicultural Magazine, the journal of the Avicultural Society, is "Whydahs," by Mr. W. Shore Baily, a very interesting contribution, beautifully illustrated by reproductions of photographs by the author. Lady Wm. Cecil writes on the Vireos (or Greenlets) of North America, giving her personal observations of these little-known birds and their nests. M. Jean Delacour contributes an article on the Red-crowned Pigeon, and Mr. F. E. Blaauw some Notes on the Black-faced Ibis, telling of their nesting in captivity. There are articles on "Some Birds of the Balkans," taken from the "Balkan News," and "Birds of the South," from the "Sydney Daily Telegraph," a continuation of Dr. Hopkinson's References List of Coloured Plates of the Parrots, and some very interesting letters from Miss Rosie Alderson, the Duchess of Bedford, and the hon. editor, Mr. H. D. Astley.

The Bird-Lovers' Opportunity.

How to See Wild Bird Life.

Upon the suggestion of the hon. treasurer, Mr. T. R. Trower, the National British Bird and Mule Club is organising for the spring and summer months a series of rambles for the purpose of studying the wild life of our native songsters. The annual outing of the Society has always been one of the best attended and the most interesting of bird rambles, and we are sure that very many bird lovers will welcome the extremely original idea that has been suggested by Mr. Trower.

We have been favoured with a full programme covering alternate Thursdays, afternoon, Sundays, full day, and Saturdays, half day, with two-day excursions for Whitsuntide and August Bank Holidays, and the districts to be visited are those which are known to be prolific in birdy interest, and at the same time easy of access for London bird lovers.

Each ramble will, if possible, be under the direction of a capable guide, who is at the same time an expert in bird life, and full particulars will be published at least a week beforehand in Cage Birds. There will be a splendid chance for workers who are debarred by present circumstances from taking the customary yearly holiday, for everyone will be welcome to join any of the outings.

Upon publication in Cage Birds of the date of each proposed outing, Mr. T. R. Trower, 442, Caledonian Road, King's Cross, London, N., will be pleased to give full particulars to any who desire more detailed information.

The first ramble of the season will take place on Thursday afternoon, April 12, to Cobham and Hatchford, returning from Effingham Station. Train leaves Waterloo 2.30.

A New Society for Glasgow.

On March 29th, in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, writes Mr. Hugh Jamieson, 4, Leny Street, secretary, a meeting of British Bird Fanciers was called, at which a good number of well-known fanciers attended. It was decided to form the Glasgow British Bird and Mule Club, and a committee was appointed to draw up rules for approval at the next meeting in Nelson's Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, on April 14, at 6, when all fanciers wishing to become members are invited to attend. The membership is fixed at 2s. 6d.

The Opportunist Thrush.

In "Country Life," a correspondent, M. Stevenson, writes:—"On February 9th, our now solitary woodman noticed a Thrush in some brambles, nearing its end. He took it up and laid it by his fire, and in moving part of a fence managed to find a few worms, which it ate readily from his hand as fast as he could turn them up. When somewhat recovered the bird perched on a bough above the man's head, where he pointed it out to a passer-by. The woodman went away some distance to his dinner, after which the Thrush rejoined him, and on his going to work at the far end of the wood followed him there, too, and remained with him all day. What was more remarkable was that on the following day, a Saturday, directly the man arrived to work, the Thrush reappeared, but by Monday morning the frost had broken, and the bird vanished.

THE NIGHTINGALE IN NATURE AND CAPTIVITY.

(Continued from page 170.)

By the kindness of a reader, Mr. O. S. Manners, Stapleford, Notts., we are enabled to republish the following interesting article, which appeared in a work published in 1799. The wording is reproduced exactly as printed, and we have thought it as well to add an occasional foot note.

VISIT him again about seven in the evening, giving him a supply of fresh worms, some of which you cut in two, that the paste may cling to them, which the Nightingale, swallowing, will be insensibly brought to like. The next day give him twenty-five more at eight in the morning, as many at noon, and also at seven in the evening (all cut in two, and mixed with a little of the paste). You must be careful not to stir the cage, for that would make the bird wild, neither must you suffer him to see you.

Continue thus the third day, only now cut the worms in three or four pieces, to mix the better with the paste. Thus go on for three weeks, when you are gradually to lessen the number of the mealworms and increase the quantity of paste, according as you find him relish it, for some will take to it sooner than others. It is no small advantage if they are soon reconciled to this sort of meat, for it makes them stout, and they continue longer to sing.

If you can easily procure mealworms, give the bird ten or fifteen, three times a day, during the whole singing season.† Remember you put not your mealworms into glass, for the bird, seeing them through the side of the transparent cups, will endeavour in vain to seize them, and so starve to death.

To make a Nightingale sing you must darken him up on all sides. This little creature is so timorous that he is terrified at every thing he sees, and flutters till he kills himself against the wires of the cage, and being kept without light he rests himself content with eating and drinking.

Of the Construction of the Trap for Taking Nightingales.

The trap for taking Nightingales is very simple and commodious, as it may be carried in one's pocket, and it is very sure in its performance.

Make a semi-circle (see Fig. 1), CAC, of iron wire half the thickness of your little finger, and eight inches diameter. There must be a hole or loop at either end, CC, through which put a double string of well-stretched packthread, fastened at each end.

Between the packthreads must be fastened the extremities of a second iron semi-circle, CFC, by means of two flat pieces of wood, GG; this should be of wire of the size used for the largest Parrot cages, and must be turned and shaped as represented in the figure. To the two semi-circles must be fitted the silk net EE, which should not be straight, but rather a little loose, so as not to confine the bird too close when taken.

Everything thus disposed, a wooden pin H, pointed at the end, must be introduced between the packthreads to twist them to a sufficient tension, and then stuck into the ground quite up to the head; this done, the semi-circle CAC must be confined flat to the ground by the wooden crook I, and the other semi-circle, CFC, be pulled open, and kept so by a kind of trigger, K, wherein are cut two notches near the ends for receiving and keeping asunder the semi-circles, as in the figure.

This trigger is baited with mealworms, stuck on with pins; then the net is to be spread flat, by drawing it from the middle towards the circumference of the trap, and thrust under the wire circles, to prevent its being entangled with the trigger when the trap falls.

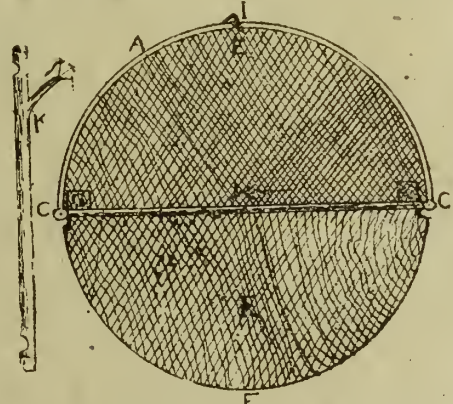
Care must be taken that when the net is spread and the trap set the semi-circle F may rise about two inches above the ground, to hinder the Nightingale from seizing the bait without going into the trap. Lastly, the trap must be contrived so as to fall easy, and clear of any stone, bough, or briar.¶

There are three sorts of Nightingale cages: 1. The dark one wherein they are kept from the time they are taken till the season for their singing is over. 2 That into which they are to be removed after that season. 3. The cage for blind Nightingales. The first should have three of its sides of thin wainscot or deal, with the face only wired, 16 inches long, 14 high, and 10 deep, the wiring to be covered with green serge, nailed very close.

The door should be at the bottom of one side, big enough to admit your hand, and should open at the lower part, for the easier conveyance of the cups with the meat and drink; the face should be of slender sticks rather than wire, the hardness of which would be apt to hurt the Nightingale's tender feet, or to break his feathers when he flutters, which accidents would greatly retard, if not entirely spoil his singing.

On the top of the cage, just over the cup that holds the paste, may be made a hole, and in it a little tin funnel, through which you may drop the mealworms, and thereby prevent putting your hand three times a day into the cage, covering the funnel to keep out the rain; for the least wet would spoil the paste.

In this cage the Nightingale is to remain till he has done singing, which commonly is about the 20th of June, and then you take him within doors, but keep him still dark for a fortnight longer, when you may begin to open the serge a little at bottom, thus continuing every day by little and little, the bird will gradually be reconciled to the objects about him. After a while you may take him out and put him into the second cage wherein he is to remain.



An Ancient Nightingale Trap. (See Text).

During the bird's dark confinement you must not attempt to clean out his cage, because it would certainly make him wild and spoil his singing, nor is it any ways necessary, since he always keeps upon the perch but when he descends to eat or drink.

The second cage only differs from the first in being open before, with a door in the middle of the wires, and a drawboard at bottom for clearing away his dung.

When you give the bird mealworms in the new cage, it will be best to leave them among a little moss at the bottom, or let him take them out of your hand. If you mix them among a little paste he will be apt to scatter it about to get at them. To give him too many will make him lean and phthisicky. [Here follows a description of a cage for "Nightingales that are grown blind, or as have been blinded on purpose," which would make it apparent that the brutal doctrine that a bird which has been purposely blinded will sing better for the barbarity was believed in in France during the eighteenth century.—Editor.]

Of Breaking § Nightingales.

Catch a pair of old birds about the end of the spring, in the manner as you have been directed before; then set two traps baited with mealworms very near the nest, by which means you will soon have both cock and hen, and, having brought them home with the nest of the young ones, put them all together in a dark closet.

Their meat and drink you place near them in two cups, and in a third about fifty mealworms, and this you do every day as has been prescribed about Nightingales newly taken; thus you will soon see the cock and hen fetch the meat and mealworms to feed their young.

Their meat should be one half bread, the other bruised hemp seed and minced boiled beef, with a little parsley, and now and then some yolk of egg boiled hard, or the paste to be described hereafter, mixed with equal parts of raw sheep's heart or beef, finely minced, without any skin, fat, or sinews. The affection these creatures have for their young ones causes them immediately to set about nursing them in their confinement.

As soon as they can feed themselves you may put the cock and hen in two separate cages, where they are to be kept the whole winter, till the next spring, but in case the eggs should not be hatched when you take the old ones, you must content yourselves with the birds only, which you keep separate, but in the same closet where you purpose they shall lay eggs the next spring, that they may be used to the place, for which end you may suffer them to get out of their cages, and thus you will have a pair of Nightingales prepared in every respect for home breeding at the proper season.

The next year, about the beginning of April, open the cages for the whole season, and scatter about the closet dry oak leaves, picked dog's grass, and deer's hair, with one or two old Nightingales' nests.

In the corner of the closet, near the window, stick fast two or three branches of slender, dry twigs, tied slackly together, letting the lower end rest on the floor; then take some handfuls of the oak leaves and stuff them among the twigs, leaving open the passage where your hand went in for an entrance to the Nightingales; you place likewise near at hand a small wooden tray, full of ordinary mould, and a small, shallow earthern pan of water for them to bathe themselves in, which you renew every day, but when the hen sits you take it away. The closet should be towards the south, for the benefit of the warm sunshine.

Some persons of curious taste have enclosed a pair of Nightingales in a grand aviary or cage built on purpose, in a proper corner of a garden, surrounded with little yew trees, maples, etc., where they have built their nest and brought up their young as well as in the open country.

If the closet looks into a garden you may safely venture to take out a pane of the window glass, and leave the old ones at liberty to go out and return, which they will not fail to do whilst their young ones are incapable of feeding themselves. At first, however, it will be best not to trust them out both together, but the cock by himself, and then the hen by herself, and lastly both together.

Let the hole be as near the nest as may be, thus you will have the pleasure of hearing the cock sing day and night in your garden whilst the hen is sitting, and they will have the opportunity of procuring a thousand little insects after the eggs are hatched wherewith to feed their young.

You must be cautious of visiting the closet too often, especially whilst you allow them the liberty of the garden; and it should be the business of one person only to look after them, which will make them the more familiar; but above all, it is highly necessary that neither dog, cat, mouse, or rat, should ever disturb them; for any of these would certainly drive them away—so as never to return again.

(To be continued.)

† Here, again the text is reproduced as printed in this old manual. From thirty to forty-five mealworms per day would be enough to kill any Nightingale from indigestion.

¶ It will be seen by the illustration that the trap described is nearly the same in principle as the one used to-day for similar purposes. The main difference is that the spring of the old trap was made by twisting the well-stretched packthread, whereas modern traps are fitted with steel spiral springs acting on the portion C. F. C.

§ The word "Breaking" seems to be a misprint for "Breeding."

Correspondence.

EVERY WEEK A PRIZE OF TEN SHILLINGS IS GIVEN FOR WHAT, IN THE OPINION OF THE EDITOR OF "CAGE BIRDS," IS THE BEST LETTER PUBLISHED UNDER THIS HEADING. THE LETTER MAY BE ON ANY SUBJECT. IT MAY BE A COMMENT, FOR OR AGAINST, ON ANYTHING WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN OUR PAGES, AN OPINION ON THE POLICY OF OUR PAPER, OR MAY HAVE NO REFERENCE WHATEVER TO ANYTHING WHICH HAS ALREADY APPEARED. SO LONG AS IT IS ON A "BIRDY" SUBJECT, AND IS ORIGINAL, IT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR THE PRIZE.

The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. E. W. Humphrey, Westgate, Thirsk.

Wild Seed for Cage Birds.

Its Gathering, Preparation and Preservation.

SIR,—As "Novice," in CAGE BIRDS of Mar. 31, requests some information on the collecting, separating, and keeping of wild seeds for use in winter, I beg to submit for his and other fanciers' assistance my own methods, and I may say I have now on hand some shepherd's purse seed gathered in 1915 which is as good to-day as when first gathered. I have also kept dandelion and thistle seed equally as long, and, in first rate condition, and have never yet found any get mouldy or deteriorate in any way.

My own idea is that the thistle seed referred to by "Novice" had not been thoroughly dried before storing in tins. It is in the heads of the thistle where the most moisture lies, and therefore it is far the better to separate the seed from the heads before drying and storing.

There appeared in our valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, some time ago a sketch sent by me showing a simple device for separating the seed of the thistle, which to my mind is the most difficult of all seeds to separate. I have not found this surpassed as yet, and for the information of "Novice" and others interested I send a description.

To make the apparatus get two pieces of wood 10 inches long, and two pieces 5 inches long, fasten together to form a rectangle, and fix wires across at quarter-inch distances. Then get a long linen bag, an old shirt sleeve will do, and stitch the frame into it. The bottom is fastened with a piece of string, which is untied to take out the seed when gathered. It may be carried under the arm when not in use, and with it I have many times gathered a pound and a half of seed in an hour. It is quite easy to operate, and has the advantage of leaving behind all the down and useless heads, which only make an abominable amount of dirt when taken home, to say nothing of the kind remarks which are sometimes passed by the home authorities.

All "Novice" has to do is to take hold of the down of ripe thistle heads and the seed will come away with it, and by lightly rubbing across the wires the seed falls into the bag, leaving only the down in one's hand, and this is thrown away.

The seeds I find most valuable are the thistle, dandelion, shepherd's purse, and knapweed. The dandelion I simply gather first thing in the morning, before the heads are opened by the sun, and after nipping off the downy part the remainder is dropped into a large paper flour bag, which, after having a few holes pricked in it, is tied by a piece of string and hung up to dry thoroughly, when after a little shaking the seed will be found to have all left the heads, and will be quite easy to separate by means of a sieve made from perforated zinc, afterwards blowing out the remaining dust, and you have the seed ready for drying off.

I generally find the seed of shepherd's purse the easiest of all to gather, as in a few places where it grows abundantly I can any day fill a bag in about an hour. The method I adopt is as follows:—Take a bag or, rather, a clean sack, and carefully pull up the weed by the roots, taking care to keep it nice and straight. Do not subject it to more rough usage than is really necessary, or you will lose a quantity of seed. Tie round with string, and after cutting off the roots place your bunches in bag as collected until you obtain a sackful. I have at home the top half of the coal-house (any outdoor place will do), boarded across, and the boards I cover with sheets of paper and hang all the bunches up or lay them on the top until thoroughly dry, when all the seed will fall on to the paper with the least shake imaginable.

Regarding knapweed, or hardheads, as it is sometimes called, this will be found quite easy to separate if gathered and tied in bunches similar to the shepherd's purse, only cutting the heads off much closer and leaving the stems standing where grown. The seed will drop out quite clean and dry, free from any dirt or refuse whatever.

Take care that all seeds are gathered as dry as possible, as seeds gathered when soaked after a hard day's rain are similar to fruit gathered when wet, not worth the trouble. If "Novice" will follow out these methods and always take care to have his seed thoroughly sun-dried prior to storing in tins, which must be kept in a dry cupboard or other place, he will have no cause to complain of seed going mouldy, and the way his birds will enjoy the seeds during winter and the extra sheen it will put on his birds will well repay him for all his trouble taken in collecting.

Of course, when the seeds are plentiful in summer time the birds have to thrash out their own, as they generally get a little every day during breeding season and the moult if possible. Lastly, let "Novice" use the seed saved sparingly, and follow out the useful hints always given in CAGE BIRDS, and he will soon find his birds look as well and as happy as those of one who has no need to sign himself "Novice."

E. W. HUMPHREY.

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CORRESPONDENCE

(Continued from page 199.)

Oxalic Acid for Red Mite.

Sir,—I shall feel obliged by your permitting me to thank Mr. Beddall for his complimentary note re above, and to express my appreciation of Mr. Whitaker's exhaustive letter on the matter. I hope to be able shortly to give a few hints to novices on the feeding of Canaries, also a few remedies for their various ailments.

Old Helpmate.

[We shall, of course, be very pleased to receive and to publish the notes kindly promised by our correspondent.—Editor Cage Birds.]

Bird Societies and Governing Bodies.

Sir,—The article by "Napoo" in Cage Birds of March 31 is one of the most interesting items I have read for the last ten years, and I am sorry the writer does not care for his name being given. Anyhow, he has my hearty support. I have read this article three times over, so my interest has been great. The four cross headings, "Types of Fanciers," "People that Help," "Why Delegates Fail," and "No Safety in Numbers," sum up the article admirably. Nearly every word written is perfectly correct, and very little criticism is possible. For the past ten years I have had friends who have dashed into the fancy, spent good money both on birds and bird rooms, joined a society, and to many I had given personal help and every possible encouragement during many friendly visits, but after the second or third year they had sold all off and had parted with everything at a ridiculous reduction to some adept always on the look-out for such favourable opportunities.

I have never been able to ascertain from my many friends the reasons why they have been so disheartened as to give up and make such sudden drastic clearances, as I had not the chance, as it happened, to be on the scene, otherwise I should have pleaded with all my power to them to hold on.

I think some gigantic system as regards the shows in particular could be got up on some other basis entirely, each city to have its own great event for the year at a permanent fixed date, with one head office, a treasurer, and a secretary. Membership fees, say, 4s. June 31 and 4s. December 31.

John H. Jowett.

Linnets as Songsters.

How to Moult and Feed Them.

Sir,—I have read with great interest the article of Mr. Allen on Linnets for contest singing, for I think this is one of the cleanest sports working men can follow, and it is very simple when one knows how to manage. A few words to the inexperienced may, however, be of some value. Each season I buy or catch eight or ten Linnets, and take out the best from among them, sometimes I may be lucky enough to get four or five good ones, but even if I only get one of these I find this method pays. I get the birds towards the end of November, or the first week in December, and when they have had a good moult I cage them in ordinary Linnet cages. Treated in this way I have had the birds singing within two days of being caught. As soon as they come into song I put them on a table where they can see each other, and this soon gets them tamed. Linnets bought while they are "Yelpers," that is, still in their nest feathers, very seldom moult properly, and will be in soft feather all the year round. Those reared from the nest are just as bad, and it is much better, therefore, to buy a field-moulted bird at the end of the year.

A Linnet with a white beak is no good for singing purposes; one which is of any good must have a blue or black beak. A Linnet of mine which has won more than 30 first prizes and many matches was bought as a field-moulted bird. When moulting time comes, and the birds begin to drop their feathers, I keep them in a dark place such as the cellar, properly fed, and with plenty of fresh water, and in less than six weeks they are ready for singing again. Last year my best bird came through his moult in a month, and won a match. Linnets are very hardy when they are used to cage life, but sometimes they are very queer birds to moult properly, and the method I have given is the secret of moulting them and keep them in good singing condition for muling purposes. If any fancier has a Linnet that will breed Mules that bird is worth taking care of, and will repay all the attention that may be given to its wants.

To sum up, I would repeat, don't buy young birds when they first come into the market, for this is throwing money and labour away; let them moult out in the fields at first, and you will get them at the same price as they would cost in August and September, and they will do much better for your purpose. The proper feeding of Linnets is another secret, but as I am in good humour for giving away secrets at the moment, I will give my methods. I feed always on English rape and Linseed, about two-thirds rape to one-third linseed; this mixture entirely suits the wants of a Linnet, and they will come out like healthy little pheasants. When they are singing nicely, put them into the window, and let them stop there for about an hour each day until they get used to being so placed. When you wish to try them, cover them up for a day or two, they will soon get used to this, and will sing in your hand, as any of mine will do.

J. Hardman.

The Federation of Roller Canaries.

The Barring of Unfederated Clubs.

Sir,—Mr. Montague, replying to my letter on above, says, quoting my words, that "Liberty of action and British freedom" comes strangely from one who was against the necessary reform in the government of the Roller fancy being taken out of the hands of the British Roller Club. Why strangely? I was for reform; I was for every club having a voice in affairs relative to the fancy. But the B.R.C.C. was the authority of the Roller fancy, and I was against a reform of government, which they would themselves have given had they been granted time, being taken out of their hands.

Why does he say it is "strange" that I should have been against a revolution planned to destroy the rule of the, at that time, accepted Roller government? If at some future time there should be a move to upset the Federation, would Mr. Montague consider it "strange" on his part to be loyal to the Federation, and to plead that what reforms were asked for should be left in its hands?

I have nothing whatever to do with his question to Mr. Willows, regarding the committee of the B.R.C.C. That was not the object of the letter I wrote to your pages; that object was to protest against a rule which would rob every fancier in this country of the freedom to show at what show he chooses, whether it be held by a federated or an unfederated club.

Regarding that rule, Mr. Montague urges the members of federated clubs to support the rule, and suggests that by doing so they will be upholding liberty and freedom. That, indeed, *is* "strange," if you like! They would, vide Mr. Montague, be upholding liberty and freedom by voting for a rule which will make them slaves, by forbidding them to show their birds at the Midland or B.R.C.C. shows.

Mr. Barnett asks me how I can honestly remain a member of two clubs, one federated and the other not. I can assure him that I can honestly do so, and that I shall not try to uphold the Federation with one hand and pull it down with the other. I live in hope of a united fancy again someday; and I believe that end will be best served by members in my dual position sitting tight in their clubs, remaining as a connecting link, rather than taking one side only, and so help hopelessly to divide South and the Midlands from the North. I am afraid that the suggestion that this would be "running with the hare and hunting with the hounds" betrays a desire to see the fancy divided into two hostile camps.

Since the Federation, and only that body, can now stand for unity, it may interest Mr. Barnett to learn that I have used my best endeavours to induce the M.R.C.C. to join the Federation; but if it decides not to join, that club will still continue to have my membership and my support. The same with the B.R.C.C. I would like to see them both in the Federation—but entering it willingly, not being boycotted into it. If they remain out, I shall no more desert them than I shall desert Birmingham because that club has gone in. And I shall hope eventually to see "all in."

One important point; Mr. Barnett confuses the point at issue with the ring question. The rule I object to has nothing to do with the ring question. The Federation has every right to bar birds not federation rung if it chooses. I am not quarrelling, nor should I ever quarrel, with that. But if the Midland and the British Roller Clubs will admit birds rung with the Federation rings to their contests, then I say that the Federation has no right to say to me, or any other man, that I shall not enter my birds.

I shall use the Federation rings; and when I have used them I claim the "liberty" and the "freedom" to show my birds where and when I please. I hope that every other fancier will support me by voting against this enslaving rule. I hope they will stand by me. But if not, I am prepared to stand alone.

H. G. Hill.

Skylarks for Singing.

How to Hand-Rear, and How to Feed the Adults.

Sir,—As a keeper of Skylarks all my life, I have made it my study to get to the top of the tree in hand-rearing and feeding them, both for contest and home singing purposes, and I will endeavour to give the novice a few hints which may be of value. I should like to state that I am not going to tell the whole secret of getting a bird ready for contest, for any person with common sense will agree with me when I say that those experts who do o'wt for now't do it for their own purposes. If one desires a good bird either for show or contest singing the first thing to do is to go to a bird shop in which several Larks are being kept in a store cage, keep a watch until you see a particular bird that will come and face you, a bird that will move from end to end of the cage without showing the slightest nervousness, for that is the bird for your purpose.

When you get it home put it into a clean cage with plenty of sand or gravel on the bottom, and give it luke-warm water to drink, hang in a place about six feet from the floor, where it can see all that is going on, but be careful to keep it where it is free from draughts and where you will not have to be frequently passing it.

When it has been caged for about three days and you can see it settling down, run it out of its own cage into a washing cage, and spray the bird with luke-warm water, then empty the surplus water out from the washing cage. Place a dry clod on the bottom and stand the bird in front of a moderate fire until it is fairly dry; then run the bird into its own cage, which you have previously prepared with about half inch of warm gravel on the bottom, and let it take a dust-bath until it is dry. Afterwards cover him up until the following morning. The next morning lift sufficient of the cover to allow him to see to eat and drink, but be careful that he does not take a cold. If the bird keeps steady it will soon commence to sing for you, and ultimately may be good enough to represent you in a singing contest if you wish.

If possible always make your own food, unless you are fortunate enough to know of someone who makes good food for the use of his own birds. The following recipe will be good enough for any Skylark until it commences to sing for its keep, and then it will want something a little better. Take 1 lb. of pea chips, ¼ lb. of ground rice, ½ teacupful of stale bread crumbs, and 2 oz. ground white malt free from shales. Then melt 3 ozs. of pure leaf lard and rub well into these ingredients. If you have a small grinder take also 2 ozs. of hemp seed, 2 ozs. of golden pleasure, 1 oz. blue maw seed, and 2 ozs. groats; grind these all up finely, add them to the mixture, and bake all in a warm oven for about 20 minutes. Keep on turning it over with a fork or spoon while it is being baked, then turn it on to a sheet of paper and let it dry over night; afterwards run it through the grinder again, and it will be ready for use.

To hand rear a nest of young Skylarks the young should be taken when they are about eight days old, but it should be borne in mind that they will require a few days longer of feeding than a bird which is just on the point of running out of the nest. However, the extra trouble with these young birds is fully repaid by their extra tameness, for they will always be ready to meet you with open mouth for a tit-bit, and they will not knock their heads in jumping to the top of the cage like one which was older before being taken.

The following is the method of treating young birds up to the time until they are 12 days old:—Get a whole round from a stale loaf of bread, steep it for two hours in a basin of water, squeeze all the water out, and put it into a saucepan with enough new milk to cover it. Bring the milk to the boil, and keep on mixing the bread while the milk is boiling until it is quite fine, then pour the bread and milk into a cup and let it get cold. During the first two days they should be fed every 20 minutes, and for the next four days every half hour, then they will almost be large enough to pick the food from a peg inserted through the wires.

They must be hand fed six or eight times a day for a few days longer until they are big enough to pick the food for themselves, and when they can do this feed them on the following mixture:—Break a new laid egg into a cup, add one handful of stale bread-crumbs and one boiled potato, and boil them together until they come to a nice paste, add about half an oz. of maw seed, and this will make a complete food for the birds. No water should be given until they are three months old, or all the work will be in vain, as the birds will all die one by one.

If there is anyone who desires further information, I should be at any time pleased to give such on application

G. Maloney.

Specials at Porth Show.

The Secretary Replies.

Sir,—Owing to the difficulty of getting my Cage Birds, I knew nothing about the letter of Mr. B. Robinson in Cage Birds of March 17, until a fellow member told me; hence the reason for not answering before. I am extremely sorry that Mr. Robinson has not received his special. I have asked the donor of this special for it on several occasions, and have not received it up till now. In the latter part of Mr. Robinson's letter he says he had a reply from me, saying "next week." This was not so. In my reply to him I said he should have the special as soon as the donor gave it to me, "probably next week." I can assure him he will receive the special as soon as it is paid to me, and I am very sorry for the delay.

A. H. C. Legg, hon. sec.

Hen Bullfinches.

How to Keep and Get Into Condition.

Sir,—Select your hens about November, if possible, and for this I advise paying a visit personally to a good catcher, or purchasing on the deposit system through Cage Birds. Young hens I prefer, and I see that they are clean and lively, not sit sulking in the corner of the cage. Always allow them plenty of cage room, and plenty of nice clean water to bath, as they are particularly fond of this.

Place in a cage along with the bird you intend trying to mate with, and keep plenty of wild seed in the cages; seeds from threshing boxes answer well. Give them plenty of dock, nettle, plaintain, groundsel, ash-keys, etc., also blackberries, raspberries, privet; also gather plenty of wild seed for use in winter and early spring.

As soon as possible, give young dandelion leaves and heads, also the flowering heads of coltsfoot, which I see are just putting in an appearance. Feed on a good Canary seed as a staple diet, and give a little hemp, niger, rape, etc., about twice a week.

T. Pargeter.

Birds on the Rail.

Charges for Special Delivery.

Sir,—Perhaps you will grant me space for a few words in regard to the delivery of birds by railway companies. I would ask someone who knows the ropes to give us through Cage Birds a few hints as to the dispatch and delivery of birds, as I am sure there are many as well as myself who would be glad to know, for instance, how far the railway companies are responsible for the delivery of birds taken and carried per rail.

A Norwich cock was recently sent me by a fancier in Kingston-on-Thames, a distance of perhaps four hundred miles. The bird was sent off on Wednesday, March 21, in the early evening, and I am led to believe from enquiry of the railway clerk here that it should have reached me my noon-day on Thursday, but the bird was not delivered until nine o'clock on Thursday evening. I was not aware of the bird coming, as the postcard announcing its dispatch did not come till the Friday morning, or I could have been at the station to meet the bird, as all ordinary delivery stops at 6 o'clock. The result was that one of the boy porters had to deliver the bird to me, and I was charged ninepence. I thought, of course, that I was paying the carriage, not knowing that I was paying for special delivery, and I also tipped the boy, thinking that he had been sent with the bird as part of his duty, as ordinary delivery had stopped at 6 o'clock.

The same thing happened the same night to another fancier here, but he had 1s. 3d. to pay. He also tipped the person who brought it, this time the postman who had been on station duty late that night, and who was passing this fancier's door. The railway official handed the bird over to him, and he got the 1s. 3d. and the tip. This fancier also thought he was paying carriage on the bird.

When I came to hear of it the next day from the postman it set me thinking whether I had a right to pay for special delivery of a bird and I have come to the conclusion that the railway company got rid of their responsibility as quick as they could. They did not pay overtime to the boy for the delivery of the bird as I know now that the ninepence I thought I was paying for carriage was paying the boy for delivery of the bird.

I did not grudge it to the boy, as I was glad to see the bird safe and sound, and I may be wrong in my way of thinking, but if this should be the means of bringing out a few thoughts from fellow fanciers I shall be very pleased, as I believe there are fanciers other than myself who are a bit in the darkness.

T. R. Wallace.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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A New London Roller Canary Club.

Sir,—At a crowded and enthusiastic meeting of Roller fanciers held at the Bazaar Tavern, King Street, W., Mar. 27, with Captain Bloomfield in the chair, the proposed new London Roller Club was inaugurated. It was decided that the club be known as the Southern Roller Canary Club. The headquarters and times of meetings have yet to be decided, but the next meeting will be held at the Bazaar Tavern on April 27, at 7.30. The following officers were elected:—President, Captain Bloomfield; Vice-President, Mr. H. W. Gutierrez; Hon. Sec., Mr. J. Aspinall, 50a, Dagnan Road, Balham, London, S.W.12; Hon. Treas., Mr. R. Dugdill; auditors, Messrs. F. Hocking and A. Gooding. An Executive Committee of ten was appointed, and the entrance fee and subscription fixed at 1s. and 3s. 6d. respectively.

As one of the main ideas of establishing this new club in London is that of the encouragement and education of the novice and amateur members of the fancy, it has been arranged that lectures and discussions on all matters appertaining to the Roller Canary will take place at the monthly meetings. The most prominent and experienced judges and fanciers in the country have kindly promised the club their services in this respect. Every effort will be made to make the meetings both instructive and interesting, and, judging by the number of ladies and gentlemen present at its inception, this new club already promises to become one of the largest and most important Roller clubs in the country.

The Society has no radius. New members and visitors are heartily invited and welcomed. All applications for membership and enquiries should be made to the hon. sec., as above.

J. Aspinall.

My Voyage to Cuba.

The Story of a Good Bargain.

Sir,—I have been a bird fancier ever since I can remember, and I still keep birds, although I have not the time now that I used to have at home, but I still manage to keep one or two birds at home. Those I only see once in a while, as I am a seafaring man. Having a job on a Government transport, however, which allows me a small berth to myself amongst the crew, I could not bear to see any one of the four walls without a cage, and a feathered songster.

When we arrive safely in port after a rough voyage, the first thing we generally ask for is letters, and having glanced through my last lot I find my wife informs me that my Linnet died during the last dose of frost, and the old Canary hen is looking skywards, so I think I'll carry my songsters with me in future.

I joined my ship near home, and I brought away with me a Goldfinch just starting to moult, thinking if left at home he would be amongst the angels soon. By the time we got to Portsmouth he was still "champion," so I strolled ashore and got a stock of seed; hemp, niger, teazel, and thistle, and a companion for him for which I paid 2s. It was a good specimen, and seemed so content as he sat preening his feathers and shaking himself that he might have been caged years. He was soon mine, and I made my way aboard to sail next morning for the Admiralty knows where, and submarines permitting.

My Portsmouth Goldie started singing in four days after leaving, so I was not had that time, but the other had a rough time in the moult, and did not look at his best again until we got to Trinidad, advertised as the land of the Humming bird. This may be, but I saw no Humming birds, as I did not get ashore, being too busy. I saw Parrots, but not the quantity or at the price I expected. One of our chaps got a Parrot. It looked as if it had been sitting on and had hatched a young torpedo, as it had feathers in some places and fresh air in others, and armour plates on its legs thick enough to make a battleship. If you went up to him he started his syren, and kept it going, but it is tame now to a certain extent.

I still kept my eyes open for small birds, but Sunday's the day, so at about 8 on Sunday morning one of the crew called me up. "Come here, quick," said he. "What kind of bird is this; its singing fine?" But it was only a Swallow warbling on the flagstaff. Then somebody says, "Here's some more birds," and up the poop came a coolie with a couple of cages, so of course I was all attention. After a few minutes bargaining, I got two birds, one a little seed-eater, and the other a fruit-eater about the size of a Siskin, which he swore would sing by 6 o'clock the same day. It did, if that was singing, like rubbing two knives together, a plaintive call of two, sometimes three, pipes, which he would repeat if I imitated him. It was a green tinted bird, with a black bib on his throat like the Siskin, only it was square. The other was a little brown bird, with a head and beak like a Bullfinch, which seemed too heavy for such a small body, but he looked a bulldog breed all right; he called like a Sparrow when spoken to. I watched those two, but I only heard the green one sing, but as soon as the bath was put on his cage he would be into it a dozen times; as soon as he was dry he would be in again. I fed him on banana, and tried to meat him off on to milk sop, but he struck, and would not eat it, so I seriously thought of giving him his liberty, but the next morning we arrived in Cuba.

Here I saw some fine birds alongside the wharf, but we were under quarantine, so I could not go into the bush to get a good view of them. They were similar in shape to our Kingfishers at home, but as big as the Hoopoe, and at that time I only saw them in pairs. Rising next morning I put my birds outside, four of them, two Goldies and the two Trinidads, and I thought I had struck Club Row on a Sunday morning. One Goldie was singing to beat the band.

Presently up came a gentleman, and, of course, I was pointed out as the proud owner of the birds. His first salute was, "How much?" That was about all the English he knew, so I said five dollars (dollars are the money out there) I thought that had settled his longing for them, for I did not care to sell them, as I thought we would go to America, and I would get a good price for them there. He had a look at them, and spoke to me in Spanish, which I did not understand, and one of the crew tried to interpret, and that settled it for that day.

Next day I had permission to go on the wharf. A crowd of small birds were gathered there eating the sugar that was spilt on the quay. They were very small, and of a brownish colour, and had a faint sign of a black bib and a pearl eye like a pigeon. As I strolled along I got quite close to them, so I stopped to get a closer view with the glasses, but they scattered. One did not go far, however, so I stood still, and could see it had somehow stunned itself. I caught it quite easily and caged it, but I released it in a few days, as I could not get it to settle. It was caged-lightning.

Then we went farther into the town, and I had another visitor. He spoke to me, but again I was handicapped by not knowing his language. He made signs for me to follow him, so I went, and he pointed to my birds, and shook his money in his pocket, and in the end I sold him my two Trinidads and my moulted Goldfinch. I made him understand by gestures that he would have to bring me a good Cuban bird, and I would buy it from him. He waved me on one side, and took from his belt two muslin bags, and popped in the two Trinidads, but I kept the Goldie until he brought my Cuban bird.

The following day he came back, all smiles, with a nice cage with three birds in it, one Crested Canary, one black bird, with two white flights in each wing, and my beauty which I was told the natives call the King Bird of Cuba. It was the best of the three, so I took it in exchange for the Goldie. Leaving Cuba we soon got a change of weather. Inside of twenty-four hours my King bird called a little, and seemed to try his song over, but the cold gripped him, and I had to put the fire on to keep him warm.

I have got him to London now, but it was touch and go, for I nearly lost him when we arrived, as the frost was very severe. I think I shall manage to get it home now; it seems to be very hardy, or else I've been lucky. If I am so lucky as to be at home during the coming show season, if there is one, he's a candidate. It is now in the best of feather, and will bath at any time, but I've another sea journey to make before I'm finished with this ship, and "there's many a slip," as the old saying goes.

I always carry a stock of seed with me, as around our coasts there are plenty of Chaffinches to be caught on the deck, and they make good cage birds. I have caught dozens of Gold-crested Wrens, and one Jenny Wren, the only one I've seen in 14 years along the Eastern coast of England, one Bullfinch cock, and Hedge Sparrows, Larks, Pipits, Thrushes, and Starlings. In the Mediterranean Sea Swallows by the hundreds cling to doors, and it is common for them to fly through the ports and settle on pictures or any place that affords a foothold until the next morning. Hawks and Doves are also common visitors, and I have caught one Quail in the Red Sea. I can always manage, therefore, to get a feathered cage bird, even if I can't get my paper, Cage Birds, which I always look for, and many valuable hints and information I get from it. Wishing it every success.

F. Jackson.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN

CAUSE OF DEATH.

Greenhorn.—Please note that in section 2 of the reply to your query in last issue the words "impurities to the head, etc.," should have been "injuries to the head."

LOSING FEATHERS, AND DROWSY.

J. W.—It is quite possible for the irritation set up by insect attacks to give rise to the condition you describe, but I am inclined to think there is some other cause at work with your bird. Still, to be quite sure about the insects, thoroughly examine the cage to see if you can discover any trace of red mites, especially in the corners, and any open joints, crevices, or vacant nail or wire holes. If any are discovered, take the necessary steps at once to eradicate them. Then see that the bird is kept in a fairly comfortable temperature, not necessarily overheated, but see that it is quite free from direct cold draughts or rapid extremes of heat and cold, and do not allow it to hang too near a window, near or over burning lights in the evenings, nor high up near the ceiling. In addition to your present general seed dietary, give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. At the end of the fortnight stop the above medicine, and give instead four drops each of dilute sulphuric acid, tincture of steel, and tincture of gentian two days in every three for a week, and afterwards every second day until the feathers have quite ceased dropping.

CANNOT GET NOTES OUT.

Fishing Fred.—See that the bird is kept in a pure atmosphere, in a fairly comfortable temperature, and not exposed to direct draughts or sudden fluctuations of temperature. It may be rather more susceptible than the other birds in the same rack to these influences, which would explain why this bird and not the others is affected in this way. The following treatment, together with the milder conditions which we may hope will come about soon, should quite set matters right. Give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight or so, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon-juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and during the time also keep a morsel of the paste mentioned in last portion of reply to "T.W.B.H." in last issue, stuck in the wires for the bird to peck at when it likes.

LUMP ON NECK.

S. H.—You ought to have described as closely as you could the appearance of the substance, and said whether there is any heat about it or the appearance of any fluid contents. It is possible that it is an accumulation of air due to the rupture of an air sac, in which case it would appear much like an air-blown skin bladder and the passage of a clean, rather coarse needle through it would be all that is necessary to let off the air, when the swelling would disappear. Should there seem to be any fluid contents, you may still pierce it with a clean needle and gently press out the contents that will come away readily, then bathe clean, dry, and touch the spot with a drop of tincture of benzoin on the end of a small feather or match stick. In either case give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight or so, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. At the end of the first week discontinue the latter item and give instead four drops each of dilute sulphuric acid and tincture of gentian every second day in the water.

NOT YET MATED.

J. Webster.—Considering the character of the season so far, it is too early to be anxious about birds not being mated yet. In all probability those which have not yet been mated at all this season will be the most forward at the end of the season. I do not think there is anything at all wrong with your birds except that they are just a little backward, and the following treatment will doubtless put things quite all right in a fortnight or so, by which time it will be far more seasonable to think of mating. Leave the cock in the centre of the three-compartment cage, and give him and the hens a small teaspoonful of egg food, or any substitute you may use, with about half the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame mixed in it every second day. This quantity for each bird. On the alternate days give two or three crisp young leaves of dandelion, which you should find little difficulty in getting now by searching in mild sheltered nooks, under south walls and hedges, or in warm ditches. If the hens appear in good condition in a fortnight or so, and respond freely to the calls of the cock, and he is feeding them through the partition and calling to them, you may try mating him, notwithstanding his silence, which does not necessarily make him any the less reliable as a breeder. It is an idiosyncrasy with some cocks to cease singing as soon as placed close beside the hens.

STARTING A BUSINESS.

Out of Pocket.—I'm afraid I cannot advise you very definitely on the question of taking a shop and starting a business as a dealer in Canaries to dispose of your own stock, and, I take it, any other stock you could purchase for the purpose, as it is not very likely that you could breed enough stock yourself to keep a business in a public market place going on paying lines. It is so largely a question of locality, and the local demand or suitability for such a business, and the cost of its upkeep, and, above all else, your own personality and aptitude for business, that it is practically impossible for anyone not personally acquainted with these details to lay down any hard and fast rules. But to run a shop in the position you suggest would demand a fair amount of business aptitude and acumen, and a large number of birds would need to be handled to make it a paying concern. The chances of success would probably be largely increased by adding the sale of cages and appliances, seeds, foods, and, perhaps, birdy literature as side lines. On the whole, if you had a good class of birds, either fancy or singing breeds, and find yourself out of pocket by selling the surplus stock wholesale, your best plan would be to start methodically to work up a reputation for your strain by judicious showing, and at the same time keep them before the Fancy public by such means as a breeder's card and small prepaid advertisements in our prepaid columns, and dispose of your surplus privately in this way until you felt you had a sufficient clientele to warrant your embarking in a style of business which would entail continuous outgoings and expenses for its upkeep. With regard to your definite questions. (1) The common Canaries which used to be sold at 2s. 6d. per pair in a wicker cage were, in all probability, fed in the nest just the same as the more expensive class of these songsters. These birds were not bred especially to sell at this price, and were practically all hens. The fact that a cock may sometimes be heard of being obtained from these birds does not alter this rule. They were merely the wasters weeded out by the breeders and dealers who evidently considered it more profitable to clear them out at any price early in the season than to keep them over the moult. (2) The age of the birds would vary. The bulk of them would be the young of the season, which would be anywhere between two and four months old, but doubtless old hens rejected for breeding for various reasons would be included in these batches. Neither breeder nor the wholesaler could have considered it a paying business to keep the birds over the moult. (3) One cannot give a really satisfactory answer to this question as to whether you should sell your birds in the nest feather or moult them. If they were a strain of songsters you could not have them efficiently trained soon enough to sell them in the nest feathers, and consequently they would not command the best price. On the other hand, if fancy breeds, you would run a certain risk of selling birds of high typical qualities at the face value for mediocre ones, as no one can tell with certainty how apparently mediocre specimens of well-bred birds will make up after the moult. (4) If properly done, with pure sweet peppers only, there is no risk of killing the young by colour-feeding them in the nest, but there is very little to be gained by the method, and I would not advise it as a regular practice. (5) This will be best answered in the opening remarks. The question of rent and rates, and the amount of capital at disposal, may well be left to decide the matter.

SUNFLOWER SEEDS.

D. J. W.—(1) Sunflower seeds are quite a good substitute for hemp in the feeding of Canaries, and may be given in seed mixtures in the same proportions as hemp, either as a substitute for hemp, or as an addition at the end of the moulting season, and as a substitute at this latter time for the usual supply of linseed, which is given at this time to put a polish on the plumage. Some birds do not care for linseed, and reject it, and in such cases sunflower seed is an excellent substitute, and serves just the same purpose, beside being less objectionable in other ways. To give it, the seeds should be shelled and chopped and added to the seed mixture in the desired proportions. The chopping may be done by passing it through a coarse set seed mill or any similar contrivance. (2) Given strong, robust hens flying loose in an aviary, they are certainly less addicted to egg-binding during the breeding season than those more closely confined in small cages. The extra amount of exercise they are able to obtain is invaluable in combating the tendency to this trouble. But as you had such bad trouble with this complaint last season, it may be that your hens are peculiarly disposed to it by reason of weak health or generally low condition, in which case you can hardly expect the sudden extension of liberty and more vigorous exercise to have the effect of removing all the trouble of egg-binding. The birds really ought to have had the liberty of flying loose in the aviary all through the winter to get the best effect. Do not give these hens dandelion as green food, and give about half a teaspoonful of niger seed per hen every third day from now until the first clutches of eggs are complete. Do not put in an equal number of sexes. One good, strong, vigorous cock is sufficient for three or four hens when all are flying loose.

A LONG MOULT.

Norwich Novice.—You should first make yourself quite sure that the bird is not exposed to sudden fluctuations of heat and cold, such as might occur from being kept too near a fire in the day which is allowed to go out at night, when the position may become correspondingly cold; also see that it does not hang near or over a burning light in the evenings, and if the window is one that opens or admits draughts it is a doubtful policy to place the bird there daily. Choose a fairly bright and comfortable place in the room and keep the bird there without constant removals for the next month or so, and treat as follows. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition to this give separately every third day a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the intervening days give first a morsel of banana, boiled carrot, or two or three crisp young leaves of dandelion, and next a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, white millet, and broken groats, with just a slight sprinkling of yellow mustard in the bulk. Also make a little of the paste named in the last portion of reply to "T.W.B.H." in this issue, and keep a small cube stuck in the wires for the bird to peck at when it likes for a few weeks. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, for three consecutive days, and after this give instead six drops of dilute sulphuric acid, four of tincture of gentian, and three of tincture of steel

in the water two days in every three until the feathers have quite ceased dropping.

EFFECT OF LAYING.

G. W. T.—The symptoms described are those of a prolapsed oviduct, which, fortunately, was temporary and returned to its normal condition voluntarily. This is by no means always the case, and there will be a certain risk of a recurrence if you breed with the bird, or even if you do not if she should continue laying eggs, though the probability of the latter event will be considerably reduced if she is not mated. In the event of such a recurrence you will find the proper treatment given in reply to "A.W.," under heading "Prolapsus," in last issue.

QUESTION OF PAIRING.

L., Novice.—(1) No, considering the character of the season so far it is none too late to select a pair of birds from the group in the aviary; cage them up side by side, feed up for a week or so, and then mate them if they seem ready to begin nesting. You may quite easily have them mated by the middle of April, or very soon afterwards, which will not be at all unusually late to commence this year. In ordinary circumstances it would certainly have been best to have separated them a little earlier, but this season the circumstances are most exceptional. (2) This question as to whether a Goldfinch-Canary can be mated with a Canary simply means, I assume: Can a Mule be mated with a Canary in the hope of breeding young from them. Without totally denying the possibility of getting young from a Mule parent, the answer is a decided No. It is easy enough to mate them, but the Mule is practically always sterile, and such mating should be done only as a pure experiment, and not with any certain hopes of its being a fertile union.

CAUSE OF DISTURBANCE.

S. W. B.—It depends very much upon the birds themselves and their condition whether the position close beside the aviary in which they have been kept with other birds will prove too much of a distraction for them to settle down to breed successfully in the single breeding cage. If the mated pair are in really good breeding condition the presence of the other birds in the aviary will be of no account at all. But the fact of the cock apparently trying to get back to the aviary probably means one of two things: either he is not yet in very good breeding condition, in which case a little patience may be all that is necessary, and he will soon begin to devote more attention to his intended partner; or, if there are other hens in the aviary, he may already have had intentions of his own towards another eligible female, in which case, if you can detect the favoured Biddy it would be best to remove her out of his sight and earshot for the rest of the season, and in this case it might be an advantage to place some sort of screen between the breeder and the aviary until the mated pair had gone to nest. You can only use your own discretion in a case of this kind as to removing the birds to another place, though if there is another fairly bright and healthy place available, I should be disposed to eliminate the necessity for constant surveillance by removing the mated pair to it at once.

EFFECT OF EGG-BINDING.

Blackie.— (1) I think it is quite likely that the combined effect of painting the abdomen with the oil and then steaming, and possibly allowing the hens to go at once into a chilly cage afterwards has brought about the condition you describe. The treatment for the egg-binding was not quite correct. The steaming was correct, and after this you should have kept the bird quite warm for a few hours until the effect has passed off, but the other treatment was wrong. You should not have given "a few drops" of castor oil; one drop would be a very full dose, and none at all is called for in these cases, and there was no necessity to paint the abdomen with it. The proper treatment would have been to give two drops of a mixture of brandy and water, or glycerine, or castor oil if you wanted to give this substance in equal parts, and dropped one drop of the oil, warmed, on to the vent, or inserted a drop in just the extremity with the tip of a small feather, then steamed and kept warm for a few hours. You can do nothing now but await the natural growth of the new plumage, which may begin at once. (2) The deserted eggs would hatch out in the ordinary course if given to other hens to incubate with their own, provided that they had not been kept too long after laying before incubation commenced. It would be quite safe to give or distribute them to hens that had been sitting for about one day only. Otherwise, keep them in a small box well covered with bran or meal, and give the box a half turn every morning and evening, and they will keep in good condition for sitting for a week or a little over, and may be given to hens as opportunities offer which are just commencing to sit at any time during this interval.

ARE THEY FIT?

W. Johnson.—(1) It is highly probable that these birds have inherited a strong predisposition to bronchial trouble from tainted stock, in which case there is very little chance of them ever being of any use as stock birds, or, indeed, anything but a constant source of disappointment and worry. You may try the effect of the following treatment, but, frankly, I doubt if it will be anything more than a temporary alleviation of the symptoms. Make the staple diet three parts canary to one of summer rape. In addition give separately every third day half a teaspoonful each of mixed seed, and on the intervening days give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and next a morsel of banana or boiled carrot, or a good sized spray of green salad in variety as the season advances. In the drinking water add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and after this give instead four drops each of oxymel of squills, Ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobella, and sweet spirit of nitre, every second day for two or three weeks. See that the position where the birds are kept is quite free from direct cold draughts, sudden extremes of heat and cold or irritating fumes from burning lights in the evenings. (2) I cannot advise you to breed with these birds at all. There appears too much reason to suspect a badly tainted pedigree to make it worth while running the risk of perpetuating a race of physically unfit birds which could produce only endless worry and disappointment.

DESICCATED EGG YOLK, ETC.

J. S.—(1) The sample sent has all the appearance of desiccated egg yolk, which is the pure yolk of eggs evaporated until only the dry powder is left, [illegible] to imply the place of fresh eggs in making egg food for the rearing of young Canaries. But although this sample undoubtedly contains the egg yolk, there seems to me a foreign flavour, so that I am not prepared to say it is the pure article. If packed by a firm of good repute, you may perhaps take it for what it purports to be. (2) Assuming it to be genuine, the best proportions to use it with bread crumbs would be equal parts on the first day after hatching, and then gradually reduce the proportion of egg until by the fourth or fifth day it was one-third of the whole, and after the first week make it one heaped teaspoonful of the yolk to three heaped teaspoonfuls of bread crumbs, and a slight sprinkling of soft sugar and maw seed might be added with advantage for dainty feeding hens. (3) The mixture as in No. 2 would, in my opinion, be preferable to the prepared food you name. (4) It is not likely that fresh ants' eggs would be of any use at all to assist in the rearing of young Canaries. A stray hen here and there may utilise them to some extent, but they would not be generally acceptable, and the risk of infesting the cages with newly hached ants would make the experiment not worth while.

ABNORMAL EGG.

Wm. Lowe.—It is certainly unusual for a Canary to lay an egg about half the size of a normal one, but it is not what might be called a great rarity. Such eggs usually occur at the end of a clutch, and more often at the close of the season than at any other time, and may indicate exhaustion of the ovaries, either temporary or permanent. My collection of curios in this line contains the egg of a house sparrow, perfectly shaped, well shelled, and with normal marking, which is no larger than a very small pea, much less than a quarter the size of a normal one, which proves that even wild birds are not free from these abnormalities.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

LOSING LINNETS AND GOLDFINCHES.

W. Tullett.—I fear there is something very wrong in your treatment of your birds, and to assist you we asked you for particulars, and although you give us some, you do not give us quite enough. For instance, you say you feed on rape, linseed, and canary seed, but you say nothing of green food or wild seeds, so I presume you do not use them. Neither do you mention the size of your cages, or where you keep your birds. Presuming you purchased them in the winter it would be in the spring or early summer when you lost them, just as they were coming into condition. At this time green food and wild seeds or soaked rape and teazle would be most useful, not only in keeping the birds in condition, but in regulating the bowels and maintaining their general health. I would advise you to have another try, and instead of the mixture you use, try the following (my own Linnets do splendidly on it): Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, rape 2 parts, or if you can get genuine charlock seed use 1 part of this, and only 1 part of rape, and linseed 1 part. During the winter months give them soaked seeds twice a week and as the spring advances vary this with dandelion, chickweed, shepherd's purse, and other wild seeds. Do not keep them in the little hop-cages, but let them have proper Finch cages, measuring 14 or 16 inches. Give a bath on fine days, and do not keep them in a hot room, nor hang them outside in the hot sun for any length of time. Get our Nutshell booklet on the Linnet; also the Goldfinch Nutshell; you will see in them no end of information that will be useful to you. As regards the latter bird, you do not say the proportions of seed you use. In your next venture I would advise you to omit the linseed, and be sparing with the niger, otherwise follow out the instructions in the Nutshell, and then you should have your share of success.

BREEDING WITH GREENFINCHES.

Peter Fletcher.—As a rule, Greenfinches are good breeders when in captivity, particularly when turned loose in an aviary. I do not say that every pair will breed, but if they are young birds and steady your chances are good. Feed them pretty liberally, using plenty of sunflower seed, and occasionally a little hemp, and the more dandelion, groundsel, chickweed, etc., you give them the better. An old Finch nest in one corner of the cage or aviary, and plenty of moss and hair, will help to start them.

NUMBER OF EGGS LAID BY TIT.

T. W. B.—The Blue Titmouse is certainly a prolific producer of eggs, and I have some records by me from which I am able to give you the information you desire, they are notes of clutches found by myself. The lowest is six and the highest twelve, eight occurring more frequently than any other number. A single clutch of eighteen is on record, but there is always the possibility of such an unusual number being laid by two hens.

BULLFINCH WITH CRAMP IN LEG.

L. E. M.—Cramp in the legs is an ailment that often attacks birds that have been caged for some years, and Bullfinches appear to be particularly subject to it. I have successfully treated several cases, and find the following method give relief. Bathe the leg in hot water daily, and gently rub it between the finger and thumb with an oily embrocation, or Old St. Jacob's oil. In addition to his usual food, give a spoonful of soaked rape and teazle every other day, but as soon as you are able to obtain green food you could discontinue this. Give a little hemp and sunflower and about twice a week a half spoonful of egg food. As the season advances feed him on all kinds of wild food and fruit. A little Epsom salts occasionally is certainly good for him, and if given in rather small quantities, acts as a mild aperient and is stimulating, the dose would be 10 grains in four tablespoonsful of water. I would advise you to discontinue the bath, anyway until the bird has somewhat recovered and the weather is more congenial. I fear you can do nothing for him except by handling, no birds like it, but are not much troubled, if one has confidence, and catches them quickly, without hesitation.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PARROT BREATHING HARD.

Mrs. W. B.—Give a teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days put in the water one teaspoonful of the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts. As soon as the breathing is easier give chemical food in lieu of the mixture. Only a china crock or glass drinker must be used while giving drugs. Bathing the nostrils with a dilute, tepid solution of glycothymoline will soon check the running at nostrils. To keep its mouth and throat clear give honey and borax daily, thinly spread on bread, biscuit, or plain cake, or anything similar the bird will eat. If it becomes at all thin as the result of its indisposition give cod liver oil emulsion in the same manner as the honey and borax till it is in condition again. Your dietary is satisfactory, but a pint each, by measure, of white oats, sunflower, safflower, and hemp seeds would be better than what you are giving as extra to the canary seed. And if the bird will eat it, a portion of white millet would be a very wholesome addition to the canary seed. Do not omit to keep cuttlebone and parrot grit in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. Report progress a month hence.

WHAT BIRD

F. Jackson.—I regret I cannot name your bird off hand, apparently it is one of the Tanagridæ, in which case its principal dietary will consist of fruit and insects, insectile mixture and milk sop, with canary seed for such species as care to partake of same. At the same time it may be one of the Tyrannidæ, the diet would be similar to above, but the supply of live insects should be greater. I am keeping your description by me, and hope to name it definitely for you after the Easter recess. It would help me if you would complete your description—you give no description of the colours of the upper parts save the head, and your description of the wings is only partial, if you will fill in these gaps it will materially help me in correctly naming its species.

HOW TO BREED LOVEBIRDS.

F. A. Morris.—Your Yellow Lovebirds are Yellow Budgerigars, and if you have male and female their successful nesting should be merely a matter of time for them to settle down and get into breeding condition. When in breeding condition the cere over the nostrils is bright blue, that of the hen anything from pale cream colour to ruddy brown. Hang up another husk, so as to allow them to do a little choosing. As soon as you can get it free from frost supply them with as much as they will eat of flower and seed heads of any of our indigenous grasses. In addition their menu should consist of canary and white millet seeds, and millet sprays (millet in the car). When they are feeding young supply broken biscuits and crushed oats in addition. Of course supplies of grit, cuttlebone, and water must be continually kept up. Though this species does not as a rule resent examination of contents of their nest receptacle, yet it is not wise to be too curious till the birds are thoroughly at home and have brought off their first brood.

COCKATIELS AND BUDGERIGARS IN SMALL AVIARY.

Hargreaves.—Your so-called aviary is merely a large cage, of the Crystal Palace type, and you have bought sufficient birds to stock an outdoor aviary, 15ft. long, 6ft. wide, and 7ft. high. Again, if you are to have any luck the sexes must be equal, unmated odd birds usually spell conflict and failure. I am not numbering replies, as your two queries are merely two alternatives. I advise in your large dome-topped cage, either one pair of Cockateels, or two pairs of Budgerigars. In your smaller cage there should be a strong probability of a pair of Budgerigars breeding. Have you a spare room? If so put a wire-netting screen over the fire-place and window, and cover up all woodwork with fine mesh wire-netting, and the floor with linoleum; fix some large tree branches in tubs or large pots, and turn the birds lose into the room. Sand must be scattered over the top of the lino., and several food receptacles arranged about the room. Three or four nest boxes with concave bottoms must be put up for the Cockatiels, and two husks for each pair of Budgerigars. So accommodated your birds would give you infinite pleasure. The only alternative to fixing up such a room, putting up a garden aviary, or procuring more cages, is to part with some of your birds. Neither a garden aviary nor fitting up a room need prove costly, and either would be far more satisfactory than cages, and require much less time for attendance. If you fit up a bird room it would be well to insert a pane of glass in place of one of the door panels, but all the glass, whether in bird room or aviary must be covered with small mesh wire-netting. While using cages use natural branches as perches, these are better for the birds in every way, and are easily replaced.

PARROT WITH DIFFICULTY IN BREATHING.

T. Potter.—You had better get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our manager, it will give you full instruction as to dietary, etc. Get your bird on to the dietary given therein as soon as you can without too sudden a change. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia every fourth day into the drinking water, for a month at least, and on the days you are not giving the magnesia put the same quantity of this mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts, in the water, till the breathing is easier. Give the bird honey and borax, also cod-liver oil emulsion daily (not both together, but at different intervals) thinly spread on biscuit, bread, or plain cake, whichever the bird will eat most freely. Keep cuttlebone, and Parrot grit continually in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food. Report progress a month hence.

A CORRECTION.

In my reply to A. G. Pearson, "Amazon with discoloured plumage," a printer's error occurs: The fluid magnesia should be given once or twice weekly, not daily as printed.

AILING COCKATOO.

Miss D. Carter.—Glad to note so great an improvement. Continue the treatment until the bird is quite fit. Honey and borax ready mixed is stocked by all chemists at a few pence per box, and given as directed, it would greatly benefit your bird.

WHAT PARRAKEET?

Forfar.—I think your bird must be the Quaker or Grey-breasted Parrakeet, and the value of an acclimatised specimen would be about one guinea. The grey of the breast and throat is light in colour, and the "cross" markings quite faint I can fit your description to no other species, and am decidedly of the opinion that it is correctly named as above.

BREEDING RED-HEADED FINCHES AND JAVA SPARROWS.

S. W. B.—Canary and white millet seed, millet spray, green food, water, and grit should form the regular menu of these birds, and two or three meal worms per bird, per diem, should bring them into fit condition for breeding. I regret to be compelled to say that there is nothing you can do to save the cock plucking the hen save separation, though this probably arises largely from the desire of the cock to drive his mate to set up house-keeping, if I may use that expression. It is also probable that as soon as she commences incubation the cock may leave her alone and may not again molest her after the brood has been reared. I do not remember to have heard of Java Sparrows breeding in a Crystal Palace aviary, but there is no reason why they should not do so, as both the grey and white varieties have been bred in box-type cages. Your success would be most probable with the white variety, or with the two varieties cross-mated, viz., a Grey cock and a White hen; the progeny from such a union would be mostly pure greys, but what few pied birds are produced are usually very pleasing and handsome.

MUST ITS TONGUE BE CUT?

H. W. B.—Most emphatically, no. The fallacy that birds should be subjected to this barbarous practice certainly dies hard. The Rose-breasted Cockatoo is an Australian bird, not an African species as you erroneously think. The minority of the large numbers of this species which reach this country make talented talkers, but the majority talk but little or not at all. As you have a young bird, which is now quite tame it should talk, at any rate to some extent. Pet it and talk soothingly to it while you are attending to its wants, and whenever it is quiet and restful teach it by the constant repetition of any short sentence you would like it to repeat. It should also pick up words, short phrases, calls and cries which are uttered in its vicinity. They are friendly, chummy birds, accomplished acrobats, also very handsome, and interesting pets. Ite your Amazon, the Blue-front usually talks well, but it is a matter of time and patience, and the method of teaching is as above. I do not expect the discoloration will pass till the next moult. Guiana Lovebirds have not yet been bred in captivity in this country, but a near species, the Blue-winged, has bred in a cage, so why not the Guiana? The latter has not been at all freely imported into this country, and only a few attempts have been made to breed it, one of which nearly attained success. It has laid eggs in a cage.

HAND REARING YOUNG BUDGERIGARS.

J. Aitcheson.—A talking Budgerigar is the exception and not the rule; personally I have not attempted to hand-rear them, but the following method was successful with Black-cheeked Lovebirds, whose treatment is the same as Budgies, therefore I see no reason why you should not succeed by following the same method. The young were taken from the nest, while quite young, and bare of feathers. The chief difficulty was on the first day to get them to take food, after that it was very simple, and the fledglings soon learned to take the food themselves from the dish. The food, given very sloppy at first, consisted of Osborne biscuits and crushed wheat, varied with soaked "Uveco" and creamed wheat. Till they were able to feed themselves they were fed from a spoon, simply pouring it down their throats, of course only a little at a time. The great difficulty is keeping the right temperature, neither too hot nor too cold—the birds referred to (eight were so reared in one season) were kept in a basket which was placed on the bath-room cylinder. Feeding commenced at 6 a.m., and was continued at short intervals till late at night. They took readily of millet seed as soon as able to crack same.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A RABBIT SHOW.

F. Tottle.—Kindly note that announcements of shows other than cage-bird shows cannot be made in our columns. Also please forward your address, so that a supply of club notice cards may be sent to you.

MULE OR HYBRID?

T. S. W.—It is a very open question indeed whether crosses between British birds would be eligible for competition in a class headed "Mules, any variety." We have explained many times that in the vernacular of the "fancy," a "Mule" is understood to be a bird one of whose parents is a Canary. If you exhibited in such a class a bird which had not a Canary for either of its parents, the judge might pass it for the reason stated. If he awarded it a prize, a protest would be pretty certain to be raised. Such a protest, however, would not hold good, for the decision of the judge is final except in cases of fraud subsequently discovered. You are therefore entirely in the hands of the judge, and if he "passed" your bird as being ineligible he would be only acting up to the conventions. In our view the distinction is a ridiculous one, and the world "Mule" as applied to a bird is entirely misused, but it obtains, and until it is abolished exhibitors must abide by it. One trouble is that the compilers of the schedule do not always know of these subtle differences, or, if they do, they do not take sufficient trouble with their class heads. In your case, for instance, if the heading had been "Mule or Hybrid, any variety," or "Canary Mule, any variety," there could have been no question as to its proper meaning.

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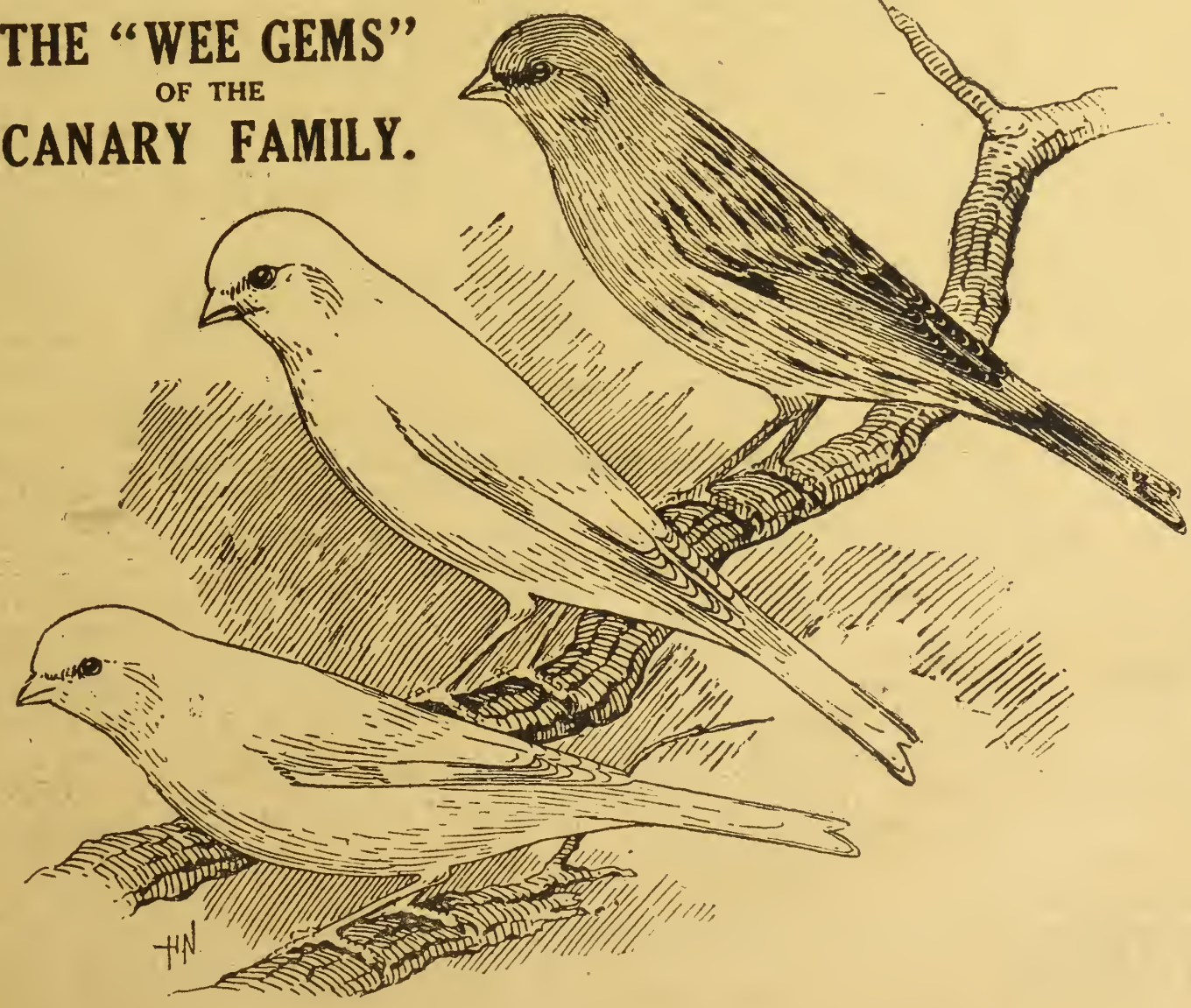

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Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers, if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

HORNSEY & WOOD GREEN C.B.S.

Table show of British and Foreign birds, Nightingale Hotel, April 4, Mr. G. Gardner judged. Twenty-three birds staged, and we were sorry Mr. Stephens did not send his team. Mrs. H. L. Huggins won special best exhibit with a lovely Green Budgerigar of her own breeding, the judge remarking that it was a bird to be proud of. Goldf.: 1, Waldock; 2, Griffin; 3, hc, c, James; vhc, Miss Smith. Linnet: 1, Martin; 2, Griffin; 3, Twilley; latter would have won, but had some tail feathers short. Bullf.: 1, Miss Smith. Greenf.: 1, Miss Smith; 2, Griffin; 3, Twilley. A.O.V.: 1, Mrs. H. Huggins; 2, Twilley; 3, Griffin. Mules: 1, Martin; 2, James. For.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Mrs. H. Huggins. Three new members were enrolled. Chairman announced that the Sec. had been successful in obtaining a great reduction in the rent under the new proprietor, Mr. Mathews, who is a genial host, and the rent is paid up to the end of 1917; so if members will support the club as much as possible in these very trying times and roll up with new members for the gold-centre medal, we hope to have a record year. Mr. J. Robson's lecture on "Hybrid Breeding," on May 2, should be well supported, as there is sure to be something to learn. Points stand as follows: Olley 34, Martin 24, Griffin 22, Mrs. H. Huggins 22, Tichener, Leach and James 11, Miss Smith 9, Twilley 7, Waldock 6.—C. G. Martin, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE E.E. C.B.S

Meeting, March 28, Blue Bell Inn, Shield Road. Members elected: Messrs. Slater, J. G. Wright, and R. Wilson. Annual show date fixed for Nov. 24. There were several names mentioned as judges, but on account of the small number present it was decided to hold over the question of judges until next monthly meeting.—Ed. Coltman, Sec.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.

Meeting, April 3. The medals won last year were given to such of the winners who attended. Afterwards the members listened to some remarks of the writer's regarding British Buntings. It was intended that a discussion should follow the address on Buntings, but unfortunately time did not admit of this being possible.—A. R. Coe.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES.

General meeting and lecture, March 26, Deansgate Hotel. The classification for table show of British Mules and Foreign at next meeting night, April 16, was drawn up as follows: Goldf. or Bullf. Ck., Greenf. Ck., Linnet Ck., Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite Ck., A.O.V. Ck., British Hen, Mule or Hyb., Muling Pairs, Foreign. The rest of the evening was left to the disposal of Mr. Johnson to give his lecture on "Inbreeding," which was very interesting and caused some interesting debate. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Johnson. —J. Green, Hon. Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Meeting, Smoke Room, Wesleyan Church, James Street. Mr. P. Lynn presided over a good attendance. Several alterations in the rules of the society were made, and Sec. had to seek quotations for printing same. New member elected, Mr. Clarkson, Pelton Fell. If any fancier who wishes to join our society will send his name to the Sec., he will be nominated. Decided to have a Nest Feather show, date and time to be settled at next meeting, May 5. Mr. Geo. Dobson was asked to give a few items of his experience as to the feeding of cage birds, and this he consented to give. The business closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.—J. J. Walker, Sec., 7, Middle Court, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

NELSON ROLLER C.C.

At a well-represented meeting, April 5, the Federation rule, No. 6, came up for discussion, and was freely debated on. Letters were read for and against, and it was carried unanimously that the Secretary write to Mr. Best, Sec. of the Federation, requesting him to call a meeting of delegates of all federated clubs, when the Nelson R.C. will vote for the abolition of Rule 6, and recommend the following rule in its place: "That no bird shall be allowed to compete at any federated club show in young bird classes unless wearing the Federation ring." The Nelson R.C. will stand by the decision of the majority of federated clubs. After business a very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. James Lyons, of Blackburn, was with us and birds were present. The song tours were very ably explained by Mr. Lyons, and a very interesting and profitable evening was spent. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Lyons, who suitably responded and promised to come again. He very kindly accepted membership of the society at our invitation.—J. Earnshaw, Sec.

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ACCRINGTON C.B.S.

Meeting held April 4, Crown Hotel, Mr. Harwood presiding over a good attendance. Two new members were enrolled. Decided to hold F.F. show, June 23. During the evening Mr. W. Crawshaw showed the company how he prepared his egg and bread, and also gave a few hints on using samo. Mr. A. Hirst also gave a lecture on the general management of birds, which was very instructive. He also brought several appliances, which he fully illustrated to all present. A discussion on several items brought an enjoyable evening to a close.—Wm. Parkinson, Sec.

PORT GLASGOW C.B.S.

Meeting and show of Britisb, April 6, Co-operative Halls; Mr. S. McKay presided over a large attendance. The following new members have been elected: J. Brighton, T. Linzey, A. Allison, A. Mooney, A. Wilson. The society is going strong, and old members would do well to attend meetings more regularly and give the officers their unlimited support. After the usual business Mr. McKay judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction:—Goldf.: 1, Allison. Linnet: 1, 2, Forrester; 3, 4, Boyle; 5, Murphy; 6, McGaw. A.O.V.: 1, Murphy. Mule or Hybrid: 1, 2, 3, McGaw. Next meeting Mr. Forrester will lecture on the good and bad points of the Norwich Plainhead. New members are now being enrolled; particulars from T. Adair, Sec, 4, Hoston Street, Port Glasgow.

LEYTON C.B.A

Table show and judging competition, headquarters, 2nd April, Mr. F. Wallace chair. About thirty birds were staged, and there was a very good attendance. Mr. G. A. Parker won special best bird with a fine Hawfinch, and Mr. Marshall spl. second best with a buff Norwich. Most of the members present took part in the judging competition, each paying an entry fee of twopence, the whole amount being divided between the two competitors scoring the highest number of points. The winners were Mr. Dalton and Mr. Hazeltine. Mr. W. L. Taylor acted as final judge, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his kindness, thus bringing a very pleasant evening to a close.—A. W. Farmer, Assist. Hon. Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting, April 3, Mr. W. G. Fellows chair. The few members who struggled through the snow to hear Mr. Holliday speak on "Yorkshires," were disappointed through the sudden illness of the lecturer. Mr. Holliday hopes to give his lecture later in the season. Accounts of recent pair show (showing a small balance to the good) were read. Schedule arranged for British, etc., table show, May 2; 10 classes; Mr. W. G. Fellows judge. A judging competition will be held; prize given by Mr. Blann. The Hon. Sec. announced that he had received a letter from the late Sec. (Mr. Page), now serving in India, and members would be sorry to hear that Mr. Page and Mr. Bousfield had been seriously ill, but it was satisfactory to know they had both practically recovered.—G. J. Slade, Hon. Sec.

BIRKENHEAD B.B.A.

Meeting at Abbott's Cafe, Market Street, Birkenhead, April 5. New members elected: Messrs. J. McDermott, J. G. Rogers, A. Scott, H. Norton, E. Allison, E. Smith, F. Jones, J. Lucas, A. Davies, A. H. Davies, E. Smith, Messrs. J. McDermott and J. G. Rogers, both are champions, and with our worthy member, Mr. Wm. Jones, of Birkenhead, the society now have three all-England champions. This is quite an honour for a society only formed this year, and it shows the interest members are taking in bringing new friends to the Birkenhead B.B.A. Arrangements made for N.F. shows in the Trade and Labour Hall, Birkenhead, third Saturday in June and July. We have some good specials, including money specials. Mr. F. Handley is to be asked to judge. Several good suggestions were put forward, which, when acted upon, will be greatly to the interest of the members.—H. Wakem, Sec.

SACRISTON F.F. AND C.B.S.

Annual meeting, club room, April 7. The auditors' report (Messrs. Sutherland and Thirkettle) was very unsatisfactory, both to them and to the meeting. They could not form a balance-sheet as the books were badly kept, and it was decided that all books be accepted in such state as they were, with a deficiency of over £3, not including other debts we have to meet. I expect all claimants of money to write me before the present month is ended, and then we will see at once as a club how we are standing. This club will be run under new management, but under the same name, and I expect all to assist me under the present circumstances. Election of officers: Messrs. Sutherland, Chairman; Geo. Howe, Vice; R. Wilford, Assist. Sec.; Briggs, Treas.; Committee: Robt. Dunston and Ral. Dom, Rabbit section; J. Hird and J. Tyrral, Pigeon section; J. Thirkettle and Tindale, Poultry section; W. Forster and R. Wilford, Cage Bird section; Auditors, Sergt. Forster (Police Station), and Another.—R. J. Scorer, Sec., Coronation Street, Sacriston.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

General meeting, April 5, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market. Mr. G. Dobson presided over a good attendance, many new faces putting in an appearance, and those we are always glad to welcome. New members made: J. Carr and R. Lucas, making eight new members the last two meetings. Mr. J. Johnston (Wallsend) gave a lecture on the rearing of young Canaries. Being one of the most successful breeders up North, we all expected something good, and I am sure those who did not hear him missed one of the best and most instructive lectures given before our society. He dealt with the stock birds from after the moult, hatching, and until youngsters were well on to hard seed, and as he has reared well up to 100 and over in a season himself, anyone who has any trouble would do well to adopt his methods. Not only the novices, but some of the old hands, said they had learned something they never knew before, and would try some of his methods this breeding season. Mr. Johnston was given a hearty vote of thanks, and in reply said how pleased he would be to know if anyone did benefit by listening to him. He was always pleased to help the Fancy in any way, and if anyone wanted to know his ideas during the season, he would be pleased to give them. He gave any of us a hearty invitation to pay him a visit during the breeding season, for he makes no difference as regards visitors at that period. He promised to give me the MSS. of his lecture, and this will appear in CAGE BIRDS later. We have also another good thing on for our next meeting, which will be of great value to all who care to attend—Mr. J. Maddison on "Mule Breeding." We give an invitation to fanciers not to miss another treat.—F. W. Laidlow.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them

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Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—April 17, St. Thomas' School, Ardwick, 8. Open question night. Special topics.—A. E. Thorpe.

Birmingham Roller C.C.—April 13, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 8. Club business.—W. Taylor.

Burnley C.B.S.—April 15, 75, Lindsay Street, 7.30. General business.—W. Broxup.

Barry F. and F.S.—April 14, headquarters, 7.30. Subs. for 1917 due.—H. P. Thomas.

Beamish C.B.S.—April 14, Bird Inn, High Hold, 6.30. Show dates. Nominating of judges, also consider subs. and other show business.—J. H. Elliot.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—April 14, Victoria Hotel, 7. Dates of F.F. shows. Judges for same, and other business.—H. Fretwell.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—April 17, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Lecture on rearing young birds by Mr. J. Burns. Friends invited.—G. Morton.

Cardiff C.B.S.—April 17, Club Rooms, 8. Paper on "Seeds," by Mr. H. C. Smith.—E. Thomas.

Clay Cross C.B.S.—April 8, Angel Hotel, 6.45. Table show and fixing date for young bird show; general business; fanciers invited.—F. Harrison.

East Ham F.S.—April 19, Liberal Club, High St.. Important general meeting.—E. Winser.

East Stanley F.F. and C.B.S.—March 15, Club Room, 7. Elect officers and select show date.—J. Armitage.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—April 17, Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Usual business and replies from judges. Last meeting for enrolling new members. Question night.—J. C. Charlton.

Fife and Kinross Norwich P.H.C.—April 14, Anteroom, Drill Hall, Lochgelly, 6. Fanciers invited.—P. McCue.

Glasgow British Bird and M.C.—April 13, Nelson's Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, 6. Election of office-bearers and drawing up code of rules. British bird fanciers invited.—H. Jamieson.

Huddersfield O.S.—April 16, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. To consider whether to hold an open show or not, and other business re N.F. shows.—A. Lawford.

Hull Roller C.C.—April 19, Argyle House, 7.15. Judging standard and other business. Roller fanciers cordially invited.—A. Baggaley.

Leith O.S.—April 14, Liberal Club Hall, Leith, 7. Usual business and election of judges for annual show.—J. A. Carr.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—April 17, White Swan Hotel, 8. Questions and answers. Table show, three classes.—E. H. Hulse.

London C.B.A.—April 19, Red Lion Hotel, 2, York Street, St. James, 8. General business.—A. Wallington.

Manchester and N. Counties O.S.—April 16, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Table show of British, and general business.—F. Wilkinson.

Northern Y.C.C.—April 13, Shield's Cafe, 8. Cup and table shows and distribution of spoons to winners.—Wm. Mather.

North Manchester C.B.S.—April 17, St. Stephen's School, Conran Street, 8. F.F. business.—A. Colley.

Plymouth W.C.O.S.—April 17, Oddfellows Hall, Plymouth, 8. General business; questions and answers on present-day birdy matters; nest feather shows, Linnet singing competition.—O. Moffitt.

Radcliffe Roller Club.—April 18, Woolpack Hotel —J. Pearson. [Time not stated.—Ed.]

Richmond (Surrey) C.B.S.—April 30, St. John's Hall, Richmond, 7.30. Table show of British.—C. Parmiter.

S.W. London C.B.S.—April 18, Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, 8. General business.—W. Lilley.

South Shields "Always Ready."—April 18, Hunt's shop, Ocean Road, 7.30. Business very important.—J. W. Watson.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—April 17, Johnston's Rooms, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, "Management and Breeding." Friends welcome.—G. Griffiths.

Wigan Roller Club.—April 14, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30. Club business.—P. Greenall.

Wanstead F. & F.S.—April 19, Cambridge Park Hall, Wanstead, 8. Evening show. All sections; staged 8. Entries close April 14.—H. J. Maynard.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

BLACKBURN.

Quality Linnet contest, April 7, Empire Hotel, Bolton Road: 1, 2, Knowles; 3, Page; 4, Jones. There was a poor show, owing to some of our members losing their birds.—T. Haythurst, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax Linnet Club, members' sing, April 7; 33 birds entered and some of the best singing that has ever been done at Kippax was heard. Timekeepers, J. Wallis and Potter; tappers, H. Collinson and W. Perkin. 1, Lightfoot; 2, 3, Collinson.—R. Plows, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet singing contest, George and Dragon, Bridge Street, April 8. 21 birds entered for three prizes: 1, B. Nelson; 2, Wainwright; 3, Shaw. Open contest, April 9, 64 birds entered for four good prizes. 1, Skidmore; 2, B. Nelson; 3, Parlet; 4, Wainwright. Skidmore wins 1s. pool. There was a match between B. Nelson and Wilson; Wilson won.—A. Watkiss, Sec.

LEEDS.

Grand contest for Linnets, April 1, Albion Hotel, Saville Green, Leeds, where some excellent singing of 21 birds was heard: 1, 4, Sellars; 2, Thompson; 3, Hollingsworth. Judges, Crane, Haynes, Grant. Also contest same evening for Linnets: 1, Reeder; 2, Chippendale; 3, Thompson. Judges, Grant, Jennings. I have great pleasure in announcing that Mr. T. Ward has won the "Gawthorpe" cup for most points for Linnets for 12 months, and this was presented to him on Easter Monday at the above hotel. T. Crane, Sec.

A good contest for Linnets was held April 8, at the Old Bird House, Albion Hotel, Saville Green, Leeds. 20 birds competed: 1, Chippendale; 2, Callagan; 3, Bott; 4, Towers. Judges, Crane and Hardcastle. Winning numbers: 1, 148; 2, 875 (R); 3, 460; 4, 190; 5, 946; 6, 549.—T. Crane, Sec.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, April 8. 34 birds sang for four prizes: 1, 2, Bamfield; 3, Binns; 4, Kilbride. Judges, T. C. Summers, A. Butterfield; timekeeper, W. Lipman. —T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Open contest, April 1, Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, off York Road, Leeds. Linnets, 40 birds: 1, Buttery; 2, 3, shared Marshall and Richardson; 4, Buckley. Night singing, 22 birds: 1, 2, Marsball; 3, Richardson. Judges, Dearlove, Bomfield, Biss. Open contest, April 8, 36 birds. Linnets: 1, 2, shared Richardson and Dearlove; 3, Marshall; 4, Buckley. Night singing, 20 birds: 1, Marshall; 2, Buckley; 3, Richardson. April 9, 62 birds: 1, Buckley; 2, Richardson; 3, Marshall; 4, Buttery. Judges, Dearlove, Biss, Bomfield.—G. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

STRANGE WAR-TIME MEALS.

A portion of an article which appeared in the "Newcastle Daily Journal" of March 30. (By the Journal Commissioner.)

The behest of the Food Controller to conserve the existing supplies has led to the concoction of some strange dishes. Foodstuffs, which would at one time have been laughed at are now coming into use, but it is only the very daring people of Tyneside who have courage enough to break away from the old-fashioned lines.

Lord Devonport personally recommended Sparrows as suitable for eating purposes. In fact, he said that he had personally tasted them, and could recommend those hitherto little pests as rather delicate food.

One Novocastrian was much impressed with the subject, so he decided to try the experiment, which he did one day this week. It was my lot yesterday to hear his narrative of the scheme.

"I have a farming friend near Monkseaton," he said, "who was complaining about the trouble Sparrows were causing upon his farm. I volunteered to go down and shoot them. This I did. I borrowed a gun and cartridges, loaded with a fine size of shot known as 'Sparrow hail.' It was not long before I came in contact with a flock of the birds I wanted, and, discharging the contents of a few cartridges into their midst, I was able to pick up forty plump birds."

"I thought that was a very good beginning, so I returned to the farm and gave over the gun. I offered to divide my 'bag' with my farming friend, but he only laughed, and told me to take the 'game' home and fill my larder. So I carried the birds back on a sling, and as I joined the electric train the passengers looked over my 'bag' and smiled broadly. I possessed the game, so they could have their smile.

"Next day we decided to have Sparrows for dinner, as suggested by Lord Devonport. My wife knows how to dress a chicken or pheasant, but to dress a Sparrow for the table was something beyond her. The cookery book was on this occasion a futile guide, but I borrowed another aid to cooking, and therein found a clue to the art of dressing a Sparrow.

"Three of us set to work to feather and dress the birds for the table. It would have sorely tried our patience, and in normal times we would have put the 'game' in the dustbin, only we were determined to be patriotic, and to tread in the footsteps of such a high authority as the Food Controller. It took us nearly two days to dress the birds. The rest was easy—that is, they were bunched together, placed in the oven, and roasted. We had some roasted potatoes and green peas, and a jolly good meal we enjoyed.

"How did they taste?" was my interested question.

"Very nice, indeed. There was a sort of partridge flavour about them. What one discovered was that double the usual time should be allowed over such a meal. You have to pick the bones very carefully. For anyone who eats too quickly, and thereby suffers from indigestion, I would recommend a dinner of Sparrows. There is no chance to hurry over such 'game.' One has ample time to masticate the first mouthful before the next can be gathered upon the fork. I hope others will try Sparrows. If they are hot-tempered already, they will be in a towering rage before they have completed the course. Job must have been a diner upon Sparrows. Still, I am going to have another meal next week, perhaps—this time a Sparrow pie."

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Nov. 1.—Blaenavon C.B.S.—(Geo. Broome, 82, King St.)
Nov. 3-5.—Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—(E. H. Hulse, 23, Hartington Rd.) J.R., C.H.
Nov. 9-10.—Ardwick and Manchester C.B.S.—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.) H.W.B., J.B.
Nov. 14. Coventry C.S.—(J. Kent, 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.)
Dec. 7-8.—Barrow C.B.A.—(D. McFarlane, 26, Lord Roberts St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.) J.R., H.W.B., T.B., J.M.

Wales.

Nov. 15.—Swansea C.B.A.—(J. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk St.) D.J., S.J.N.
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Twitterings.

South Shields "Always Ready" C.B.S. has engaged the following judges for our show, Nov. 17, writes Mr. J. W. Watson, Sec., Mr. H. W. Battye, Huddersfield, Canaries; Mr. J. Maddison, Newcastle, British.

On Tuesday next, April 17th, at the headquarters of the Wimbledon C.B.S., The Broadway, at 8, Mr. J. Robson will give a lecture on "Management and Breeding." As the subject is of great interest at this time of the year, writes Mr. G. Griffiths, hon. sec., the Society hope that full advantage will be taken of Mr. Robson's visit, and a good muster of members and visitors will result. Strangers are heartily welcome.

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Secretaries of clubs desiring the patronage of the Welsh C.B.C. should apply to the hon. sec., Mr. D. H. Tedstone, 5, Struet, Brecon.

An Address Wanted.

Mr. W. Fishwick, 14, Longton St., Chorley, would be glad to learn the address of Mr. J. Netherwood, the judge of Roller Canaries.

Where Are the Migrants?

The earliest of the season's rambles to come to our notice was a little walk taken by our friends, Messrs. Crabb and Trower, on Saturday, April 7. The ground traversed was from Ickenham to Denham, and back to Uxbridge. Wild bird life was far from plentiful, as compared with previous seasons, and migrants were entirely absent. At this season one would expect to see in this district the Chiff-Chaff, Sand Martin, and Wryneck, and Mr. Crabb tells us that previously he has seen the Sand Martin here as early as March 31. The abnormally late spring seems to be having its effect upon the arrival of our migrants, as well as upon things in general.

Amateur Ornithologists at Sea.

A correspondent to the Aberdeen "Evening Express" recently asked a question as to the identity of a bird which from the description given seemed to be a Fieldfare. In reply, a reader sent in a letter in which he said that the bird resembled the "Waxwing or American Robin," and proceeded to give a very fair description of the plumage of the Waxwing. The second name for the Waxwing, "American Robin," is distinctly good, for no two birds could be more dissimilar. Moreover, neither of them resembles the Fieldfare.

In an article in the London "Globe" entitled "The Riddle of Migration," Mr. G. F. M. Cocks says:—The middle of March is the beginning of the migration season. Naturalists awaiting the birds' return keep then a sharp look-out to mark the advent of the Wheatear. A small, plump, insignificant bird is he, with his jewel of an eye set in the middle of a level splash of black feathers, and with an appetite that would do credit to an alderman. Able, like the other birds, to take the best of two continents, he comes here as the winter is being cleared up and packed off, and, considering his size, a right heavy toll does he take of our stock. Beyond the reach of the Food Controller, he attacks the wheat, getting quite indecently plump, too fat, indeed, to sing, for his faint, low note gives one the impression that he is singing, not with all his might, but only with the energy left over after attending to the main business of life, that business being to eat and eat, and generally to behave like a "food hog."

We hope no one reading this will endeavour to keep a captive Wheatear on wheat, for the bird is strictly insectivorous. We know that much difference of opinion has always existed as to the reason of the English name for this beautiful migrant, but that it is so named because it "attacks the wheat," as would be inferred from the text quoted, is a very broad guess indeed. The most likely reason for the popular name is that the bird has a conspicuous white rump, and "aers" is old Saxon for rump; hence Whiteaers, corrupted into "Whitearr" and Wheatear.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. J. W. Watson, sec., South Shields, "Always Ready," that we have to announce the death of Mrs. R. Honeyman, wife of one of our members, who has passed away after a very short illness, and we extend to Mr. Honeyman, our deepest sympathy in his sad bereavement.

Seasonable Hints on Useful Weeds.

By RICHARD MORSE, F.R.H.S.

A new weekly feature which will be found of the highest value to all who keep seed-eating birds, and of interest also to all who appreciate the beauty and usefulness of the flowers of our waysides and meadows.

THE common chickweed (Stellaria media Vill.) is at last with us again in all its wonted vigour and abundance, and I recently came across a neglected field which could show scarcely any other plant from end to end. It is really surprising how such an apparently tender and delicate little plant can survive the severities of a winter such as we are just leaving behind, and push forth its little starry flowers so early in the year.

The man in the street would tell you that everybody knows the chickweed, and that to attempt to describe such a common weed were an insult to the intelligence, but the botanist knows better. He also knows that what is commonly called "hemlock" is not hemlock at all, and that comparatively few folk who have not studied our wild plants know how to distinguish even a common dandelion from the multiplicity of plants which it closely resembles.

A Necessary Caution.

These facts must be my explanation in these weekly notes for any apparently trivial details in descriptive matter, for it often happens that certain parts of an edible plant are remarkably similar to those of highly poisonous species, and most of us can recall instances where severe illness or even death has resulted in consequence of the administration of portions of wrongly identified plants. It, therefore, behoves all who dabble in these matters to cultivate the habit of exact observation, and so obviate the occurrence of unhappy results to their endeavours.

There are many different kinds of chickweed to be found in our fields and waysides, but the one shown in the accompanying sketch is that which is most generally in use with bird-keepers, though I hope to draw attention to one or two other species later in the year.

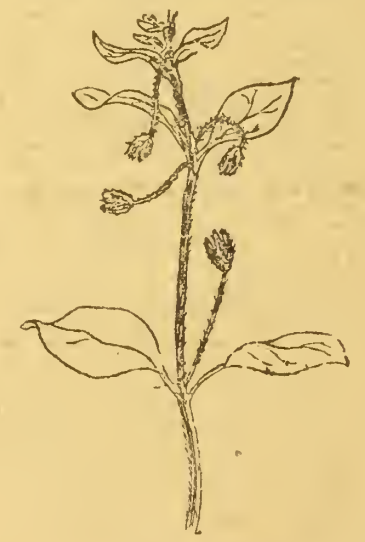
The plant which is most commonly mistaken for chickweed is that known as the three-nerved sandwort (Arenaria trinervia L.) which in some parts of the country later on will be almost as abundant as the chickweed itself, though so far as I have been able to ascertain it is not in favour with any bird-keepers as a food for their pets, and certainly scarcely any of the latter appreciate it.

How to Make Certain

One of the distinguishing characters of chickweed is that its tiny white flowers, though possessing in reality only five petals, appear to have ten. This is due to the fact that in this species each petal is so deeply cleft in the centre as to give it the appearance of two, whilst in the sandwort mentioned above the petals are undivided.

Moreover, although both plants have a certain degree of hairiness, it is important to note that the hairs in chickweed run in a straight line down the stem, alternating from side to side at every joint, where the egg-shaped leaves grow in pairs. This line of hairs is a striking characteristic of the chickweed, and inexperienced collectors should always look for it before gathering either the seeds or plants.

The value of chickweed as a green food must be well known to every reader of CAGE BIRDS, for it would hardly be possible to find a single plant in greater favour in the whole British flora. At the present time very few seed-pods have fully ripened, and so its most useful stage has not yet been reached, but in a few weeks' time Linnets, Twites, Greenfinches, and Redpolls, with hosts of other favourites, will devour it eagerly, and with the greatest benefit. During the breeding season it is particularly useful, and hens at this stage should have abundant supplies of it, on which they will take great pleasure in feeding their young. The medicinal virtues of chickweed have long been known, and it is generally recognised as one of the most reliable bird-plants we have for the proper regulation of the bowels, and for cooling effects upon the blood.



CHICKWEED IN SEED.

Readers are invited to send any botanical specimens which they have difficulty in identifying. The whole plant, including fruits, should be sent whenever possible. Packages should be addressed "The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, and must be accompanied by a P.O. for sixpence. Answers will appear in this column.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT.

M. H. Askham.—Your specimen was the hairy bitter cress (Cardamine hirsuta L.), a very common and variable weed belonging to the cabbage family. I regret I have had no experience with it as a food during the breeding season, but see no reason whatever why it should not be used in moderation. Both green plants and seeds have fairly pronounced stimulating properties, and it will be wise to watch its action carefully before giving it too freely. The seeds, though so small, contain a fair amount of oil, and being rich, too, in nitrogenous matter, are of considerable nutritive value. A certain amount of sulphur is also present, which is readily assimilable.

Barrow's 1917 Show.

Mr. D. McFarlane, 26, Lord Roberts Street, Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness, writes that he has taken over the duties of show secretary for the annual show, Dec. 7-8 next. The show manager is Mr. W. H. Johnson, and assistant manager Mr. W. Douglas. Mr. McFarlane says that every endeavour will be made to ensure the success of the show. There will be a big classification and plenty of specials, and four popular judges will be appointed. The Town Hall has been secured for the show, and this is an ideal building for the purpose.

Drastic Indictment of the Bullfinch

Writing to the "Irish Times" Mr. J. A. Rogers Boyd, says:—"For years I have recognised the enormous destruction that the Bullfinch is capable of doing to fruit trees—indeed it is only in an occasional year that the trees escape his ravages. Many people, doubtless, wonder why their plum and pear trees especially fail to bear fruit; in most cases, I venture to say, the Bullfinch is the cause. Last year these birds made a beginning on two Victoria plum trees. I shot several, and the damage seemed to cease. From these two trees I pulled about 80 lb. of fruit; but in some years I can hardly get 8 lb., owing to the wholesale destruction of the buds, which can be seen lying like coarse dust underneath the trees. This year the plague has been especially severe; my plum and pear crop is practically wiped out in prospect. The Bullfinch is a handsome bird, but he is only a feathered rat—the Hun of the garden, leaving a trail of destruction in his wake. I always shoot these birds when I can, but it is not of much use unless other fruit-tree owners do their part. The Government should put a price upon his head, for, if he were totally exterminated, doubtless thousands of pounds worth of valuable fruit would be saved to the country. I note that this year even a plum tree on my manse wall has been attacked."

TREATS IN STORE FOR BIRD LOVERS.

Following is a full list, as at present arranged, of the proposed rambles of the Field Section of the National British Bird and Mule Club. Readers who may have an opportunity of joining any or all of these rambles should keep the list by them. Such an opportunity of observing the natural lives of our birds has never before been put before bird lovers, and we are sure that all will be appreciative of the amount of time and trouble already expended by Mr. Trower, the hon. treasurer of the Club, in compiling so attractive a programme.

April 22, Sunday, Beaconsfield to Amersham (distance from London 21 miles), station Marylebone; April 26, Thursday aft., Theydon Bois to Loughton (15), Liverpool Street.

May 5, Saturday aft., Denham to Uxbridge (14), Marylebone; May 13, Sunday, Harold Wood for Havering-atte-Bower (15), Liverpool Street; May 17, Thursday aft., South Mimms, Shenley, etc. (14), King's Cross; May 26, Saturday (all day), annual outing to Gomershall (36), London Bridge; May 27, Whitsun (two days), New Forest (84), Waterloo.

June 7, Thursday aft., Weybridge, St. George's Hill (17), Waterloo; June 16, Saturday aft., Hatfield and District (20), King's Cross; June 24, Sunday, Burford Bridge to Ranmore Common (24), London Bridge; June 28, Thursday aft., Chorley Wood to Chenies (20), Marylebone.

July 7, Saturday aft., Rickmansworth to Chorley (21), Euston; July 15, Sunday, Byfleet and District (22), Waterloo; July 19, Thursday aft., Potter's Bar to Northaw (14), King's Cross; July 28, Saturday aft., Bricket Wood, near Watford (18), Euston.

Aug. 5, two days, St. Neot's (51), King's Cross; Aug. 9, Thursday aft., Chalfont Road to Chenies (21), Marylebone; Aug. 18, Saturday aft., Leatherhead to Fetcham (18), London Bridge; Aug. 26, Sunday, East Horsley and District (23), Waterloo; Aug. 30, Thursday aft., Esher-Claremont (15), Waterloo.

Sept. 8, Saturday aft., Gerrard's Cross to Headingley (17), Marylebone; Sept. 16, Sunday, Tadworth to Leatherhead (23), London Bridge; Sept. 20, Thursday aft., Stoke D'Abernon to Bookham (19), Waterloo; Sept. 29, Saturday aft., Caterham to Chipstead (20), London Bridge.

Subject to alterations, time of train and place will be published each week in CAGE BIRDS. Rambles all day on Sunday. An efficient guide will be provided. On Sundays gentlemen had better provide themselves with light lunch. Damage to property in places visited must be strictly avoided. Wild bird laws must be carefully observed. Members, friends, and fanciers welcomed. For all further information apply to Hon. Treasurer, T. R. Trower, 442, Caledonian Road, N.7.

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FAVOURITE FOREIGN BIRDS.

By "TYRONE."

(Continued from page 169.)

Some practical hints upon the treatment of the more inexpensive of the many beautiful foreign birds which may be kept as pets.

THE Diamond Sparrow is about the size of a Siskin, and is a native of Australia. It is a beautiful bird, its contrast of black, grey, and crimson being very effective. It has a pale grey head, with wings and tail a darker shade; across the breast is a band of black, and another black band sprinkled with white spots adorns its sides; its beak is red, and it has a patch of red just above its tail. The cock and hen are alike in plumage, and the best chance of procuring a pair is to choose one bird with a much wider skull and beak than the other.

Diamond Sparrows are generally peaceable with other birds, being very lazy. They prefer sitting quietly on a perch to the exertion of quarrelling and fighting, and this preference often leads to their death, for they frequently get too fat and die of apoplexy.

Diamond Sparrows usually arrive in England in a very ragged and featherless condition, but when removed from the dealer's storecages and caged separately they soon recover and replace the lost feathers.

For food Diamond Sparrows will need canary, millet, and spray millet, but in the event of their breeding in the aviary, which is not a very common occurrence, they would also require insect food and egg for their young ones. The Diamond Sparrow should not be left in the garden aviary during the winter, but should be brought indoors early in November.

The Saffron Finch.

Although a native of Brazil, the Saffron Finch is absolutely hardy, and will be perfectly happy in the garden aviary all the year round. The cock is a handsome bird about the size of a Sparrow, and has a yellowish green back and wings, and a saffron coloured head and breast, with a reddish tinge just round his beak. The hen is greyer, and the young ones are like her. The Saffron Finch has not a very high character for good temper, but individuals vary very much; while some are perfectly amiable, others are decidedly the reverse, and some are perfectly murderous towards their own mates as well as other birds. When in the company of smaller and weaker birds they should be carefully watched, but as they are decidedly interesting it is worth while to find the good tempered members of the family, and remove the quarrelsome ones.

Saffrons nest very freely in all but very small aviaries, rearing brood after brood until quite late in the autumn, and young birds have even been known to leave the nest in mid-winter, in spite of the shortness of the daylight compared to the long, cold nights.

Wild Saffron Finches generally build in holes in trees, and so they are quite satisfied, when in the aviary, with a cigar box nest or Hartz mountain cage. They build a bulky nest of hay and feathers, or anything else that seems to them to be suitable, and lay from three to five eggs. The cock and hen share the incubation between them, and the eggs are hatched in about fourteen days.

The old birds only require canary and millet, with green food, mortar, etc., but when the young ones are hatched soft food also must be given. The young Saffrons come into full plumage when they are about two years old, and until that time the cocks can only be known by their song. Hybrids between the Saffron Finch and Canary have been bred, but they are decidedly uncommon.

Java Sparrows.

Java Sparrows are probably the hardiest as well as the cheapest of all the birds imported during the year, and will live and thrive under conditions that would kill any other foreign bird. They are natives of rice-growing countries, and are exported from Java, India, China, and Japan. In their native countries they are very destructive birds, feeding in the rice fields in large flocks, as Sparrows feed in the cornfields over here.

The Java Sparrow is a little bigger than an English Sparrow, and more heavily built. His body is slate grey, with flights and tail black; head rich black, with a pure white patch on each cheek. His beak is bright red, and he has very thick legs and feet.

He is absolutely hardy, and in the aviary his plumage is always perfect; in fact, he looks as if he was cast in a mould instead of being clothed with separate feathers. It does not seem to make any difference to the Java Sparrow whether it is midsummer or midwinter, and even in a damp fog he seems to be perfectly contented.

Java Sparrows live almost entirely on canary seed, though they like a little millet as well, with a few oats occasionally in the winter, or when they are feeding young ones. They are very clumsy birds, and their seed should be placed in hoppers and deep boxes, or their large feet will scatter it wastefully.

Several food boxes should be given, as Javas are extremely "touchy" when feeding, and will not allow another bird to approach the seed pan until their appetite is thoroughly satisfied. They are fond of bathing, both in winter and in summer, and for green feed seem to prefer flowering grass and chickweed to anything else.

Aviary bred Java Sparrows breed very freely, building a rough nest of hay lined with feathers. They generally select a cigar-box nest, but almost any box will do. The eggs are white, and are hatched in about 14 days.

The young birds leave the nest at a month old, and feed themselves about a week or ten days later. Young birds are entirely grey, with black beaks, but they change colour at the first moult. Birds hatched late in the autumn generally moult the following spring.

Imported Java Sparrows do not breed nearly as freely as aviary bred birds, and when they do make a start they choose the autumn; therefore, although aviary bred birds cost rather more to buy, they are more satisfactory in the end.

Java Sparrows are often very spiteful with smaller birds, and as their beaks are very thick and strong, it is not safe to keep them with Waxbills, especially if the aviary is not very large. The cock and hen are alike, but the skull of the cock is broader than that of the hen, and his beak is thicker and broader than hers.

White Java Sparrows.

White Java Sparrows are the cage-bred descendants of the wild birds; they have been produced by the Chinese and Japanese, just as the white Bengalese have been bred from dark birds. They are as clumsy in their movements as the grey birds, but are much less spiteful; though the white Javas will "scold" very crossly, they rarely do any real damage to other birds.

In my aviary they generally spend the greater part of the day sitting on some boxes hanging high up in one corner of the aviary, and noisily driving away any other bird that comes near. But they never chase or bite another bird.

White Javas breed much more freely than Greys, but over here they will not often breed in cages. They are very nervous, and directly anyone approaches the aviary they fly into the covered portion, or into any sheltered corner where they think they will be unobserved, and this is the more annoying as the other birds are infected by their fear and fly away also.

If an aviary be not available these birds might perhaps be bred in a large wooden packing case wired only in front, but an aviary is best. The imported birds generally start nesting in August, and will rear a nest or two before the cold weather sets in. In a warm room they would be likely to breed almost all the year round.

Young birds, even when bred from pure parents, are generally flawed with patches of grey feathers, and some are quite heavily marked, or even grey all over. They grow much whiter at the first moult, so should be kept until this is over. When the birds are imported these grey feathers are often cut off, but, of course, they appear again when the bird moults.

The song of the Java Sparrow is very monotonous, but the notes of the white bird are, perhaps, to be preferred to those of the grey. When the cock Java Sparrow wishes to show off to his mate, he jumps up and down on the perch near her, but the action is so clumsy that he looks like an elephant trying to gambol.

The Orange Bishop.

The Orange Bishop comes from West Africa, and is a little smaller than a Siskin. When in full plumage its colouring is very bright and pretty; the forehead, cheeks, breast, and lower parts are black, and the neck, throat and back are bright reddish orange; the red feathers round the back of the neck stand out like a ruff. The wings are brown.

When out of colour the cock and hen are both soberly coloured and are a little like a hen Sparrow. Weavers can be bought very cheaply when out of colour, and the different varieties are then much alike. They begin to come into colour in June or July, and change again about January.

Bishops are jealous and tyrannical, fighting fiercely with cocks of their own kind, and sometimes even chasing their own mates about the aviary until they die of exhaustion. Like all the commoner Weavers, they are very hardy birds.

Weavers are easily fed, and require chiefly canary seed and a little millet and green food. When coming into colour, and while in breeding plumage, they require a few ants' eggs or mealworms as well.

Red Beaked Weaver.

The Red Beaked Weaver is also a West African bird, and is not brilliantly coloured like the Bishop. When the cock is in full plumage, he retains his ordinary Sparrow-like colouring, relieved by the red beak and a black face.

In the aviary this bird seems about the least vicious and tyrannical of all the race, and he is certainly very hardy, and may be left in the garden aviary during the winter. They do not seem to be liable to any diseases, and will live in perfect health for years.

Red Beaked Weavers are great nest builders, and the branch of a tree should be fixed up in the aviary for them to suspend their nests from, and tough grass and hay should be provided. In a cage they will often weave silk and knitting wool through the wires.

None of the Weavers are very likely to breed in the aviary, though the birds will weave more complete nests if both cocks and hens are kept. Food, as for the Bishop.

A SPRING VISITOR.

Towards the end of April or early in May, according to the season, our coppices will be enlivened by the exquisite song of the Blackcap and we shall know that spring really has come. One or more specimens of this charming songster are to be seen at any of our important shows. Our picture is a portrait of the fine Blackcap, shown with great success by Mr. W. H. Vale, Clapham.

Echoes from the Land of the Enemy.

By H. W. GUITERREZ.

How the World's Enemies are endeavouring to keep in a position to resume their old ascendancy in the Canary trade, especially with regard to the supply of singing Canaries.

ONE great section of the Roller Fancy in the enemy country is organising through their Central Union a campaign for fostering now and securing after the war their ascendancy both in producing the very best saleable birds and in capturing the export trade. They own that they are exporting far fewer birds than before the war, also that there are far fewer birds bred. They experience little difficulty so far as trade is concerned with Bulgaria, Turkey, Serbia, Belgium, Luxemburg, Switzerland, Holland, and Denmark, though with Norway and Sweden it is not so easy a matter. With regard to other countries they make the boast that they can still get a few birds through our blockade by means of deception and trickery.

Breeding over there now will apparently be undertaken in the face of very serious drawbacks, owing to the food question. Already in November last year they were preparing for a season without rape seed, and in face of a great scarcity and dearness of foods of the soft category, egg, biscuit, etc. Many have had to destroy their birds, others have only reserved those of the highest quality, a policy they have have been urged to adopt.

Urgent representations to high quarters, signed by members of all the clubs, have up till now secured some mitigation of the evil, a proof of what a properly organised fancy can do, but the seed question would seem at this date almost to be hopeless.

However, they still carry on with the restricted diet, and our breeders and our exporters must not relax their efforts. It is not a question for the Roller fancier alone; it is of moment to all patriotic and business-like fanciers and traders.

And here is the reason of my making these remarks; a serious discussion, not to say movement, is on foot over there to produce a new class of songster, a bird of form and colour of first rate Roller song. The experiment has been made, and a breeder claims to have been successful.

It is with the express object of snatching the whole of the world's trade by producing an unparalleled songster of first-rate form and colour; and, what is more, the Union is taking the matter up. In this connection the classes mentioned are Yorkshire, Dutch, Lizards, Cinnamons, from what I have been able to gather.

The system is to select first-class birds of form and colour, say Yorkshires, and train their young cocks from their earliest days under two or three year old Rollers of the very highest class. One of these Rollers is to be put into the flight cage while the cocks are still very young. When eaging off, it is recommended that for every six young cocks there should be at least three to four Roller schoolmasters. Only the finest birds for colour and form are selected as learners, and the best songsters among these only are set aside for next season's breeding, and so on. By this means the excellency of type in colour and form is maintained and at the same time the vocal organs of the strain are being developed.

I may add that shows with good entries were held last season, and birds as usual of the highest standard were exhibited, particulars of which are in my possession.

Correspondence.

EVERY WEEK A PRIZE OF TEN SHILLINGS IS GIVEN FOR WHAT, IN THE OPINION OF THE EDITOR OF "CAGE BIRDS," IS THE BEST LETTER PUBLISHED UNDER THIS HEADING. THE LETTER MAY BE ON ANY SUBJECT. IT MAY BE A COMMENT, FOR OR AGAINST, ON ANYTHING WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN OUR PAGES, AN OPINION ON THE POLICY OF OUR PAPER, OR MAY HAVE NO REFERENCE WHATEVER TO ANYTHING WHICH HAS ALREADY APPEARED. SO LONG AS IT IS ON A "BIRDY" SUBJECT, AND IS ORIGINAL, IT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR THE PRIZE.

The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. E. Gooderham, 472, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich.

Eggs Drying Up.

Sir,—I would like to know if any reader could tell me the cause of eggs being infertile. The eggs have been all dried up in the shells after sitting twelve days. I have seen the cocks tread the hens and the birds have been wild to get together. All last year I did not have a young bird, for all the eggs were the same. I have fed them on a mixed food in sixpenny packets, and when I put them together I give them egg food.

F. Jebb.

Gathering Thistle & Dandelion.

Sir,—I should like to answer "Novice's" letter re above. My way with thistle and dandelion is to collect the heads (with the stems), after the flower is dead, and before they re-open to throw out the seed. Cut off the down as near the seed as possible; place the stems in a little water in a dish as you would flowers, then place them in your bird room, when they will open out and ripen and dry. As they ripen I remove and store, not in air-tight tins. I have found this the best way, as when you gather them outdoors, ripe, you lose half the seed with the wind.

Nor'-West.

"Some Hints on Mule Breeding."

Egg Food for the Finches.

Sir,—With reference to my winning letter under the above heading, I have been asked if I gave egg food (as prepared) to finches. To this I say yes, decidedly, and I have never noticed any ill effects thereby. It is just as important to keep the finch in condition as the Canary hens. Some fanciers are under the impression that it is most unwise. Personally I think egg food judiciously given is a very acceptable and valuable food for finches. In fact, egg food has brought a finch round for me when on the verge of death, and everything else had failed to induce it to eat. Therefore it is wise to get finches used to soft food.

J. Kershaw.

The Feeding and Rearing of Young Canaries.

How to Use Egg-food and Green-food.

Sir,—When the hatching process is completed one should begin to supply the egg-food to each pair as occasion requires, bringing them on to the ordinary egg-food by the third day. From the fourteenth day until the young are three days old, the bath should be withheld, unless given for a particular purpose. In the meantime, if all goes well and the hen feeds the young satisfactorily, adhere to simple methods only for the first three days. Let the usual seed diet and egg-food suffice, give the egg-food in small quantities, and keep it freshly supplied whenever possible at least three times each day. Do not try to economise by mixing any that may be left over with the freshly made supply. This is the very worst kind of false economy. Throw away all that is left and wash out the egg drawer before giving the fresh supply. Half a teaspoonful at each meal will be sufficient for the first two or three days. It is a safe plan to endeavour to regulate the supply so that the quantity given is just cleared up before the time to give a fresh supply.

By the fourth day after hatching the egg food should be gradually brought to a compound of one part hard-boiled minced egg and two parts stale bread crumbs, which should be sufficiently nourishing for the rest of the rearing process. All kinds of wholesome biscuits may, of course, be substituted for ordinary bread, as very commonly done in these days, perhaps too much so.

Green food should be added on the fourth day. This consists principally of young lettuce and dandelion leaves. The last named, I think, is the best, as it was the only green food that I used all last season, and I found it very successful. The young birds thrived and grew enormously on the dandelion leaves and the freshly placed egg-food, giving the egg-food at least three times a day, and the dandelion from four to six times a day. At the eighth or tenth day a supply of cracked hemp seed should be given; it is of the greatest service in helping to make lighter the task of the parents.

R. Carwood.

A Letter from the Front.

A Soldier Sees His Bird in "Cage Birds."

Sir,—I think if there is anything looked forward to among the boys in the trenches it is the Blighty mail. Last week it brought an unusual pleasure to me when I opened my Cage Birds (which I can't do without), to find my Hedge Sparrow in the very attitude it used to pose in its cage and aviary. Let me thank you for this favour, which I did not expect. Some time before long I must give your readers the history of this fine specimen, which, strange to say, had myself and a cock Norwich Canary for its foster parents.

Some people think these birds have no song, but let them get one and see. If they are kept in aviaries they are a most interesting bird. This bird was sold through Cage Birds to Mr. J. MacDonald, jun., Glasgow, for a fair figure, and I trust is doing well for its now owner. However, all going on well, Bedford show shall not go without that interesting little exhibit, the Hedge Sparrow.

Wishing all fanciers, those facing our villainous enemy, and those in Blighty, every success.

Arthur Simons.

Two Glorious Softbills.

The Redstart and the Nightingale.

Sir—Having kept and studied birds since I was twelve years old, I thought a few remarks about that graceful softbill, the Redstart, and our best songster, the Nightingale, would be welcomed by readers of Cage Birds. The Redstarts we should be seeing any day in early April (but the weather must alter greatly) at their favourite haunts, especially in parks where large oaks and old hollow whitethorn trees are plentiful. They are fond of old disused stone quarries, orchards where trees are old and hollow, and rivers fringed with willows, in which places their greenish blue eggs are laid.

Immediately they arrive the cock can be seen on the topmost branch of the oak or elm, singing his short and rather sad song, staying there a considerable time, and descending occasionally to feed on the small beetles, etc., near the roots of the trees. This is generally when he is caught, as he cannot resist the mealworms fastened to the net-trap set to capture him. But it is cruel and useless to catch him in May, as the hen is sitting by that time, and he generally sulks and dies. He can easily be kept, and will become finger tame if caught immediately or soon after arrival, and will soon sing.

Two years ago I caught an adult Redstart in April, and he sang within a week of capture, and continued singing for about six weeks. I moulted him in autumn, and afterwards sold him to that enthusiastic fancier, Mr. S. H. Mays. I have also supplied Mr. Teschemaker with pairs of these birds, which I believe were for breeding purposes, and should like to know if that gentleman was successful. Mr. Teschemaker says it is a fast declining species, and I must admit I saw less in 1916 than ever before.

The cock can easily be recognised from the hen by the white on his head, and his black throat and eye markings, also the deeper red on breast and sides. The young resemble young Robins and Nightingales very much, but the young 'Starts can always be distinguished by the constant movement of the tail.

The food I make up as follows:—Best ants' eggs, dried flies, best meat meal (not the sort sold by corn-chandlers for poultry), and crushed biscuits, made moist with grated carrot. About eight or nine mealworms daily, and gentles cleaned with sawdust, and when obtainable, all live food such as small beetles, live ants' eggs, wireworms, etc. In autumn, elderberries, red currants, etc.

Last spring I found two cocks apparently paired to one hen bird; the largest and best coloured cock bird was "boss," and they fought now and then, but both helped in feeding the young, which were in a hole of a willow.

When we have got the Redstart nicely on food, we must prepare the cages ready for our finest songster, the Nightingale; first by arranging all food vessels inside, and fixing a soft cloth front to the cage so as not to injure his beak and head. For perches I generally fix the bullrush (pokers) stems, cut in suitable lengths. These are nice and soft for the 'Gales feet, and can easily be cleaned by taking a layer of the stem away, leaving a clean perch for a few more days. These I find as good as anything, but failing these willow porches are good.

Some people differ as to the date of the arrival of Nightingales on our shores, but they arrive here (East Suffolk) on April 22 or 23, and a treat it is to listen to their song by the edge of a plantation or wood, chiefly where the hazel abounds. The cock arrives two or three days before the hens (at least they do here), and this is the best time to catch them. When fed on the food same as for Redstarts, a Nightingale soon becomes steady, and some will sing a few days after being caught, but Nightingales vary so very much in singing. Some require being kept rather dark, some with plenty of light, and others partly covered with a cloth, before they will sing.

About five years ago I was after a 'Gale or two in April, and had captured a good singing cock bird. I put him in my pocket, and was taking him to my box on the cycle, and on my journey I passed another 'Gale on full song, quite close to me. I stayed a bit to listen to his song, and I was astonished to hear the bird in my pocket singing loudly, and continuing to do so for fully half a minute. After he was on food he sang for several weeks, and proved to be the best songster ever I had. I once saw a tip given in Cage Birds that a few drops of clarified linseed oil mixed with the softbill food was beneficial to the birds, and I must say I have lost very few since using it myself.

The cock 'Gale can be picked from the hen if the following points are remembered:—Firstly, large bold eye, carriage more erect than hen, longer neck, and throat and breast much whiter than the hen.

Either the Redstart or the Nightingale will well repay his owner for giving him every attention, and will take mealworms from the hand in a very short time. The bird should be singing nicely before Christmas if fed judiciously, and will stand a good chance of winning on the show bench.

E. Gooderham.

(It need scarcely be pointed out that to catch a Nightingale or a Redstart in April, or to be found in possession of a "recently taken" bird, is an offence against the Wild Bird Protection Act of 1880, and that in most counties it is illegal to take these birds at any time in our country.—Ed., Cage Birds.]

Fighting the Red Mite.

Is "Killed" Oxalic Acid Really "Killing"?

Sir,—The little pest is evidently still an object of general interest, and I was pleased to see Mr. Whitaker's valuable contribution on the subject in a recent issue, and to note that it touched, though without solving it, a point not previously mentioned. It may be remembered that when the oxalic acid remedy was first brought forward I immediately called attention to the poisonous nature of the acid, and the habit of many birds nibbling off the whitewash, etc., and eating it.

The object of that letter was two-fold, to point out the poisonous effect of the acid, and equally important, to discover whether the effect of the neutralised acid upon the mites would come under discussion. Curiously enough in all the months that have elapsed no writer seems to have given a thought to this vital point until Mr. Whitaker mentioned it, and he, like myself, has nothing definite to say on the point. But does it not seem reasonable to suppose that when the acid is neutralised and rendered harmless to human or animal life it most probably loses its effect upon insect life? And if this is the case how can it be of any further utility to destroy the pest or in keeping it at bay?

It may be argued that there is the proof of practical experience that the pest disappeared in certain cases after its use. But as the pest seems to have been troublesome in each case before its use it seems to me that the explanation may perhaps lie in a little closer attention to the details of regular cleaning and more constant vigilance towards preventing the mites getting a footing, once it had become apparent that a thorough overhaul was a necessity. Beforehand, the vigilance may have been a trifle slack without being seriously negligent, but that slight laxity was all that was required to enable the mites to get the upper hand. Then the owner woke to fact, and afterwards there was just that little extra care in details which sufficed to keep the pest under, so that the extra care rather than a neutralised poison was responsible for the permanent disappearance of the mites. Given due care not to employ any solution that does not neutralise the acid there is perhaps very little risk in using it, but it would be of interest to know the truth as to whether any effect was produced on the mite by an acid which was neutralised, and, consequently, no longer generally poisonous.

At the same time I do not think the use of any chemical of any kind in the coating used on the inside of the cage is to be commended, simple or otherwise, and can recollect the time many years ago when a certain powerful astringent came into favour for a few seasons to be used in this way for the same object, and for some seasons after egg-binding in the hens was unusually common, and enquiry frequently revealed the fact that this astringent had been used in this way. It may have been only coincidence, but such association makes one wary.

The Best of All Insecticides.

I have yet to find a more effectual deterrent to insect life than camphor, which has a fairly lasting effect, reckoning by days and not months, and is perfectly harmless. Unfortunately, it is practically quite insoluble in water, and some other solvent has to be employed, the quickest and best of which is spirit, which in its turn dissolves and spoils any spirit varnish or stain on the cage, but for general effect for the purpose employed it would be very hard to beat.

Claude St. John.

On Canary Breeding.

Some Hints for Novice Fanciers.

Sir,—While I have a few minutes to spare, and these opportunities are not very frequent at such times as the present, I shall have pleasure in giving the novice readers of our valuable paper, Cage Birds, a few hints on the rearing of Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries. I should like it to be understood that my remarks are entirely for the benefit of the novice, as I should not dream of trying to teach the champion, although it might be that there are some things that may be forgotten or overlooked even by the champions.

The most important point is the proper studying of the points of the birds before pairing them up, for it is very necessary that they should be completely suitable to each other. Some are inclined to think that as long as their birds come from Mr. So and So's stock that they are all right for pairing; but this is not always the case unless the birds are properly matched.

When there is an hour to spare, run the hen into the show cage, and examine her thoroughly, and if she possesses size, type, and quality, you will not have much difficulty in getting a cock bird to suit her. I mention size first because there are many who advocate medium sized hens, and I may say that I am a great believer in size. My experience tells me nothing beats a good little one better than a good big one. I shall never be convinced that it is possible to breed a giant from a dwarf, seeing what is wanted in the hen is a big frame.

In the cock bird the most essential points are a good round head, a well filled back and neck, and perfect fitting wings. What we should try to avoid in hens are bad shaped necks, narrow chests, and drooped tails. In cocks the principal defects are square heads, guttered backs, and scissor wings.

To avoid trouble in pairing the birds, I find double breeders are the best form of cages to use. If you draw the slide for about half an inch during mid-days, and the cock be given all the tit-bits in the way of food, the hen will soon be calling for her share. An important point is always to make use of the hen as soon as she comes into condition. It is very nice to have one's birds all coming at the same time, but considerable trouble may arise to get the hen paired in the proper condition.

When the hen is ready to nest leave her alone, do not meddle with the eggs, for thirteen days are not very long to wait; at the end of that time you may look at the cage bottom for egg shells, and if you will put you ear close to the cage and there are any young you will hear them squeaking. When the young ones have come still leave them alone, and you will be well paid for your patience.

For the food I always give during the first two days, the yolk of egg only, afterwards soaked bread and egg. I find this easy for the birds to feed with, and for the young to digest. I like to soak the hemp and rape seed to make it easier for the hen to crack, and it should be given them three or four times each day.

When the young are about ten days old I give them pin-head oatmeal and wateroress and when the young are separated from their parents I always give them pin-head oatmeal as a bone former in addition to the seed diet. I continue this food until the young are through the moult.

When birds come back from a show the first thing they should have is bread soaked in milk, and a few drops of Parrish's chemical food should be added to the drinking water. During the season never forget to hang the show cage on to the front of the cage, and when you go into the bird room, get a stick and teach the birds to run to the show cages. Once they have learned this they never forget it. As a final word I should like to say, let it be a pleasure to you to do all that is necessary for your pets, and you will be well paid for your troubles.

J. Gibbons.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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Linnets for Contest Singing.

How to Select and How to Feed.

Sir,—There seems to have been a lot of interest taken in the articles appearing recently in Cage Birds, under the heading of Linnets for Contest Singing. I have always been much interested in contest Linnets, and, having been among them for a good number of years, I venture to give my views and ideas as to the way to treat Linnets so as to get the maximum of song.

This is only to be done by getting them into high condition. I know that among contest fanciers, especially the novices, there is a notion that the most successful men at the contests use drugs or secret mixtures to make their birds sing. I have kept Linnets over 30 years, and though I have never myself sung them at contests I have been in touch with some of the most successful fanciers, and at one time used to visit all the contests and matches in my district, also the fanciers who kept contest birds. I have hand-reared Linnets, reared them under Canaries, caught them in their nest feather, and at all the four seasons of the year. I have studied them in their wild state and in captivity, moulted them, and won with them (not the hand or Canary-reared ones) in hot competition on the show bench, and with the exception of the first three issues I have never missed my Cage Birds. So I hope I am justified in offering to give a few hints how to treat Linnets for song.

In the first place I may say my only secrets are careful feeding and attention. I am well aware that some of the contest men use a drop out of the bottle, such as whisky, spirits of wine, and other decoctions, but these do more harm than good; they are only a fad, and quickly ruin the health of the most vigorous birds. I also know that some of the most successful fanciers who win all before them at the contests get the name of giving drugs to their birds, and when asked to give the secret away they do not deny using a drug, but just quibble out of giving a direct answer, for they like it to be thought that they have the knowledge of some secret drug or mixture, though at the same time they know full well that such are detrimental to the health of the birds, and therefore use nothing but clean seed and pure water.

If "A. J. B." or any other lover of the Linnet who wants to get his birds into high condition for singing will treat them in the following manner he will not go far wrong. Get the birds in the month of December; they are then strong and hardy, and will have the pure wild song. Select birds that are naturally steady, discard those that are unduly wild when their cage is handled, for even after the most careful selection it will be lucky if more than one out of a dozen turn out contest birds.

Put the birds into separate cages, make up a stock mixture of ¼ stone (3½ lbs.) English rape seed and a 3d. packet of good Linnet mixture; mix well together, and fill up the seed box whenever necessary. Give water to which has been added six or seven drops of syrup of buckthorn; leave this on for one day, then give pure water, and repeat the buckthorn in a few days. Then if the birds are going on all right discontinue the buckthorn altogether.

Keep the birds in a cool place, and on no account hang them above the level of the gas. Spray them and clean out the cages at least once a week. After you have got them nicely settled down start giving them the following seeds in order of merit:—Dandelion, white lettuce, and turnip seed; give about a thimbleful separately and on alternative days. These seeds should be given in a finger draw, but most of the back cages are made with two seed boxes, one for the stock mixture and the other for the tit-bits.

Under this treatment the birds should be getting their wings down and spreading their tails as they start singing; this is a sign of high condition. If they are not singing, and their beaks are pale in colour, their feather dry, and without the gloss which all birds carry when in good form, you may safely come to the conclusion that the position in which the birds are kept is unsuitable, or the temperature too high. They can stand any amount of cold, without draughts, but artificial heat upsets them in a very short time.

A quick moult is essential when they are kept for singing, and the quickest way to moult them is undoubtedly the forced moult. I know that some fanciers don't care for it, but I can say candidly that many birds would have been saved that die annually (through being stuck in the moult) if they had had a forced moult. If the moult is carried out carefully, and every care taken to guard against the birds taking cold, it is just as good, and in some cases better than if the bird had moulted naturally.

[Here follows a method of forcing birds into a moult, but we do not agree with subjecting birds to the treatment, so it has been deleted. —Editor.]

To force a bird into high condition just after moulting is apt to throw it into a cross moult, and this is very undesirable. When they are coming up in colour they may be sprayed regularly and given a pinch of dandelion seed occasionally, which will bring them on to song gradually. If the birds are to be kept for singing contests they must not be allowed to sing too much while at home; this will be accomplished by hanging the birds side by side—say if there are six birds—three in a row, top and bottom, and if this is done they will seldom burst into full song. Get a strange Linnet into the house occasionally, hang your own and the stranger at each side of the window, and if the birds are "proud," i.e., in high condition, they will drop their wings and sing at each other. Don't let the birds drink stale water, don't let them pick up stale seed from among the droppings on the floor of the cage, don't keep them in an over-heated small kitchen, don't neglect to spray them, and don't give drugs is the advice of

Rambler.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else

A Believer in Rational Methods.

Sir,—I have read Mr. J. Hardman's article on how he manages Linnets. His first advice re Field Moulted Linnets. "Pink Linnets," as we call them, is good for anyone that has not a good bird to teach young Linnets, but the fancier that has a bird to teach the young ones in my experience is the one that will get more good birds, as a Linnet will learn the song of many different birds. I have known them take the Canary, Goldfinch, and Bullfinch notes.

As regards their moulting properly, if looked after when they moult their nest feathers, they will come up all right and come "proud." I know of last season's young birds that are winning in contests at both day and gas light matches. As to covering them up for a day or two so that they will sing, I think it is not the proper thing to do, as a Linnet in good health will sing all day long. I have been a quality singer for a good number of years, and I have yet my first bird to cover up for a day. I have won contests all over Yorkshire and Lancashire, and when I have travelled a long journey the first thing I do is to take the birds out of their box to let them have light, as in my experience it takes pride off birds when they have been covered up too long.

I have been to contests where they sing for time, and when they have put the birds in the window they have looked more like sickly birds than a smart neat vigorous bird as the Linnet is. With having been covered up all day long they do not sing, but splutter away as if they had no life in them. If you go to a quality singing contest you will see a different type of bird; they will show pride at each other, and sing like one hears them in the fields.

I feed my birds on summer English rape, equal parts, with a little linseed and white Canary, and find they do well on it, but all birds are not alike, so if I find one that takes one seed better than another, I give it what it likes, only I watch they do not get fat, as my experience is that a fat bird gets lazy, and does not sing so well as if kept in nice condition. I am writing this as my experience of a good number of years, and as a successful Linnet fancier, and am not claiming that I know all, so I would like to hear other fanciers' views on the matter.

Wm. Sissons.

Birds of Ceylon.

A Bird that Sews Up Leaves for a Nest.

Sir,—Perhaps you will be able to find a corner in Cage Birds for another letter on the birds of Ceylon. This time I propose to write about the Indian Tailor Bird, which more or less takes the place of our British Wren, both in habits and the marvellous powers it possesses for making itself heard, though so small in its person.

The Tailor Bird gets its English name from the manner in which it builds its nest, which is truly a wonderful structure. Two or more leaves of any big leafed tree or shrub are drawn together and neatly sewn up by the birds, forming a sort of deep cup, and this is lined with any soft material at hand. I remember finding just such a nest, only the birds had chosen the leaves of a particularly thorny shrub, which has a white flower just like that of the potato plant, and they had made a beautiful nest out of the extremely prickly leaves.

Whether this kind of shrub was chosen because of its prickly nature, for the purpose of keeping off any inquisitive intruders, I cannot say, but I, for one, like to think that it was so. The leaves were beautifully sewn together, and the nest was lined with the downy seeds from a kind of dandelion, which, though very useful for the Tailor Birds, is the planter's "bête noir," as the seeds blow about, and it is a hard weed to get out, owing to the length of its tap root.

The nest contained two greenish-blue eggs with chestnut and darker spots, more spotted at the larger end. I am sorry to say that the birds deserted, owing, I think, to the too frequent visits of coolies, who were pruning and weeding near the nest. I took the whole nest to my bungalow with the two eggs, which I blew, but it did not last long, for as soon as the leaves withered the whole structure fell to pieces. They are about the cheeriest birds I know, and love hopping about the creepers growing up the verandahs of the bungalows out there, and their merry "chink chink, pinch'em pinch 'em" is a cheery thing to hear first thing in the morning and last thing at night.

The Tailor Bird is not what you would call a neat bird, and always looks to me as if he had put his clothes on in a hurry, as he is ragged-looking fellow. He is olive-green on the back, with a dull chestnut top to his head; under parts a dirty greenish white; tail green and long, and generally stuck straight up and wagged from side to side when the bird is giving vent to his loud metallic notes.

His flight is laboured, owing, I think, to his long tail, which seems more of a hindrance than a help, and when on the wing the bird looks for all the world like a ball of fluff, with one end hanging loose. A closely allied species to this bird is the Ashy Wren-Warbler, an interesting incident about which species I hope to write next week.

T. E. Tunnard (Lieut.).

The Federation of Roller Clubs.

Hun Names for Song Tours.

Sir,—Without wishing to enter into this controversy, I should like to ask whether the ingenuity of English Roller fanciers is not equal to inventing English terms for the tours of their favourites. In a letter in Cage Birds of March 31, the German word "Glucke" is used over forty times, and there are other terms such as "Aufzug," etc., cropping up from time to time.

Onlooker.

A Matter of Rival Clubs.

Sir,—Kindly grant me a little of your valuable space again to reply to Mr. Hill's letter, re the Federation of Roller Canary Clubs. Mr. Hill says I am confusing the point at issue with the ring question. I do nothing of the kind. I pointed out to Mr. Hill the action the B.R.C.C. and M.R.C.C. had taken, and I am firmly of the opinion that if they had not taken the course they did, the rule Mr. Hill objects to would never have been brought forward at all; it is simply a case of "reprisals."

Mr. Hill states that they did not debar birds out of the contest, but only out of the two young bird classes. Quite so, but what earthly use are the remaining classes to the fancier who wishes to exhibit young birds of his own breeding in their proper classes and pays an increased price for his rings? He might just as well keep his money and his birds at home. I contend that their action did debar a lot of birds out of the contests entirely.

Mr. Hill states that it would have been a great consideration financially, and to the advantage of the club holding the contest, to agree to the B.R.C.C.'s proposals and confine the classes to B.R.C.C. rung birds, as it meant anything from 50 to 100 entries. What would have happened had we done so? We had at the last contest 194 entries in the two young bird classes, practically all P.R.C.C. rung birds, so that to have debarred these birds out in favour of B.R.C.C. birds (and Mr. Hill's estimate is a high one) would certainly have been a consideration financially, but we should have been on the wrong side of the hedge.

Mr. Hill suggests that I betray a desire to see the Fancy divided into two hostile camps. I do not. I am quite as anxious that all should be united as Mr. Hill is, but I consider the actions of certain clubs in the past two seasons, at any rate, have not been conducive to good fellowship, and if they fight with certain weapons they must be prepared for other people using the same kind. Mr. Hill says he has used his best endeavours to induce the M.R.C.C. to join the Federation, still he does not wish the necessary reform taken out of the hands of the B.R.C.C. That, Sir, is rather strange reading. He says he will use the Federation rings, and then claim the "liberty" and "freedom" to show his birds where and when he pleases. Exactly. He is claiming just the privilege they have denied to other people, and I believe if the B.R.C.C. had granted that privilege in past seasons, until an amicable settlement had been arrived at, the "drastic" rule would never have been heard of.

R. Barnett.

[A portion of this letter, consisting of hearsay evidence of what is said to have been done at a committee meeting of one of the clubs concerned has been deleted. Resolutions passed in committee should only be made public at the desire of the committee as expressed in Club Reports sent by the hon. sec. for publication.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

More About the Various Gluckes.

Sir,—Mr. Willows is altogether wrong in his assumption that I admitted his version was substantially correct. What I did—and anyone can prove it for themselves by referring to Cage Birds—was to accept his word that he personally knew nothing about it. That statement does not include his fellow members.

I am quoted as having written that Bell Glucke was Water Glucke. If Mr. Willows reads again, he will find there was an addition, which altered the whole meaning. I still contend my version is correct. I am submitting a bird to the Leeds members to prove it. I am fully aware that it is brought with a groundwork like Hollow Glucke in some cases, but in my opinion that is not half so pretty and musical as with a groundwork of scale good Water Glucke. I have been breeding Roller Canaries, on and off, for twenty-two years, and I think I should know something, at any rate, about it. Years ago, in a translation from an article in the "Allgemeine Kanarien Zeitung" I remember reading, under the heading "Gluckes," that one had to distinguish between Hollow Glucke, Bell Glucke, Water Glucke, and Glucke Roll. The Water Glucke was given as possessing silvery sounds, "glokloklok, lukluk luk," in quick succession, as you get when you empty a bottle of water. The Hollow Glucke was compared to the glucke of the house fowl calling her chicks, the rippling, watery, or silvery sounds being missing. This would be "cluck-cluck." The Bell Glucke was given as ending with the long vowel "e," "gluegluelue lue." (Pronounce the "e" as in Tee.) This was stated to be more beautiful when the "e" was the more metallic. It will easily be seen that the Bell Glucke, at its best, has for groundwork a tour more nearly resembling the silvery or metallic sounds of the Water Glucke than the sound of the Hollow Glucke. In this description I contend the bell-tongue sound is represented by the letter "l." The "ee" the ring. The "g and u" giving the watery groundwork. The bird I shall submit at Leeds brings the tour both ways, and I know which the musical ear will like best.

Mr. Willows tries to show that the Federation "drastic" rule is in operation now, because one or two clubs have joined since the formation. I presume they have pleased themselves, and would suggest they have joined because they know upon which side their bread is buttered. Depend upon it, if these clubs had thought the cause of the Federation was a lost one, or unjust, they would not have joined. The Federation will thrive because its rule is democratic.

That small word "we" is causing Mr. Willows some annoyance, but as my word is not good enough I will not occupy space in dealing further with it.

In the course of this correspondence I have been practically accused of hitting below the belt; now my resignation, it is suggested, "was a planned job." I am not out to take all the virtues in Christendom upon my shoulders, but I do value my name and honour. It has always been possible for one to be in membership of more clubs than one, so that by resigning from one club it does not follow you forsake the Federation. Mr. Willows says I will not answer his question re the B.R.C.C., but omits the qualifying sentence. If he will give the particulars asked for, and declare himself a champion of its constitution, I will guarantee him an effective reply.

In conclusion, Sir, I thank you for allowing me to monopolise the space I have, and would point out that this is my last letter with regard to anything further Mr. Willows may write.

A. Montague.

[A portion of this letter has been deleted as being entirely personal.—Editor Cage Birds.]

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CHARLES ST JOHN

ARRANGEMENT OF STOCK.

B. B., Pendlebury.—(1) I take it you mean the best results as regards numbers bred, and with the appliances at your disposal I do not think you could do better than utilise the double breeders as single breeders, with a hen in each end, and use nursery cages to hang on the fronts for mating the cocks and weaning the young, running one cock with two hens in each case and leaving the hens to hatch out and rear the young by themselves, reserving the remaining double breeder with the slide removed as a small flight in which to run the young when they are ready to take from the nursery cages and cater for themselves, for a week or so, to get a little more used to the use of their wings before finally transferring them to the large aviary. This cage might easily suffice for all the broods as the season progresses, as, being fung, there will be no objection to mixing the broods at this stage. Divide the larger aviary in the centre between top and bottom, making two compartments, each 9ft. by 2ft. by 2½ft. high, and utilise these as stock cages wherein the birds may have a fair amount of wing exercise until fully grown, or it becomes necessary to cage up the cocks for training. After the moult these compartments may be used as winter flights, the cocks which are to be kept for stock being in one compartment and the hens in the other. The four reserve hens you should keep two in each of these compartments, and in case they are not required in the breeding cages they will be useful in showing the first broods of young their way about when first introduced. (2) If adopted, the arrangement advised in No. 1 would put this question out of order. But if you chose to convert the large aviary into a general breeding cage, if it were divided up into six compartments it would scarcely be worth while trying to keep more than one hen in each. Two might succeed provided they were both of a very sociable temperament and in good normal breeding condition, so that they were too exclusively bent on their domestic affairs to worry about the presence of each other, but whilst you were acquiring this knowledge the hens may be making a bash of things and ruining the prospects for the season. With one hen in each compartment two cocks might suffice to run with them, putting them to nest alternately. If two compartments were made into one you might run two hens and one cock in the space, fixing up four or five nesting sites. The whole aviary divided into two compartments would allow of three hens and one cock being run together in each, for which arrange five or six nesting sites. This would be the most economical arrangement, as the whole aviary would not well accommodate more than four hens and one cock, with six or eight nesting sites. (3) If the aviary is in a fairly quiet place, where the birds are not likely to be disturbed by persons passing frequently close by it and not too much exposed to curious gazers, and also if you can arrange around it at suitable intervals openings in the wires similar to open doorways, I should much prefer the wicker cage-like nesting sites hung on outside to boxes or pans hung inside. But if the above conditions are not available inside nests would be best. (4) If the birds were allowed to breed in the breeding cages for a month or so, and then turned into the aviary together, say, about the end of May or in June, which would probably be after the first broods were got out of the nests, the hens would be practically certain to resume nesting, some casually, and others more or less regularly. But what would be done with the first round of broods? Frankly I fail to see any useful purpose to be served by thus hashing up the breeding stock just as soon as they have got well under way, and without some very definite cause you would be well advised to avoid it.

GREEN FOOD WHEN MOULTING.

Wales.—Nasturtium blooms may be given to Canaries whilst moulting, with perfect safety, as also may the blooms of marigolds. Both these blossoms are often given to assist the birds to moult out a good colour when the orthodox method of colour feeding is not desired for any reason. If eaten freely by the birds they will undoubtedly assist in bringing out the colour-fed birds a rich tone. Rattails, full of the half-ripened seed, are also quite safe to give, and beneficial rather than otherwise, and the same remark would apply to seedy sprays of chickweed and shepherd's purse, which may all be given in moderation, and in preference to more succulent kinds of salads.

TROUBLE WITH YOUNG.

Perplexed.—I am inclined to think that the cause of your young birds dying in the manner you describe is due to some item in the food supply which causes intestinal congestion, and that all that is needed to set things right is a slightly more laxative dietary. You mention nothing about green food, and quite possibly it is the need for this item at a rather earlier age than is generally advised that is wanted. With future broods begin on the morning of the third day to give a little green salad, watercress, seedling chickweed, or groundsel, the latter for choice if you can get it large enough to be just budding; then give the tips, which are composed mostly of the flower buds. After this time give a little fresh green food each morning and afternoon, and regulate the quantity by the condition of the young. So long as there appears any tendency to impaction of bowels you need not fear you are giving too much. It would also help to remove this trouble if you slightly sprinkled the soft food with raw sugar for a day or two about the middle of the first week after hatching, and if you now have any broods that are beginning to show signs of the trouble just touch the vent with a microscopic drop of warm castor oil on the tip of a bird's wing or tail feather, and add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for one day, in addition to starting at once with a little green salad, as named above. If this does not prevent a recurrence of the trouble at once, please write again, and give the fullest particulars of your dietary and how you prepare your soft food.

BACKWARD CONDITION.

B. G. A.—Certainly, in all ordinary circumstances the present time may reasonably be regarded as the correct one to mate birds up for breeding, but notwithstanding the theory, you would find in practice that it is utterly useless mating birds that are obviously out of condition and which show no desire for nesting, no matter how far the season may be advanced. You cannot make birds settle down to the duties of nesting which have no desire to do so, and until they have this desire they are better unmated. Had you said how you had been treating them all through the winter season I might have arrived at some idea as to the cause of their backward condition. But, any way, a week or two of the following treatment should speed them up a bit. In addition to the staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape, give separately a small teaspoonful of the following seed mixture every second day: Two parts, by measure, each of hemp and niger, one part each white millet and black rape, a half part each broken groats and teazle, and just a slight sprinkling of yellow mustard and linseed in the bulk. In the alternate days give a similar quantity of egg food, with a third of a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it. Give the hen two or three crisp young leaves of dandelion daily, and the cock a whole stool of this plant, grubbing it up by cutting through the root just below the surface and simply shaking off the loose soil and placing the whole crown in the cage for him to help himself. Keep them side by side in separate cages, or one in each end of a double breeder, and in a bright and healthy place, protected from direct draughts and the worst extremes of temperature we are having of late, until you see the cock paying regular attentions to the hen and calling to her, and she showing an eagerness to respond. This may not be until the weather gets a little milder, but nevertheless it will be quite the soundest policy to possess your soul in patience until that time arrives, then you may reasonably mate them with a fair chance of successful results.

HEN PLUCKING YOUNG.

Scotia.—This trouble is practically always the result of the hen coming forward for nesting again too soon, and if the cock has been allowed to remain with her during the period of incubation it is the best plan to try her without him when she commences to sit on the second round of eggs, which will often have the effect of keeping her back until the young are ready to leave the nest, or at least sufficiently forward to be safely transferred to a nursery cage, when the cock may be returned and the hen allowed to go on with another brood, and the young in the nursery hung on the front of the breeder, where the parents will finish the rearing whilst the other nest is in progress. If the chicks are very young and unfledged, and you have other hens with young about the same age or size, it is much the best plan to transfer the young to one of these with a very small brood, or even to distribute them among two or more hens, or you may give them to any available hen that has just failed to bring off a brood, in either case making the change in the evening when the hens have settled down for the night, leaving the culprit to go on with another nest if she will, and treating her as suggested above next time. Occasionally some good effect will be brought about by fixing a morsel of the rind of boiled pork or bacon, or a scrap of lean beef or mutton on the end of a perch, but whilst these methods are being tried the young may suffer more considerable damage, with no certainty of good results accruing. Should, however, the young be well fledged and nearly ready to leave the nest, then you should take the course of transferring them to a nursery at once, and supply the hen with a new nest pan and material to go on with another nest as mentioned above, and the cock will, as a rule, save the situation by looking after them until they are able to do for themselves.

DIPPING EGGS BEFORE HATCHING.

Doubtful.—No, under the present climatic conditions it is neither necessary nor advisable to dip the eggs before they are due to hatch. The process is often useful in hot and sultry weather when the air is very dry, but at this season more harm than good is likely to accrue from the practice. It is most unlikely that there would be any trouble on account of lack of moisture at this time, and there is a very considerable risk of getting the eggs chilled, which would be even more dangerous.

BREEDING QUERIES

F. H.—(1) There is no necessity to give every second day, in addition to the other seed mixture of which you sent sample, and a hopper always full of plain canary seed, a mixture of canary and rape, three to one. The canary seed itself will be sufficient for the staple diet, and in addition to this the seed mixture, a fair sized teaspoonful to the pair, every second day until the hen has gone to nest and began to sit, and a little egg or biscuit food on the alternate days. Give green food and other items as frequently advised here. When young are hatched you must, of course, give the egg food daily, in such quantity as you find the birds quite clear up a little before the next supply is due, and give it fresh at least twice a day. Green food, also fresh twice a day, should be added on the third or fourth day after hatching, and a little soaked rape and cracked hemp when the young are from a week to ten days old. For full and complete details about rearing you should get our Manager to send you a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners, 7d., post free. The mixture, of which you sent sample, is a good and well-proportioned one, but for general use as a staple a plainer diet is best, with these mixtures reserved for special purposes. (2) It is not quite the usual thing for a cock to cease singing when placed with a hen, but many of them do so, and provided they are in good health and condition it is no detriment to them as breeders. (3) I see no useful purpose to be served by keeping dried dandelion root in the water or available for the birds to peck at. It might prove a useful corrective when the birds are a little liverish, but normally healthy birds are much better without such constant dosage, even with "simples," so to speak. (4) I should not regard ordinary cotton wool as a very suitable nesting material on account of its liability to get entangled with the birds' toes and be dragged out of the nest. A properly prepared form of the article, such as the material on the market known as charpie, which is really a form of cotton wool, is much more suitable.

A NON-SINGER.

Mr. E. Ell.—As the time will now soon be getting on, your best course would be to get a more experienced fancier to have a look at the bird and tell you whether it is really a cock. I should be rather inclined to doubt it being so, but even if it is it would be very much out of breeding condition. You may try what the following treatment will do for it in a fortnight or so. In addition to the usual staple of three-to-one canary and summer rape, give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, with just a sprinkling of linseed and yellow mustard in the bulk every second day, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of any of the usual biscuit foods made slightly moist and crumbly with a few drops of sherry, and sprinkled with about half the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame seed. Hunt out a little crisp young dandelion in warm corners, and give two or three leaves daily. In the drinking water add ten drops of lemon juice, four of pure honey, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week or so. If no signs of coming in song at the end of the first week, continue giving the latter for another week. Keep the bird in a bright and comfortable place, and not too high up near the ceiling.

LOSS OF VOICE.

E. S. H.—(1) Considering the character of the climatic conditions we have had this spring so far, it is no wonder at all that a bird seven years old, kept hanging in a window, has suddenly lost its voice. The only wonder is that it has escaped this effect of such surroundings so long. Keep it now in a fairly comfortable place, not necessarily overheated, but see that it is as equable as can be managed, and that it is quite free from direct cold draughts and sudden fluctuations of heat and cold. Then give a little biscuit food prepared as advised to "Mr. E. Ell" in this issue, every second day for a fortnight, and in place of pure water give it the following decoction two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards. Place a small teaspoonful of linseed in a teacup and a piece of Spanish liquorice, the size of a hazel nut, fill with boiling water, cover, and allow to infuse beside the fire for half-an-hour or so, stirring occasionally until the liquorice is dissolved. Then strain off the clear liquid, add a small teaspoonful of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling; stir well, and when cold give it in the drinker instead of plain water on the days advised. (2) No, it certainly is not too late to begin to breed birds this season. The season is exceptionally late this year, and the present is really quite early enough to begin, although many will probably have finished mating up before this appears. But that does not mean that it is too late for anyone else to begin. The late starters will doubtless show the best results at the end of the season this year. You could, of course, mate the cock Greenfinch with a hen Canary, but the young, if successful, would be Mules. On the whole, I think you might do better for the first season with a pair of Canaries of a hardy, easily-managed, and free-breeding variety. Rollers, Border Fancy, Norwich, or Yorkshire would all answer this description. The first-named are the best for songsters, pure and simple; the others are fancy breeds in this order: the smallest and palest in colour, the richest in colour and chubbiest, and the longest and slimmest of the most common and popular breeds. Make your own choice. Get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, which our Manager would send you. It will keep you on the right track and may prevent disappointment in your first season.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

BREEDING REDPOLLS.

Redpoll.—Redpolls have bred in captivity, and if you give up your aviary to a pair you would probably succeed with them. They are birds that are seldom used in this manner, as they are so easily procured, but as pets and as a matter of interest, they are quite desirable. You can put them in at once, feeding in the usual manner until you are able to get wild food for them, when this should be given daily. Get a bundle of twigs and fix up in one corner of the aviary, and place in it an old Finch nest if you can get one. If not, use a nest box about 4in. square, surround it with twigs, and lit some moss and cowhair inside it. You had better have two or three of these in different positions, as they may not take to one. (2) I would advise you not to put the Linnet in with them. (3) It will add to your chances of success if you use egg food or some kind of soft food to assist in rearing the young. I would also advise you to make a free use of soaked seed; in fact, it is just possible they would rear on this if given fresh two or three times a day. You should also collect bunches of wild food, such as flowering grass, chickweed, dandelion, shepherd's purse, etc. Hang these up in the aviary and let them hunt it over.

STOCK MIXTURE FOR AVIARY.

Wales.—I presume you would like to keep the birds in your aviary with a view to some of them breeding. To do this you will have to make some changes. You have at present far too many cocks for the number of hens, and I would suggest that you remove the Bramblefinch, as this species is very erratic and liable at any time to cause a stampede among the inmates during the night, which would prove fatal to your chances if some of the hens were incubating eggs. I would suggest that you add about three more Greenfinch hens, a Siskin, and, if you felt inclined, a couple of Norwich Canaries. Do not put in any more Bullfinches, as they seldom agree together. If you manage your aviary properly you should be able to produce something during the season with the above collection. Put in plenty of perches, and a rough bundle or two of furze or branches of some kind, and make your nest boxes and pans as secluded as possible. Be liberal in your supply of building material, even if it makes the place look somewhat untidy, and collect as much wild food as you can; this assists in keeping the birds healthy and encourages them to nest. Staple food, three parts canary, two parts teazle, one part rape. A little hemp daily, mostly for the Goldies, and a fairly liberal supply of sunflowers, tit-bits of other seeds, two or three times a week.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

LOSS OF HEN ZEBRA FINCH.

Esperance. — You have the small consolation of knowing that you are not alone in your misfortunes; the winter has been so abnormal and prolonged that many experienced aviculturists have suffered similar losses. There are two sides to the question of separating the sexes, some practise it, and many do not, and it is not always, by any means, a remedy for the trouble, for unmated hens lay as the season approaches. An all-wire cage 30 in. long by about 18 in. high would give you every probability of success. For the Avadavats and Waxbills a cage 24 in. long should suffice, but Waxbills are very uncertain breeders in cages; nevertheless success is by no means improbable; but if you wish to keep both pairs together, then have one 30 in. long, an all-wire cage will do. Yes, I like cages without domes better than those with them. My advice is: Keep the Zebra Finches in a cage by themselves. For Waxbills, as they are such wee mites, the wires should not be more than 3/8 in. apart; ¼ in. apart would suffice for the Zebra Finches. A single nest will suffice for the Zebra Finches, and one for each pair for the others. The Zebras are not at all partial, and will use rush, box, or bark nest when they are in breeding condition. You must get a rush nest quite six inches in diameter in the circular part for the Zebras, a size smaller suffices for the Waxbills.

PARRAKEET REGURGITATING.

Indian Parrot.—The regurgitation of food and re-swallowing same is quite natural; when in pairs they do this, and then feed each other. In an unmated bird it may be taken as a mark of affection to its attendant, though in some cases it is to aid a faulty digestive system. Give ripe fruit (apple or banana) as well as seed, also see that grit and cuttlebone are regularly supplied; also a chunk of wood for mandible exercise. The following mixture would suit it well: Canary, white millet, oats, hemp, sunflower and safflower seeds in equal parts; add a quart of shelled monkey nuts and well mix. It would be well to give it one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water twice a week for a month, and then once a week for another month, to correct any digestive trouble there may be.

BLACK-CHEEKED LOVEBIRDS, ETC.

Nedia.—These have black cheeks, the front of crown is rich orange brown; there is a considerable amount of yellow and orange on sides of face and upper breast; throat, black; body, rich grass green; flights, brown; beak, reddish orange. The Black-cheeked is about the size of a Grey-headed Lovebird, but a little more slenderly built. They are not easy to sex, but the hen is a wee bit smaller, slightly less brilliant in colour, and usually has a longer hook to her beak than the male. If you follow these directions and also choose one bird with a flat crown and another with one well rounded, you should secure a pair. They have been bred freely in aviaries. For a nest receptacle a small barrel, or a box (12 x 8 x 6 inches), entirely closed, save for the entrance hole, should be supplied. They require leaves, longish straws, and some thin bark as nesting material; put this in the aviary and leave them to prepare it themselves. Present value about two guineas a pair. Not really noisy. Generally speaking, I consider Parrakeets and Lovebirds unsafe company for finches, though some take the risk, but they usually suffer loss in the end. The Gold-fronted Tui is an all green bird (quite a small Parrakeet), and a very pleasing one. They are hardy when once acclimatised. Present value 30s. to 50s. per pair, according to luck. They have proved very shy breeders up to the present, and require a small barrel or nest-box with a concave bottom in which to rear a family. All foreign species are uncertain of procuration at the present time; you must watch our advert. columns.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

PARROT OR COCKATOO?

Tim.—Your bird is a Rose-breasted Cockatoo, a bird sometimes, and wrongly, described as an Australian Grey Parrot. There is no such bird as an Australian Grey Parrot, and the only justification for the use of the name is that all Cockatoos are, of course, Parrots. To describe as a Grey Parrot a bird of such little monetary value as the Rose-breasted Cockatoo is misleading, if not dishonest.

HOUSE-MOULTED AND FIELD-MOULTED.

S. W. B.—A house-moulted bird is one which has been in captivity during at least one moult since it was caught. A field-moulted bird is one taken in the autumn after it has moulted its feathers in liberty, and which has not yet moulted in a cage. The reason for there being separate classes for house-moulted and field-moulted birds is that birds properly kept for a season or two are much better in appearance on the show bench than those which have been caged only for a short time. They are larger, better in plumage, and more steady, and the "field-moulted" classes were instituted to give owners of good birds which had not yet had time to improve by keeping an opportunity of competing on equal terms rather than show their birds against those which had been for a year or more under proper care. Very pleased to be able to help you with information; our columns are always open for that purpose.

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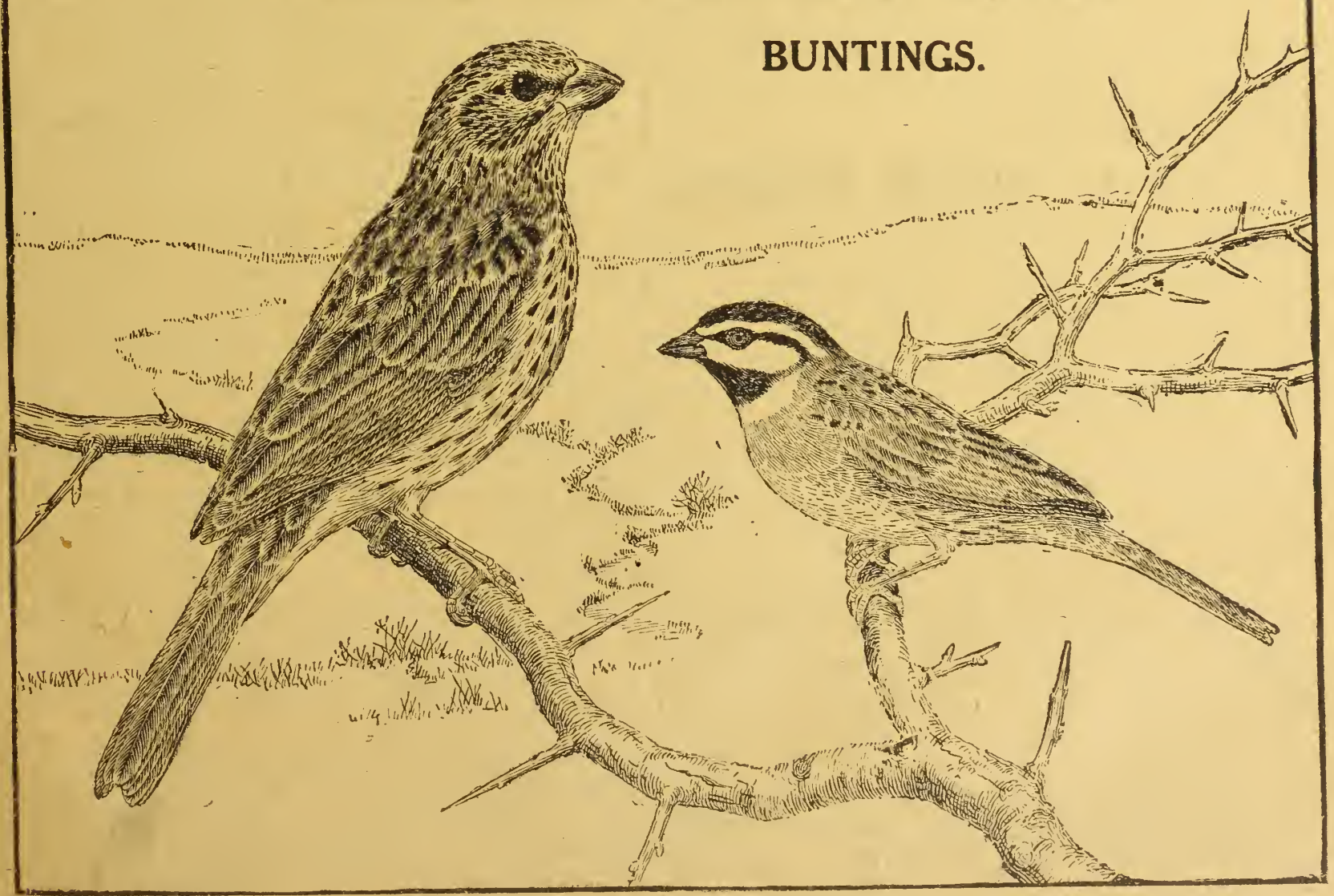

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Norwich.

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Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, Grey Horse Inn, April 7: 1, Skidmoore; 2, Moore; 3, Wainwright. April 14: 1, Wainwright; 2, 3, Wainwright and Williams, tie.—J. H. Nicholls, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax Linnet Club; members' sing April 14; 34 birds entered for four minutes' sing: 1, 2, Collinson; 3, Plows. Timekeepers, R. Plows, O. Potter. Tappers' G. Lindley, H. Collinson.—R. Plows, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, April 8. 19 birds sang: 1, 2, Parlett; 3, Culligan.—E. Phillipson, Sec.

Linnet Singing Society, Prince of Wales, Carbrook Street, April 8. Mr. Croft gave three special prizes. 24 birds entered time singing: 1, Driver, 43; 2, Woodhouse, 39; 3, Jackson, 24. April 15, 30 birds entered and good singing was heard; 2min. sing: 1, Driver, 66 sec.; 2, Tomlinson, 65; 3, Jackson, 37. Special contest, April 9. Four specials for 3min. time singing; 36 birds entered: 1, Driver, 127sec.; 2, Jackson, 89; 3, Woodhouse, 50.—Croft, Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, Doncaster Road, April 8. Eighteen birds entered for 4min. time sing: 1, Norburu, 3min. 48sec.; 2, Brushy, 3.34; 3, Jones, 3.28; 4, F. Norman, 3.3. Easter Monday big sing, 28 birds entered for 5min. time sing, Norburn's bird doing a grand record of 4min. 45sec.; Brushy, 4.33; Jones, 4.20; Wainwright, 3.33. Muldoon wins special nearest 1min., Jennings and Kayes tie nearest 5 sec. Lark sing, April 10, when 10s. was added to a 1/- entrance, 10min. time: 1, Jones, 5min. 8sec.; 2, Brushy, 3.50; 3, Hardman, 3.39. G. B. Jones wins 2s. 6d. special for best loser; Brushy wins special nearest 1 min. with 57 sec. April 15, 12 birds entered for three prizes: 1 Hardman and Brushy tie with 3. 36 each; 2, Jones, 3.23; 3, Nuttall, 3.22.—J. Hardman, Sec.

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LEEDS.

Open Linnet contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, off York Road, April 16. 32 birds: 1, Buckley; 2, Richardson; 3, 4, Marshall and Smith tie. Night singing, 22 birds: 1, Richardson; 2, Marshall; 3, Richardson and Marshall tie. Judges, Dearlove, Goss, Bomfield.—G. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

Annual holiday Linnet singing contest, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, April 8; 39 birds sang for four prizes: 1, 3, Wigfield; 2, Summers; 4, Binns. Judges, T. C. Summers, Butterfield. Timekeeper, F. Wells. Also same date, a match between Wigfield and Kilbride; Wigfield won. Contest, April 15, 33 sang for four prizes: 1, Kilbride; 2, Bamfield; 3, Binns; 4, Wigfield. Judges, T. C. Summers, Butterfield. Timekeeper, W. Lidman.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Linnet contest, April 9, "Old Bird House," Saville Green; 32 birds contested for four prizes: 1, Hollingsworth; 2, Thompson; 3, Ward; 4, Chadwick. Judges, Crane, Hardcastle, Grant. April 10, 26 sang for four prizes at the Albion Hotel: 1, Richardson; 2, 3, shared Hollingsworth and Moss; 4, Chadwick. Judges, Grant, Hayes. The usual week-end contest, April 15, was also a great success, with another large entry: 1, Hinoson; 2, Towers; 3, Stead; 4, Hollingsworth. Judges, Grant, Hardcastle, and Hayes.—T. Crane, Sec.

Club Reports.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

Meeting, April 14, Prince of Wales Hotel. Mr. Wm. Cooper presided over a good attendance. The chairman congratulated Mr. J. Parfitt on his recovery of health. Unanimously decided for Mr. J. H. Roe to judge our open show, Oct. 24. Also to hold F.F. show July 7, time and place to be arranged. Mr. J. Parfitt, judge. Mr. H. H. Mortimer is giving a stuffed bird in case, value £1, for best young bird in show; other specials to follow. A hearty welcome and invitation given to new members.—J. Webber, Hon. Sec.

CLAYDON C.B.A.

Half-yearly meeting, April 3, Nelson Temp. Hotel, Mr. A. Maxwell, President, in the chair. Secretary read letter from treasurer of Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, acknowledging receipt of £23 11s. 3d. surplus handed over from last show. Election of office-bearers for ensuing year Pres., Mr. A. Maxwell; vice-pres., Messrs. Sloan and Craig; sec., Mr. J. P. Park; asst. sec., W. Hutchison; auditors, Messrs. Houston and Crawford; committee, R. T. Anderson, C. Beeren, F. Taylor, E. Taylor, Jno. Fulton, R. Jeffrey, D. F. Webster, G. Martin, J. Swann, R. Watson, A. K. Hunter, W. McClymont, J. Kerr, A. Muir, J. Pinnock. Decided that Committee meet last Sat. in July, to consider date, etc., of next show, same if held, to be for benefit of Red Cross. A vote of thanks to late Sec. was recorded.—W. Hutchison, Sec.

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NORTH-WEST GLASGOW C.B.S.

Meeting, April 13, Unionist Rooms, 308, New City Road, Mr. W. Loan, vice-president, presiding over a fair turn out. The principal business was the nomination of judges for F.F. and annual show. New member admitted, Mr. A. Main. It has again been agreed that any member of last year taken by the Military be allowed to show birds free at annual show in November, also without paying the usual annual sub. Two new members were proposed, and a vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—P. Houston, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting, Mr. Hemming chair. Questions on birdy matters proved interesting. The chief question was how to feed birds economically during war time. Fanciers should now benefit by the recipes which have appeared in CAGE BIRDS. Judges for N.F. show, Messrs. Bingham, J. Woolhouse, and Mace. Next meeting, paper on size, and how to produce it, by Mr. Waters. Let this be a record meeting.—E. Sisson Assist. Sec.

[The date and place of the meeting reported, and of the next meeting mentioned were not given in the report.—Editor].

BEAMISH C.B.S.

Meeting, Bird Inn, April 14; Mr. S. Elliot, chair, and only a poor turn-up, but we got through a lot of business. Decided to hold a Nest Feather show, June 30, and annual show Nov. 24. Judges were nominated. We have raised subs. to 5/- all round, 1/- to go to Nest Feather show, to make prizes a little bigger. Eight new members elected: T. Bewick, R. Peart, R. Hutchinson, W. Rendel, C. Mitchel, T. Elliott, E. Classon, and J. Anderson. We wish all members a good breeding season. A little chat on birdy matters brought a pleasant evening to a close.—J. H. Elliot, Sec., Middle Hold, West Pelton, Beamish.

GLASGOW W. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting, April 7, Temp. Hotel, Ingram St., Mr. G. Smart presiding over a good attendance. Sec. stated following judges had accepted for annual show: Messrs. J. McLay, W. Simpson, J. Smellie, and M. Craig. Mr. E. Barron gave a paper on the Norwich Canary, clearly defining the various properties that went to make an ideal Norwich show specimen. His lecture was much appreciated, and at the close he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Messrs. Berry and Page were accepted to membership. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—W. Hutchinson.

SOUTH WALES & MONMOUTH FEDERATION OF F. AND F.S.

Annual meeting, Bush Hotel, Swansea, April 9; Chairman, Mr. I. E. Jeffreys, Swansea. The Secretary, Mr. McLucas, was not present, and had not forwarded the books of the society. It was resolved that a deputation of two members wait on him. P. H. Morris, Aberavon, was appointed Sec. pro tem. Next meeting, Elysium, High St., Swansea, April 28, at 4, for the election of officers, etc. Members and Society representatives are earnestly requested to be present.—P. Herbert Morris.

LIVE POOL B.B.A.

Meeting, Oldham Hall, April 12, Mr. Bunner, chair. Classification for nest feather shows to be held on the fourth Saturday in June and July, at the Café, Brownlow Hill. 4 classes Yorks. clears, 4 Yorks. Greens, 4 Nor. clears, 2 Greens, 3 Bord., 2 Bord. Greens or Clears, 1 A.O.V., 11 Brit., and 1 A.O.V. Judges appointed for First Nest Feather show, Messrs. Abbott and Mallinson; Second N.F. show, Messrs. T. Evans and W. Jones. Specials: Cup for each of the eight sections for most points throughout the season, also prizes for 2nd and 3rd most points. There was a fair attendance, and the meeting proved very interesting. Three specials were presented to the members who took part in the egg food making competition, held at last meeting.—T. R. Jones.

AUDLEY ROLLER C.C.

A VOTE AGAINST RULE 6 OF THE FEDERATION.

Meeting, April 7, Mr. J. Tomlinson (Newcastle) presiding. The chief business was the consideration of Federation Rule 6, and after considerable discussion the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That the Audley Club apply to the B.R.C.C. for rings. The members to ring their birds with both B.R.C.C. and Federation rings; and in the event of Federation Rule 6 not being deleted, the Audley Roller C.C. to withdraw from the Federation." There was a fair number present.—A. Dean, Hon. Sec.

EA T HAM C.B.S.

Meeting, Town Hall, April 12, Mr. H. J. Kybert, chair. A paper entitled "Observations by a novice," was read by hon. sec., Mr. F. Onslow, and was much appreciated, several questions being asked, and an interesting discussion followed. It was agreed that same should be sent to CAGE BIRDS for publication. Owing to the late hour, the egg food competition arranged to take place had to be cancelled, but Mr. J. Ferridge gave an exhibition of egg food making, and explained why he used certain ingredients. His methods were very keenly observed. Agreed that notices of all committee and monthly meetings appear in CAGE BIRDS. Members please watch for dates. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close with hearty votes of thanks to Messrs. Onslow and Ferridge.—H. J. Kybert, Chairman.

ALFRETON C.B.S.

Meeting and table show of British birds. Red Lion Hotel, April 14, Mr. J. Adnitt chair, in the presence of a good meeting. There was a strong discussion on the nest feater shows on account of the late start in breeding. Decided to have a table show of young Canaries on June 9th, with the annual open Nest Feather Show to follow in July. Mr. B. Simpson, of Ryebridge, was elected to judge table show; classes to be drawn up at next meeting, May 12. The misfortune of a brother fancier, W. Andrews, who has had a fire in the room where he kept his stock, all his birds being suffocated, was mentioned, and an appeal on his behalf was made to assist him in getting a few birds together. The members gave as follows: Mr. J. Adnitt, buff hen; Mr. E. Henshaw, buff hen; Mr. A. Webster, buff hen; Mr. J. Cockayne, two hens; Sawer Bros. paid his subscription for the year. Also a collection was made, which was left in the hands of the secretary, to procure a yellow Yorks cock for him. Any fancier who would like to help our brother fancier should write Sec., 3, Wilson Street, Alfreton. New member made, Mr. T. Prothero. Result of table show, 18 birds, Mr. T. Barlow judge. Winners of Specials, J. Adnitt, A. Evans, Sawer Bros. Goldf. or Bullf. (4): 1, Adnitt; 2, Evans; 3, Webster; vhc, Mossendew. Linnet, Etc. (5): 1, 2, Sawer Bros.; 3, Adnitt; vhc, Evans; hc, Mossendew; A.O. Brit. (6): 1, Sawer Bros.; 2, Prothero; 3, Attenborough; vhc, Spencer; hc, c, Mossendew. British Hen (3): 1, 3, Evans; 2, Spencer.—G. Sawer.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

NOTE.—Only the details asked for on our cards can be published. Such phrases as "a large attendance desired," etc., must not be included. Classification for forthcoming shows, appeals for new members, and any other matter in the nature of an advertisement will only be inserted if paid for at advertisement rates.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—April 21, Miners' Hall, Ashington, 6.30. Election of officers, balance-sheet.—C. F. Tapson.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—April 23, Institute, Paddington Street, Baker Street, W., 8. Lecture by Mr. Frank Cole.—F. J. Martin.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—April 21, King's Head Hotel, 6.30. N.F. show schedule; judges for same and annual show. Election of chairman and auditors; and other business re cod liver oil food.—E. Ward.

Gourock C.B.A.—Sat. (date not stated—Ed.), Gamble Institute, 7.30. General business; election of judges and show business.—D. Rollo.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.—April 25, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 8. Hat night.—A. Foreman.

Glasgow and W. of Scotland.—April 24, 100, W. Regent Street, 8. Show of British (3 classes), and Foreign Goldf. or Bullf.—M. Craig.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—April 21, Derby Arms, 7. Business important.—T. Smith.

London and Counties A.C.B.—April 21, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 7.30. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, "General Management." Fanciers and friends will receive a hearty welcome.—W. Gilbert.

Larkhall C.B.A.—April 28, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.—A. Kerr.

Mountain Ash F. and F.S.—April 23, Napier's Hotel, 6.30. Advisability of holding young stock show. Fanciers cordially invited. Also lecture by Mr. G. R. Rowlands.—T. Holman.

National British Bird and Mule Club.—Sunday, April 22. Ramble to Beaconsfield and neighbourhood; train leaves Marylebone 10.25. April 28, Theydon Bois to Loughton; train leaves Liverpool Street 2.5. Friends and fanciers invited.—T. R. Trower.

Newcastle E.E. C.B.S.—April 25, Blue Bell Inn, Shield Road, 7.30. Important, to consider whether to hold a show this year or not. Would like to see a good turn-up of members.—Ed. Coltman.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—April 25 Room back of stage, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. General business; special prize fund open; judge F.F., Mr. A. G. Davis.—A. W. Newton.

Swinton and Pendlebury Roller C.C.—April 25, Bridgewater Arms, Pendlebury, 7.30. Club business.—E. Hibbert.

Sheffield O.S.—April 24, headquarters, 8.15. General business.—E. C. Job.

South Moor Social C.B.S.—April 22. Club Room, 6.30. Important business.—G. Lane.

Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A.—April 24, Trinity House, Shaw Heath, 8. N.F. show judges; colour-feeding.—W. Stafford.

Swansea C.B.A.—April 21, Elysium, High Street, 8. Table show, 8 classes. Fixing date of young bird show.—J. H. Ford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—April 21, Station Street Cafe, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Riseborough, postponed from last meeting; and any other business.—F. Riseborough.

Stanley F.F. and C.B.S.—April 21, Victoria Club Hall, 7. Electing judges for young stock show; also rules.—J. Armitage. (Notices must be sent in duplicate if it is desired that they be inserted in "Poultry World" as well as "C.B."—Ed.)

West Bromwich and Handsworth.—April 21, Ivy House, Handsworth 7.30.—P. T. Cowley.

West Stanley Victoria F.F. and C.B.S.—April 22, Club Room, 7. Election of judges.—R. Hutchinson.

Warrington C.B.S.—April 26, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. General business.—H. Warburton.

SCOTTISH CRESTED C.C.

Annual general meeting, held in Glasgow, April 7, Mr. John Noble, Kilmarnock, chair. Financial statement for year 1916 was submitted, which showed a credit balance of £8 12s. 10d. This was considered satisfactory, and was adopted as read. Decided that in future the judge-elect for club show be a non-member of the club. Also that club medals be offered for competition to clubs having on their current year's roll six or more members of Scottish Crested Canary Club. Decided that in view of the poor attendance all members be post-carded for next meeting of club. Members elected: Messrs. J. Tweedie, J. A. Grant, Wm. Harris, W. R. Boyd, Wm. Page and H. M. Govan. Proposed for membership, Mrs. Montague Scott. A vote of thanks to chairman brought meeting to a close.—J. Young, Hon. Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES C.B.S.

Meeting, Little Regent Hotel, April 5; Mr. J. Yeates presided. Decided to call a special meeting at an early date, and also that the sec. get in touch with some of the leading exhibitors, and arrange for lectures. New members are still coming forward in spite of the unsettled conditions of the country, and there never was such an opportunity for making the society a financial success. New members elected: Messrs. C. Watson, Wannock, E. Sugden, T. Gibson, T. Lazenby, W. Perry, and T. Wright, an average of six a month since society has been newly organised, which speaks volumes for the enthusiasm still in the Fancy. Fanciers desirous of joining us will be welcome, and any information desired will be willingly forthcoming on communicating with me at 8, St. Paul's Street, Newtown, Stockton-on-Tees.—F. Stothard, Sec.

EAST ANGLIAN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting, April 12. The chairman and vice-chairman both being unable to attend owing to illness, Mr. J. Mitchell presided, and there was a fair attendance. The business consisted of recommendations from the committee. These were freely discussed, and in the main confirmed. The action of the committee in investing part of the funds in hand in the 5 per cent. War Loan was approved. Two members guaranteed to purchase the stock immediately same is required, the club to take in the meantime interest earned and also any increase in value of the capital. The annual general meeting was fixed for April 26 or May 10, at the option of the Sec. A report of the working of the club and its present position had been drafted by the Committee. This met with approval, and will be sent in due course to each member, together with a copy of the balance sheet.—R. Tomlinson, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESBORO AND TEES-SIDE.

Meeting, April 7, Crown Hotel; Mr. Swinscoe presided over a good attendance, many new faces putting in an appearance, which we are always glad to see. Questions appertaining to the Fancy in general were the main topic of the evening, and some very knotty and interesting ones were put and ably answered by some of the more experienced fanciers. Mr. Bibby gave the company his recipe for egg cake, and also a few useful hints on how to mix, make and use it, which should be of great value to any fanciers desirous of using same, as he has had a great share of success in the breeding-room. New members still coming forward, and fanciers desirous of joining us will find our meetings and shows of great interest, and members ever ready to instruct or advise in any matter possible. We extend an invitation to any fancier who is able to visit us, and an exchange of views is at all times welcome. Meetings held first Saturday in each month, at 7.—F. Stothard.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Meeting, headquarters, April 8, Mr. T. Dawn presiding. Balance sheet for 1916 was submitted in a very lucid manner by the chairman, who remarked that the past year was the most successful in the history of the society. It was decided to send £10 9s. 5d. to the Star and Garter Fund from the open show account. All our ventures during the season had been profitable, and he was pleased to say that a substantial balance was added to our banking account. It was a very encouraging situation in such times, and was a very attractive society for new members. He was delighted to see Mr. T. Wright, who had done his bit in France, and hoped all our other absent members would come back safely. He wished to thank the Press, especially CAGE BIRDS, which helped greatly in keeping the attention of fanciers generally drawn to our valuable annual show. Mr. Chittenden (Bradford) judged a table show of British birds and gave a few remarks on the exhibits. Mr. P. Walsh was the most successful competitor, while Mr. J. Beech was close up. A vote of thanks to the judge concluded the business.—E. C. Job.

PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH.

Meeting, Trinity Schools, April 10, with a small attendance to hear Mr. Cole give his instructive lecture on egg food. Those absent missed a treat. Samples of food were displayed and questions answered to our satisfaction. All agreed that we had learned something new. A vote of thanks to Mr. Cole brought the evening to a close. Another good lecture will be provided for May. Friends and fanciers welcome.—G. H. Maclellan, Hon. Sec.

FARNWORTH C.B.S.

Meeting, April 11, Church House Schoolroom. There are two Farnworths in Lancashire, and the above is Farnworth nr. Bolton, "the Hub of the Universe." Sixty-five per cent. of the members were present. This Society can say "well done," for they are keeping the home fires burning, making two new members each meeting night this year. A very fine agenda was gone through, and fifteen classes were arranged for the young bird show.

When the chairman asked for other business, the members aired their grievances with some high discussion, but all agreed to waive differences. Mr. Mitchell, Treasurer, gave a most interesting paper on Yorkshires, touching upon their history, and showing how the stately birds now on the bench were obtained through pure love, and not for money. A vote of thanks was accorded, the chairman expressing that the meeting had been the gain of those present, and a loss to those absent.—W. Dawson.

Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

SPRINGBURN, POSSIL PARK.

Meeting and show of British, Reid Hall. Mr. A. Swan, Pres., in the chair. New member admitted J. Morton. We are sorry to say one of our members, Mr. J. Crawford, has lost his only son, and the members extend their deepest sympathy in his sad bereavement. There was a good turn-out of British. Goldf.: 1, sp, Swan; 2, Robertson; 3, sp Montgomery; 4, 5, Hamilton. Bullf.: 1, sp, Hamilton. Siskin: 1, sp, 2, Hamilton. Greenf.: 1, sp 3, Hadley; 2, sp, 5, Swan; 4, sp, Hamilton. Fcr Goldf.: 1, sp best bird, Fyfe. Mr. M. Craig judged and was awarded a hearty vote of thanks. A vote of thanks to chairman brought the meeting to a close.—A. Hamilton, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Show, Village School, Alexandria, April 14. Mr. J. H. Adam judged, and his awards were well received; the show was a great success. Mr. Adam lectured on Canary breeding, moulting, and colour feeding, and was accorded a vote of thanks.

Goldf. Mule: 1, spl, Trotter. Linnet Mule: 1 Trotter. Greenf. Mule: 1, McKirdy. A.O. Hyb.: 1 Trotter; 2, McKirdy. Brit. Goldf.: 1, spl, 3, Trotter 2, McNeill; 4, McKirdy; 6, McIntyre; 7, Gregg; 8, Begg. Bullf.: 1, Trotter; 2, Ibbertson; 3, Gibson; 4, Begg; 5, McKirdy; 6, Storrie; 7, McDonald. Linnet: 1, spl, Trotter; 2, Storrie; 3, McIntyre; 4, Gibson; 5, 6, Edwards; 7, McNeill; 8, Gilles; 9, Begg. Greenf.: 1, Trotter; 2, Gibson; 3, McKirdy; 4, Melvin. Lesser Redpoll: 1, 9, Trotter; 2, Cochran; 3, McIntyre; 4, McKirdy; 5, Storrie; 6, McNiven; 7, Melvin. Mealy: 1, Trotter. Twite: 1, Trotter; 2, Gibson. Siskin: 1, spl, Trotter. 2, McKirdy. Bramble or Chaffinch: 1, spl, 2, Trotter; 3, 6 McKirdy; 4, McKinlay; 5, McDonald. Bullf. Hen: 1, McNeil; 2, Kirkham; 3, 4, Trotter; 5, McIntyre; 6, 7, McKirdy. A.O. Hen: 1, 2, Trotter; 3, McKirdy. For Goldfinch: 1, Storrie. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, McKirdy.—G. McColl, Sec.

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Nov. 3-5.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.**—(E. H. Hulse, 23, Hartington Rd.) J.R., C.H.

Nov. 9-10.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.S.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.) J.R., H.W.B., J.B.

Nov. 14.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Kent, 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.)

Dec. 7-8.—**Barrow C.B.A.**—(D. McFarlane, 26, Lord Roberts St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.) J.R., H.W.B., T.B., J.M.

Wales.

Nov. 15.—**Swansea C.B.A.**—(J. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk St.) D.J., S.J.N.

Nov. 21.—**Maesteg C.B.S.**—(C. Williams, 247, Bridgend Rd.)

Dec. 5.—**Nantymoel, Ogmore Vale and Dist C.B.S.**—(I. Davis, 29, Clifton House, Oakfield Terrace, Nantymoel, Glam.).

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Twitterings.

Owing to the bad weather of Wednesday last, April 11, Mr. Whitford was unable to attend the meeting of the Nantymoel, Ogmore Vale and District C.B.S., to deliver his lecture, writes Mr. T. Davies, sec., so I am sorry I cannot send the same for publication in this week's issue, but I will do so after next meeting.

The Wheatear in Notts.

I saw a Wheatear on April 9, at 7.30 a.m., near Trowell village, Notts, writes Mr. J. H. Murray, Ilkeston. It was snowing at the time, and there was a good two inches on the ground. The bird seemed out of place on such a morning, but it looked very well and plump, the white feathers above the tail looking like the snow.

An Ideal Arrangement.

At a meeting of the East Anglian Norwich Plainhead Club, the action of the Committee in investing part of the club's funds in the War Loan was approved, and two members guaranteed to take up the stock if the cash were at any time required by the club for immediate purposes. Thus the club gets the interest, the country gets the benefit of the money, and the club can always have it back for the asking. Truly an all-round benefit.

An Early Bird Ramble.

A select party of the field section of the National British Bird and Mule Club journeyed by train to Cobham on Thursday, April 12, and walked to Effingham by way of Church Cobham, and through Hatchford Park, the seat of Sir Henry Samuelson, Bart. Although fine sunshine prevailed throughout most of the ramble, bird life was strangely silent, and not a trace of a migrant was seen in a district which generally teems with the Birds of our fields and hedges. Are the migrants merely delayed by the inclemency of the weather or has the war changed their course? The walk finished at Effingham in a heavy snowstorm. Mr. Trower kindly reports that during the ramble he noted the Starling, Carrion Crow, Moorhen, Robin, Wren, Blackbird, Partridge, Rook, Chaffinch, Pheasant, Skylark, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Hedge Sparrow, Swan, Dabchick, Wild Duck, Blue Tit, Snipe, Kingfisher, Jackdaw, Plover, Linnet, Song Thrush and the House Sparrow of course, 25 species in all, about half of what would have been seen in normal times.

M'Yes.

Only one fresh development in the vegetable trade can be recorded, says the writer of "Supplies and Prices" in the "Daily Telegraph." Owing to shortage of staff enterprising greengrocers have bought Parrots and are training them to call out "No potatoes today."

Rambles of London Bird Lovers.

The field section of the National British Bird and Mule Club will ramble to Beaconsfield and the surrounding district on Sunday, April 22, leaving Marylebone Station at 10.25, and on Thursday, April 26, from Theydon Bois to Loughton, leaving Liverpool Street by train at 2.5. Friends are invited to join either or both parties. Those going on Sunday should provide themselves with a light luncheon.

The Willow Wren Arrives to Date.

The Wryneck is reported as having been heard in Epping Forest on April 7, and a Willow Wren is said to have been seen and heard on Clapham Common on April 10. The Willow-Wren at least seems to be arriving according to schedule, notwithstanding the arctic weather.

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Seasonable Hints on Useful Weeds.

By RICHARD MORSE, F.R.H.S.

A weekly feature which will be found of the highest value to all who keep seed-eating birds, and of interest also to all who appreciate the beauty and usefulness of the flowers of our waysides and meadows. The first of the series appeared in our issue dated March 17.

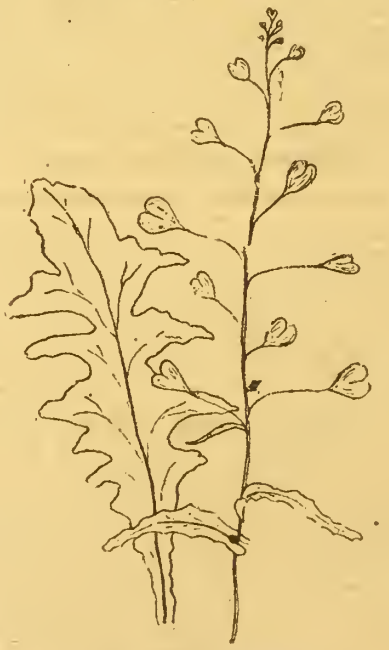
SHEPHERD'S purse (Capsella Bursa-pastoris Med.), like most of our other wild plants, is unusually late this year, but is at last beginning to become conspicuous in fields and allotments, particularly where labour is scarce. Those who are familiar with the plant in its ripened stage, as shown in the accompanying drawing, will hardly recognise it yet, except in sheltered spots, where already a small supply of the well-known pods may be gathered, but the exceptionally cold weather during the past few months has played havoc even with the wild plants in exposed situations, and in some such parts the shepherd's purse is even yet only a dense rosette of much-divided leaves, similar in shape to the one shown in the sketch.

It is no uncommon sight in mild winters to find this weed flowering and fruiting in December, January, or February, and those who cultivate it know that its seed may be planted in almost any month of the year with every hope of success, though a severe spell of frost may at any time check its growth very considerably. It is worth bearing in mind that both shepherd's purse and chickweed are annual weeds; that is, they live for only one season, and die quite away after producing flowers and fruit.

Shepherd's purse is hardly likely to be mistaken for any other plant except during its early stages, for the characteristic, heart-shaped pods are known to everyone, and if there is any doubt about the identification of specimens, it is a good plan when possible to await the production of the fruits, which should at once settle the question.

It would be difficult to find a more generally useful food than shepherd's purse, either for British or foreign birds, or for old or young, and it is almost impossible to conceive of any harm resulting from its use. Plants of the cabbage family, of which this weed is one, seem to have a special charm for the Linnets, and they never appear so thoroughly healthy and robust as when taking abundant supplies of this food. The whole of the plant should be gathered, and perhaps the most useful stage is that when one finds fully ripe yellow pods at the base, reddish-brown half-ripe pods just above them, green pods higher still, and flowers and buds at the summit. The plants will probably not reach this stage for some few weeks yet, as lack of sunshine, of course, holds back their development.

The yellow pods easily fall to pieces at the slightest touch, and the plants should therefore be dropped carefully into a bag as soon as gathered, in order to save loss of seeds. If, later on, you shake your plants thoroughly, you will have a plentiful supply of ripe seeds for storing, if desired, and also a useful quantity of green and half-ripe specimens for present use. Not only Linnets, but many other British finches, and also Canaries, will thrive upon this food, and their nestlings seem to appreciate almost nothing so much as this humble weed.



SHEPHERD'S PURSE.
Showing the Triangular Seed Pods.

When gathering shepherd's purse, one should always be on the look-out for specimens infested with tiny green flies and maggots, as these add immensely to the value of the food. If the husks and seeds from the bottom of one's gathering-bag be examined closely, they will often appear to be almost alive themselves, so continuous is the movement amongst the insects mixed with them. This is undoubtedly one of the features which have made shepherd's purse such a universally popular food, and that is a point which should never be overlooked by wild-seed gatherers. The plant is also attacked by a fungus disease, which causes it to become whitish in appearance, and greatly swollen. Such plants should, of course, always be avoided.

Readers are invited to send any botanical specimens which they have difficulty in identifying. The whole plant, including fruits, should be sent whenever possible. Packages should be addressed [illegible] BIRDS, 154, Fleet Str. must be accompanied Answers will appe[illegible]

The following gentlemen have agreed to judge our annual club show, Oct. 14, writes Mr. Walter S. Smart, hon. sec. Loanhead C.B.S.:—Scotch Fancies, Norwich and British, Mr. D. Noble, Bonnyrigg; Borders, Mr. Spence, Methil, Fife.

Mr. Maddison on Mule Breeding.

Mr. Maddison, who has bred more Light Mules than any man living at the present time, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, Chairman Newcastle C.B.S., is going to give an account of his methods at our meeting on May 3, and we extend a hearty invitation to everyone who can attend at Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, at 7.30, to hear the lecture.

Secretaries Called Up.

Owing to our Secretary having been called to the colours, writes Mr. F. Stothard, 8, St. Paul's Street, Newtown, Stockton-on-Tees, I have taken over pro tem. the secretarial duties of the Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S. All communications should be addressed to me accordingly.

As Mr. Thomson has been called to the colours, I have now been appointed secretary of the Larkhall C.B.S., writes Mr. A. Kerr, 17, St. John Street, Larkhall. I am very sorry to inform you we were deprived of Mr. Dan Hamilton's lecture on Border Canary Breeding at our last meeting, through an accident which befel Mr. Hamilton while following his employment. He is getting on finely now, so we intend to get him later in the season.

"CAGE BIRDS" ROLL OF HONOUR.

Mr. Clark, Stockton-on-Tees.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. F. Stothard, hon. sec. Stockton-on-Tees, C.B.S., that we have to announce the death of Mr. Clark, one of our members, who was seriously wounded in action, and has passed away after a very painful illness. I am sure that all fanciers will join me in extending their deepest sympathy to his parents in their great trouble.

Lieut. A. C. Finlayson.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. G. McColl, secretary Vale of Leven C.B.C., I have to announce the death of one of our members, Lieutenant Alexander C. Finlayson, Royal Flying Corps, who died of wounds received in France on April 9. Deceased was very interested in Softhills, and possessed a number of good birds. The club's sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Finlayson and family in their sad bereavement.

Deceased, who was twenty years of age, was a native of Alexandria, and joined the colours in August, 1914. He met with an accident while in training, and was discharged, but rejoined, and latterly received his commission in the Royal Flying Corps. He had only been a fortnight in France when he met his death. Prior to enlisting he was employed in the Alexandria Works, Alexandria, as an analytical chemist. Deceased was one of three brothers who gave their services to the colours.

ARE YOU TAKING "FOOD"?

There must be very few of the readers of CAGE BIRDS who have not yet seen the new weekly paper, "FOOD," and those who have once bought a copy will, of course, be taking it regularly, so may skip this paragraph, for it only calls attention to a few of the good things which appear in this week's issue. On the front page will be found an article by an eminent physician, Mr. E. J. Spriggs, F.R.C.P., telling how to make the most of the present position and economise in the use of eatables. Mr. C. A. House, whose name will be familiar to everyone of our readers, gives some invaluable tips, showing how we may learn from friendly continental countries how to cheapen the production of food, and how to dispose of such surplus as we may raise in our own gardens. There are hints on goat-keeping, butter making, gardening (by the lady expert, Miss Helen Colt), big-bud in black currants, the cultivation of allotments, poultry keeping, cookery, and a number of useful illustrations which tell a story in themselves. In addition, there is a chart which will be found of the utmost value to those who keep cattle and pigs. This reminds us that these charts are to be one of the features of FOOD from time to time, and may be purchased, printed on stiff card for permanent reference, the price being 3d. each post free. The first, giving every possible information as to when and how to sow and plant every kind of vegetable, is absolutely indispensable to the beginner, and a useful aid to memory for the most experi[illegible] FOOD of

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HOW TO BREED WINNING SPECIMENS.

A lecture given by Mr. F. J. Martin, Battersea, before the members of the City and Suburban Association of Canary Breeders.

So much has been said and written upon this subject that it seems almost impossible to say anything without treading the beaten path. I propose, however, to take you along a new path, a fresher road to the goal of success. I shall confine myself to facts based upon personal experience and observations after many years of practical and experimental breeding. It will be for you to sift the wheat from the chaff by means of your intelligence, and I hope that as a result of that application you may have a successful season.

Most of you remember doubtless your first journey to make a purchase, and saw quite clearly in your mind's eye your ultimate success. Yet how many of you can say that your thoughts matured? In my judgment your failure can rightly be attributed to the fact that you were not familiar with the main characters of the bird, or you allowed your price to determine the class of bird you bought.

Now what is a Norwich Canary?

Most of you, I venture to predict, would describe the bird in the manner of the Specialist Club Book of points. This to the novice is most confusing, and is indeed difficult to follow when purchasing or even selecting for pairing.

I submit to you that a Norwich is a Canary possessing shape and width in the shortest possible length. And friends, the winner in a class of Norwich is that bird which possesses the most Norwich properties in the shortest manner. From this description the man in the street can determine that a long bird is foreign to what a Norwich should be. Yet how few there are who persist in getting the right stamp of bird to start with.

The Importance of a Good Start.

A bad start in any line spells defeat, but on the other hand a good start generally means success, particularly when backed with intelligence and persistency. I am aware that a bad start can be corrected by careful selection, subsequent good purchases, and a severe weeding out of birds that fall below the standard of usefulness. But very few fanciers ever succeed in doing this.

We are sometimes told to place ourselves in the hands of a reliable breeder to secure success. Fanciers, it's a joke; and to many has proved an expensive one. Breeders resemble shopkeepers, since each has goods for disposal, all of which are good, and nobody has better.

He is a wise man who makes himself conversant with the variety of bird he proposes to breed, backs up his own judgment, demands his article, and sees that he gets it. Friends, trust to no one, but trust your own intelligence. The result will be better and sweeter.

I am aware a Norwich should carry colour, quality, and sheen. These essentials of a perfect bird can be grafted on to the main character already mentioned fairly easily, and I will tell you how. But let me say these additions are of quite secondary importance with a first start.

The three qualities mentioned invariably go together, and can be obtained by the selection from a breeder's room of a bird or birds possessing these features, or you can breed the bird by an out-cross.

How to Get Good Colour.

Many fanciers in need of colour choose a marked bird. A marked bird is no guarantee of getting colour. Indeed the greater number of marked birds are useless as colour producers. This is apparent to any one who cares to examine the marked classes. They are invariably a milky colourless lot, and quite useless as colour producers.

Green blood, we are told, is the fountain of colour; it is nothing of the kind. The best coloured birds do not carry green feather, nor brown coloured feather, but are practically black in the markings. And the blacker the marks the better are the colour, the quality, and the sheen.

Now how are these birds produced? I have produced them by pairing a rich coloured yellow cock with a buff Cinnamon hen. I prefer an overyear cock, or older, and an unflighted hen, since I thus get a larger and a better class of hens. In this connection I may say I prefer the hens for the second cross since the marks that I get soon beget clears.

I remember showing one of the yellow hens I reared from this cross under Mr. Jacob Mackley, who publicly stated the hen to be the finest coloured bird he had ever seen, and certainly about the best show stock hen. This hen, when paired subsequently to a clear buff, produced nearly all clear birds, and nearly all carrying that colour and sheen we all admire. Another advantage attached to this cross in preference to using a Cinnamon cock is that you get scarcely any badly marked birds. The cross I have explained to you is certainly better than buying a bird for colour production without knowing its ancestors.

The Influence of the Lizard.

I might add that I have also used the Lizard for colour production with success, but the produce are too small for present-day requirements, although at an all-England show, held at Earl's Court, I won with birds that were second and third crosses from the Lizard.

This cross I found to show colour more particularly when colour fed, and the markings on some of the off-spring were certainly pretty, but I repeat that whilst the youngsters so bred were short and cobby, still they were certainly too narrow fronted to be of any practical use in the breeding room.

Another method of improving a stud of Norwich is double buffing. I am a strong advocate for using this means to secure type and quality of feather and likewise for fixing these properties. In buffs and yellows we have two distinct characters; the former has a tendency towards stoutness and robustness; the latter towards length and slimness, and the customary method of pairing the two colours together is employed to secure a balance. But as we Norwich breeders want as much as possible of stoutness and vitality, and little or none of the length and slimness, it is obviously essential for us to use the buff bird with a good deal of freedom.

In Praise of Double Buffing.

I have paired buffs together for a number of years, and always with but one result, "betterment." And when I say betterment I mean a distinct improvement in type, quality, colour, and certainly a more domed shape, and a better finish behind. The latter two points are of great importance. I never, however, double buff for the mere sake of doing it, nor with undersized birds, nor do I until I have seen their offspring by the usual method of pairing. In terser words, I want ocular proof of suitability. A fancier may have to go a season or two before getting the right material, but it will come, and when it does come use it and hold fast, especially to the young hens. They should prove a gold mine.

I remember selling to a friend a marked buff cock bred from two buffs, and Mr. J. Robson, who judged the bird at an evening show, declared it to be one of the shortest and most massive Norwich he had ever seen. My results by this means are always good, and those who have tried it try again always.

I am aware that when one talks of double buffing he is told the position the Crested fanciers are in. Friends, there is a wide difference in the result of one glass of ale and a pailful when swallowed by one mortal man. We are also assured that by double buffing we shall get fewer yellows, if any at all. This statement is at variance with fact.

If Others, Why Not We?

The Lancashire people double buff extensively, yet can stage good classes of Yellows. The Northern Border breeders double buff, yet can stage plenty of yellows, and with the right feather. Personally, I say you will get more Yellows since nearly all you get from the second cross will be usable, whereas now the major number of Yellows that are bred are useless for practical breeding.

I may add that those little compact yellow hens, shapely to a degree, and full of quality, yet unsaleable sometimes, are valuable when paired to your big double buff bred cocks, and likewise your yellow cocks which often run a little leggy and a little narrow fronted make very good partners for your double buff bred hens.

I think I have said enough to warrant an interesting debate, and would only add that success does not follow upon the adoption of a formula or somebody's method, but rather does success depend upon its mode of application.

INBREEDING.

A Lecture by Mr. T. Johnson, Southport, before members of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.

In the following lecture, which we are privileged to reproduce in the interest of our readers, Mr. Johnson, in his own genial style, states that he is not a believer in the practice of inbreeding as applied to Norwich Canaries.

THIS is a subject that wants debating calmly. There is no doubt that evidence and arguments are forthcoming on both sides. When I read that a fancier bearing an honoured name in the Fancy says that a certain winner has been produced by inbreeding, I accept his statement.

I have not taken up the position of saying that you cannot breed winners by inbreeding, and I have not come here to dictate, or to take up the attitude of the Cockney bully who bellows forth in the midst of a heated argument: "I'm not arguing with yer. I'm a telling of yer." I have not come to tell you, but to argue with you, to analyse the evidence before us, and to see if inbreeding is really worth while; but we must argue calmly, and without bluster. When we make more noise than the other fellow, it is a sure sign that we are wrong and he is right.

How the Discussion Originated.

You will remember that this subject was introduced by Mr. Crawhall and Dr. Gordon Stewart, and they had a powerful ally in Mr. House. Fanciers like Mr. House do not advocate inbreeding unless there is something in it, and one has to admit that when one is up against Mr. House, one is up against the barbed wire.

These gentlemen put their case in very lucid and straightforward language, and seemed to make out a sure case for inbreeding. So much so, that a new recruit to the Fancy reading their letters would be likely impulsively to rush away with the idea that all he had to do was to pair two related birds together, and the red ticket was his. He but needed to pair the best son back to his bother, and the best daughter back to her father, and he would be as famous as Sam Cook or Winston Churchill or Horatio Bottomley. Winners would come as quick and as often as rent day.

And that was where I came in, I couldn't stand by and see new recruits muffed by such advice. I had to interfere. That reminds me of an old friend of mine at Southport, who was of an interfering disposition. He was always poking his nose into other people's affairs, and one day he was remonstrated with by another interferer, and advised to mind his own business. "I do mind my own business," he retorted; "but I can't leave other people's alone."

But to resume. My knowledge is limited, of course; but I knew that it was unsound advice to a new starter, because he could not buy birds suitable for that purpose at anything under £10 apiece. But I will refer to that later.

I have said that Mr. House was a powerful ally for the inbreeding section; but much of his knowledge has been gained from Pigeons. "Bee-jay," who was Dr. Stewart, masquerading, was a new recruit, and his letters were pure theory, so far as Canaries were concerned. He also was a Pigeon fancier. Mr. Crawhall, we all know for an enthusiastic Yorkshire fancier, but he admitted that his experience in in-breeding was only a year or so old. Yet his theory was a very powerful one, and looked well on paper, but—and it is a big but—you had to have winners to start with; and that is why I said that you couldn't get suitable birds for the purpose under £10 apiece.

I will give you a brief instance of what I mean. You will all remember the hen produced by your esteemed secretary, the clear buff. That hen was undoubtedly the best buff hen living, and if she had lived through last show season, she would have showed it, because she was one of those that improve with age, like wine and funny stories. It is no news to you that the hen was produced from a cock from one room and a hen from another, and we may safely say that, although the two rooms possess absolutely the best of stuff, they are as distant in relation as the Poles are asunder. That is an instance of breeding from unrelated stock.

What Might Have Happened.

Now I am going to theorise, because inbreeding is all theory. Mr. Crawhall or Mr. House would tell you that if Mr. Green had paired that hen back to her father, red tickets would come as freely in the third year as green gooseberries. My friends, it's a fallacy! He couldn't do it. Why? Because the hen was 100 per cent. better as a show bird than her father, and I'm not speaking disparagingly of the father either.

If Mr. Green had paired that hen back to her father he would have been fixing into the offspring their father's faults, and breeding out the good points of the hen. I hope you get me.

Now I am going to show you how inbreeding—in theory, mind you—could have been successful by using that hen. If Mr. Green had procured the best yellow cock he could buy from the show bench, and paired him to the buff hen, and the following year paired best son to mother and best daughter to father, and at the same time bought another cock to run with two other best young hens, he would have been right for a few years, providing—and it is a provision that has to be contended with—that the birds bred and luck came his way in the matter of rearing. It would mean that in the second year from producing that hen, and counting the original pair, he would be possessed of four pairs of Norwich to form the nucleus of a stud that ought to have resisted almost any competition. Such a stud could have been inbred with advantage.

Some of you may be thinking that £10 is a big price to pay for a stock bird.

It is, in these days when spuds are called potatoes. But you could not buy one suitable for the practice of inbreeding for less. Why? Because they won't part. As I pointed out in my first letter to Cage Birds on the subject, it is a costly proceeding to be successful. It reminds me of what I read of a famous French author. He lost his wife, and everybody in his street was anxious to find him another, but when he lost his horse he could hardly buy one for love or for money.

I have referred before to that well-known Yorkshire Canary, "Dreadnought," as being an example of what can be produced by breeding from birds with pedigree blood, but without inbreeding. I remember seeing this bird at Bradford as an unflighted when he beat the best that the Yorkshiremen could breed, and I think I am right in saying that he is still unbeatable. No apostle of inbreeding has put one down to beat him; therefore we may presume that breeding from unrelated stock is as successful as inbreeding if you want to produce winners.

The same remarks apply to Mr. Sam Cook's clear buff Norwich cock. I am open to correction on this point, but I believe I am right in saying that this bird was bred from the Grewar buff cock, winner at Scottish National, and he has proved himself a top-notcher this season. (See note at end of lecture.)

Inbreeding Alright, Sometimes.

I believe Mr. Cook does a little inbreeding, but then he has the stock to do it with. He simply could not go wrong with his stud so long as he did not go too far, and we may trust our friend with the level head to know when to stop and when to purchase fresh blood. But I shall expect him to give us a few instances of any successes he has had when he has had recourse to inbreeding—any champions he has bred.

I have shown you what ought to be expected from inbreeding with the right stuff by a fancier whose heart is full of zeal and whose pocket is full of John Bradburys. But is it worth it when the cost is considered, and when you can see living examples of the best in their varieties produced by brainy fanciers without resorting to inbreeding with all its intricacies and its undoubted predisposition to disease, for, in spite of the inbreeder's protestations, it is a fact that breeding from relatives has that tendency. I believe it to have an effect upon young failing to hatch, and eggs being addled, and, when hatched, failing to rear. Even when reared, I have proved that they are more predisposed to inflammation and other epidemics than young from unrelated stock.

In support of this contention I will refer you to a branch of the fancy where inbreeding is practised on extensive lines, more so than in any other branch. Some of you, no doubt, keep fowls. If you are interested in the laying hen, you must have noticed that the White Leghorn and the White Wyandotte—the two most popular breeds for eggs—have been inbred tremendously the last few years, so much so that two years ago there was a universal clamour for a halt.

(To be continued.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

The Kea, the Kaka, and the Kakapo.

New Zealand Parrots Which Have Changed Their Characters.

By L. B. Thoburn-Clarke.

(Continued from page 186.)

IN order to experiment with the Kakapo, he took one which his dog had caught, and, selecting a wide flat with sufficient open space for his purpose, he liberated the bird. It made no attempt to fly, or even to open its wings, but ran with extraordinary rapidity towards the nearest trees, its gait resembling that of a hen.

The aspect of the Kakapo is peculiar, and has gained for it the name of "Owl-faced Parrot," but in captivity it is intelligent, social, and affectionate. Sir George Grey described its behaviour towards its owner as more like that of a dog than of a bird. It would run from the corner of the room and seize hold of his hand with bill and claw, and roll over and over like a kitten. It would then let go the hand and retreat to the corner, only to run out again and repeat the performance. The approach of a dog towards its cage was greeted with outspread wings and a pretence of anger. When the dog retreated it showed its pleasure by the most absurd antics and postures. When extremely pleased it would nestle down on its master's hand, ruffling its feathers and lowering its wings, fluttering first one and then the other, at the same time shaking its head from side to side.

At that time the Kakapo was evidently very plentiful, for the old Maoris repeat legends of its having been very numerous in the North Island, but the cause of its complete disappearance from that part of New Zealand remains a mystery.

After the extermination of the Moas and the kindred birds, the Maoris, essentially a flesh-eating people, must have been in sore straits for animal food. Eels certainly abounded in the lakes and swamps, but other fresh-water fish were not to be had. The only animal reared by themselves and eaten was the woolly-haired yellow poa dog, consequently, when the annual shark fishing proved a failure there was no flesh-food to be had.

Probably the Kakapo, which burrowed in the ground and was easy to capture, was soon exterminated in the North Island, where the greatest number of Maoris lived. These times of food scarcity were often prolonged, and I have heard old Maoris say that their ancestors, after they had killed and eaten all their slaves, and exhausted all their food, had to fall back upon the roasted roots of the bracken.

I have never tasted a more unpalatable food, and wonder that the Maoris did not exterminate all the ground-feeding birds of New Zealand rather than partake of such fare.

An Important Discovery.

What the Maoris' lack of flesh-food did in the North Island the settlers' dogs and cats did in the South Island. Unfortunately dogs have run wild, and these packs of animals soon destroyed the guileless Kakapo, and it has become very rare, so that the report that Mr. R. E. Clouston, a mining engineer, has discovered a colony of Kakapo on the Gouland Downs, south of Collingwood, will be received by naturalists as being very important news.

Most of Mr. Clouston's work was done at night, by the aid of strong acetylene lamps, and he was thus able to observe the habits of these night Parrots fully, and to discover many things which were not previously known.

The fact of the Kakapo having been found on the Gouland Downs is interesting, as this, being a bird sanctuary, is controlled by Government, and these curious and interesting Parrots will be protected in the future. Perhaps, too, the controversy about the bones and muscles of their wings will be finally settled.

In the early days of the Commonwealth the Kakapo trails were often taken by the settlers for tracks made by human beings. These are frequently fourteen inches wide. Mr. Reischek, an Austrian naturalist, who observed the habits of the Kakapo, stated that these tracks were usually made along the spurs of the hills.

He found that when the hills were covered with snow the birds still travelled over the surface, keeping to the same route. Where, however, the dense scrub, consisting of silver pine, ake-ake, and alpine vegetation, prevented the snow from penetrating to the ground, the birds lived in their burrows during the winter, the darkness under the snow apparently making no difference in their obtaining the food they required.

When the snow began to melt in the spring the Kakapos emerged and crouched in the sunshine, evidently enjoying the warmth. They were, no doubt, sleeping, for Mr. Reischek found some, after the snow had melted, sitting on the low branches of a silver pine. He approached quite close to them without their evincing any alarm; only when he had caught them did they attempt to free themselves by biting and scratching.

This naturalist, like so many others who had observed the Kakapo in the days when it was plentiful, stated that the flesh was delicious, and far better eating than any other of the native birds, so, now that the Kakapo has been rediscovered, it is just as well that it is in a protected area, or perhaps it would be exterminated by the settlers who might wish to taste a dish of roast Kakapo.

Two Seasonable Books.

At a season when the attention of all lovers of birds of our country is turned to the observation of them as they live, when thousands will be taking country rambles for the purpose of watching their nesting and breeding habits, and thousands of others would devote to the same purpose such leisure hours as they may now be able to snatch if they knew of the delights awaiting them, and had the knowledge necessary for their proper appreciation, the re-issue of the beautiful work, "*Britain's Birds and their Nests*," by A. L. Thomson, with coloured plates by the talented artist, Mr. George Rankin (W. and R. Chambers, London and Edinburgh, 15s.) is especially opportune.

In the preface the modest statement is made, "The main reason for the publication of this book is Mr. Rankin's magnificent series of 132 coloured plates of British-nesting birds." If this were the only instead of the "main" reason, the book would be welcome, for it is not too much to say that almost any half-dozen of the plates are in themselves full value for the price charged for the complete volume. The colour tones are marvellously rendered, and each picture is a work of art worthy of separate preservation if only as a picture. Nests are shown *in situ* where possible, each containing a full clutch of eggs, and in cases where this is not practicable, such as, for example, the nest of the Swift and the Woodpecker, an egg drawn to its proper scale in relation to the size of the bird is shown in an inset.

As to the text, the purpose of which is stated to be "to give in popular language an account of the natural history of British-breeding birds," we can say that the purpose is admirably effected. We have put many of the statements to the severe test of practical knowledge, and have failed to find a flaw. Besides being accurate, it is written in a most interesting manner, and there is not a "dry" chapter from end to end of the book.

In outward appearance the volume would be an adornment to any library, and it is a book that no bird lover can afford to be without. If it needed any further recommendation we would say that the price remains the same as before the war, but we understand that Messrs. Chambers may not be long able to offer it without increasing the price.

British Birds and their Eggs, by J. Maclair Borastou, M.B.O.U., W. and R. Chambers, London and Edinburgh, 6s. This is essentially a book for the beginner. With this volume as a guide, the identification of any bird that may be observed is rendered a matter of a moment even for the most inexperienced, for instead of classifying the birds under scientific headings, they are grouped under such headings as "Black Birds," "Black and White Birds," "Long-legged Birds," etc., and in most cases a few words printed in italics, as, for instance, "The Blackbird is the only bird with plumage entirely black which habitually hops" dispel any doubt that may momentarily exist. A classified list of birds, with their scientific names is appended for the benefit of those who would seek in more ambitious volumes for more information than is given in the book, but all that the ordinary observer may wish to know is detailed. The plumage of each bird is fully described; its eggs and nest, its distribution throughout our country, and its habits are all set forth in popular language so as to be fully understood by the veriest novice. It is illustrated with 120 coloured plates of birds from drawings by the author, and 16 coloured plates of eggs. The pictures of eggs possess a special value in that they are drawn to actual size, for the variations in colouring in the eggs of many species are so considerable that a single coloured representation, however accurate it may be, is apt to be misleading. One of the handiest books we have ever perused. The present price, 6s., may have to be raised in the near future.

Correspondence.

EVERY WEEK A PRIZE OF TEN SHILLINGS IS GIVEN FOR WHAT, IN THE OPINION OF THE EDITOR OF "CAGE BIRDS," IS THE BEST LETTER PUBLISHED UNDER THIS HEADING. THE LETTER MAY BE ON ANY SUBJECT. IT MAY BE A COMMENT, FOR OR AGAINST, ON ANYTHING WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN OUR PAGES, AN OPINION ON THE POLICY OF OUR PAPER, OR MAY HAVE NO REFERENCE WHATEVER TO ANYTHING WHICH HAS ALREADY APPEARED. SO LONG AS IT IS ON A "BIRDY" SUBJECT, AND IS ORIGINAL, IT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR THE PRIZE.

The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. F. Elsom, 86, Main Ridge, Boston, Lincs.

From a Prize Winner.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your cheque for 10s. as prize for contribution to your correspondence column.

I have felt some diffidence in accepting it, as my letter was sent without any idea of competition or reward, but merely, as stated therein, as an acknowledgment of help received through CAGE BIRDS, which I desired to repay to some extent by trying to help others through the same channel.

Thinking, however, that there was no way of declining it without disorganising your scheme, I have decided that it is best to accept, with reiterated thanks.

J. T. WHITAKER.

(In the absence of any intimation that a correspondent does not wish his or her letter to be understood as competing for our weekly prize, we can, of course, only award the prize on the merits of the [illegible]s published, and the letter from Mr. Whitaker was distinctly the best one of the week. Correspondents who do not wish their letters to be treated as being competitive will oblige if they will either sign them with a pseudonym, or will endorse them "not for competition."—ED., CAGE BIRDS.]

A Question of Double Mating.

Are Bullfinches Polyandrous.

SIR,—I noted recently an account in the "Bazaar Exchange and Mart," which stated that in an aviary belonging to Mrs. C. A. Longdon, a Bullfinch had nested, and among the progeny were some young Bullfinches and a Hawfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid. A cock Hawfinch was in the same aviary with the pair of Bullfinches, and it was presumed that the Hawfinch had fertilised one of the eggs and the Bullfinch cock the remainder. The contributor of the paragraph says this is not only possible, but (in the circumstances) probable. Would some of the experienced readers of CAGE BIRDS say whether this is possible, not to mention probable? Unfortunately, as seems to be always the case with extraordinary Hybrids, something happened. In this case the presumed Hybrid escaped through a hole in the netting. ENQUIRER.

Rearing Young Canaries.

A Novice Gives His Experiences.

SIR,—Having read in CAGE BIRDS different opinions appertaining to the many modes of rearing and feeding young Canaries, I should like to give you my experience, although I am only a novice of three years' standing in the fancy. My first move was to join a cage bird society and attend different shows, getting into conversation with the different champions, and receiving some very useful hints. Finding out which variety I appreciated most during the first months, I secured from one of our members a couple of good pairs, well matched by him, and then I was all ready for launching out.

I only use double breeding cages, as they are handy to run the young in if the hen should be inclined to pluck their feathers, and they make a fine nursery cage. Mine are all made of tin and loose fronts, as I find they do not harbour that pest, the red mite, like wooden ones, and they are easily cleaned and washed out. The perches are the same size as in the Yorkshire show cages, and are not smoothed up, but just left as planed, as I think it gives a better grip for the birds.

I always feed my birds on the best Spanish canary seed, and just about February I give, in addition, half a teaspoonful of egg food fresh twice a week, and on two other days a good pinch of maw seed in the egg pan. I do not mix it with the usual seed, as I find that the birds waste the seed looking for the maw. I also give a little ripe apple, or failing this a piece of raw onion, and I find the birds appreciate this and show a very great improvement, but I make the Canary seed their staple diet.

When the hen has laid I take away the eggs as laid and give a dummy in their place till I get the fourth, and when the hen has laid the fourth egg I clean out the cage and make a new nest ready to put in place of the first one. I take the old one out and burn it right away. I also take the cock bird away. I give her the new nest (made of charpie and hair) containing the eggs, and let her sit them herself. I never disturb her again, only for feeding and giving her fresh water twice daily, and do not again clean the cage till the young are hatched and are four or five days old. I dust the nest with some Keatings, and give the hen a bath while she is sitting in which I have dissolved some quassia chips. I find that it keeps the insects from worrying her so much, at the same time helping the hatching process.

On the thirteenth day I make up a little egg, so as to give her first thing in the morning, and I am up early and give her half a teaspoonful in the egg pan. I am at work all day, so my better half continues the duty of feeding again at mid-day, and then I myself at 6 at night, always cleaning the egg pan out before putting fresh in. This I do for three days.

I mix my egg food as follows: The yolk of an egg and three times as much of bread crumbs (the bread just a day old). I also add a little maw seed, and scrape some cuttle fish bone very fine and add to it, mixing the lot well together. I find that this mixture keeps nice and sweet, and the birds seem to develop more quickly, and are finer birds than if brought up on the egg food alone without the maw and cuttlefish.

I give the hen plenty of chickweed after the fourth day, as I find that she seems to feed better and not get slack. On the 10th day I give her hemp, not cracked or crushed, leaving her to crack it, thereby keeping her off the nest a little longer, and letting the young get a little more fresh air. I should have stated earlier I leave a dummy egg in the nest so as to stop the hen from crushing the eggs and also from laying on and smothering the young. When the young have left the nest and are beginning to pick for themselves I always give them rape seed which has been boiled, and a little egg food, to which I add a small portion of Plasmon powder or broken groats. I hope that the few hints I have given may be of some use to others who are, like the writer,

ONLY A NOVICE.

Forcing Birds Into Moult.

A Criticism of Editorial Action.

SIR,—I was greatly surprised at your refusing to publish "Rambler's" method of forcing birds through the moult. I surmise it would be what we term box-moulting, and is a common practice in some districts, especially among catchers who must have their birds through moult and on hard song by the end of August for the catching season. If they had not plenty of song they would return with an empty store cage, and so these fanciers adopt the forcing method, and have their birds ready ten to twelve weeks earlier than nature would have had them. I must say there are a large number of birds lost annually by this method of box-moulting by inexperienced fanciers, but surely if these fanciers can be enlightened on the subject many of these birds could be saved, and I say it is up to us to do so. Only recently I read in CAGE BIRDS that someone was advising fanciers if they had any secrets to publish them. "Rambler" gives us a good one, and it cannot be published. I have been a fancier for thirty years of British hard and soft billed, and have had my share of prizes, and my birds always look well, and at times I have to be cruel to be kind.

S. RICHARDS.

[This letter carries a complete justification of our refusal to publish details of a cruel practice. Our correspondent admits that "there are a large number of birds lost annually by this method of box-moulting by inexperienced fanciers." This is just the reason why the details were not published. It is not our aim to teach inexperienced fanciers to become perfect in a cruel practice in order to save their pockets. We would much rather that they learnt to avoid it through their failures. Neither do we wish to instruct would-be bird catchers as to how to force a bird into a moult "ten to twelve weeks earlier than nature." The hundreds of beautiful Linnets that are exhibited every season at bird shows are moulted in a natural manner, and at the proper season, and if it is necessary for Linnets used as call birds to be treated in an unnatural manner, bird catchers must find out the details for themselves.—ED., CAGE BIRDS.]

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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40 Young Yorkshire Canaries Already.

A Believer in Early Pairing.

SIR,—I thought that it may be interesting to some readers of CAGE BIRDS to know that I have 40 young Yorkshires, some on the perches, in spite of all the cold weather that we have been having lately. Why not breed early Canaries as well as early chickens? I have done so for years with good results. I always pair up in February if the birds are ready.

E. WILLIAMS.

A Homing Redpoll.

SIR,—In view of an article in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, some weeks ago, on "Homing Song Birds," perhaps the following will be of interest.

I am the fortunate owner of a Redpoll which is a "Homer." If the window is left open he flies outside, and is away for hours at a time. He comes out of the cage (a "Crystal Palace") by pushing aside a loose wire in the door, the door never being opened, as there are with him in the cage about half a dozen small foreigners. I should be glad to know if any readers have had, or heard of, the like.

ROB. FERGUSON.

Red Mite and Insecticides.

Carbolic Acid and Petrol.

SIR,—Calvert on his carbolic acid bottle, states that no disinfectant is effective unless a poison. Red mite breed through eggs. It is a fairly simple matter with carbolic or petrol to destroy the insects, but I have found no way of destroying the eggs except by consistently disenfecting or cleaning. Carbolic and sweet oil can be used on birds or animals, but personally I prefer one part of petrol to five parts of milk. If the petrol smell is offensive add a little scent.

J.M.L.

A Vote for Camphor and Spirit.

SIR,—With reference to the letters appearing in CAGE BIRDS of April 7 and 14, with regard to this pest to Canaries, may I, as a novice, breeding only as a hobby, express my opinion? I have found that there is nothing to beat the simple remedy which I give below, and which can be used without any fear of injury to the birds or cages. Take 2d. of spirits of wine; place into same a piece of camphor, the size of a Spanish nut; shake well until dissolved, and then add a teaspoonful of carriage oil. Shake well before using, and apply with fine camel hair brush thinly around the crevices, inside and out, once a week during the breeding season.

G. QUESTED.

Some Hints to Novice Fanciers.

Large Hens or Small Hens?

SIR,—At the commencement of another season's breeding, perhaps a few hints to novices will be of value, but I will confine myself to one variety, the Norwich. One of the first questions a person ought to ask himself is, What is the object in view? If it is to produce winners, then he should make a study of the ideal Norwich, or make it in his way to see some of the big winners, get the ideal fixed in his mind's eye, and when he succeeds in breeding young that correspond with his object, he will not need to ask a champion exhibitor into his room to tell him that he has bred a good bird. I think this fact is overlooked by many fanciers, with the result that they keep amongst the novices, and are constantly disappointed. With an object in view you will get that uniformity of standard that is found in the rooms of successful exhibitors.

The next point of importance is that of pairing the birds. Your correspondent, Mr. Gibbons, places special emphasis on the hen, and rightly so, but I beg to differ from him in respect to size. The medium or small hen I consider the best, with all those essential qualities that go to make a show bird, paired to a big bony cock with a good head. Make sure you have size in the cock, and the result will repay you for your trouble. The medium or small hens prove the most energetic feeders, and a good deal depends on how the young are fed as to whether they will excel or lack size. I feel sure that the novice who sticks to these two important points in the breeding of Norwich Canaries will have made a great stride towards attaining that success so much desired.

HY. HUGGINS.

Sparrows as Food.

How to Prepare them Quickly.

SIR,—Lord Devonport personally recommends Sparrows as being good food, but, according to the extract from the "Newcastle Daily Journal," which appeared in CAGE BIRDS of March 30, some people find their preparation a tedious matter. May I, therefore, offer a tip to any who would like to taste them.

Cut off the head, pull out a few breast feathers, make a slit in the skin, and strip off skin and feathers together. Fifty birds may thus be prepared in two hours, and they are good food; I have dressed great quantities.

G. A. ROBINSON.

Some More Seed Questions.

SIR,—Kindly thank Mr. E. W. Humphrey for answering my questions so fully and in such a practical way. Will he tell me in what months are the following quite ripe, viz., teazel, shepherd's purse, knapweed, and dock. I would be very pleased if he would kindly tell me how to separate and preserve the seeds of the teazel.

NOVICE.

[While we are inserting the above letter as desired, and shall, of course, be pleased to publish any reply, we would mention that in due course all the particulars asked for will be given in the articles by Mr. Morse that are appearing weekly in CAGE BIRDS. Readers should make a point of keeping these informative articles for reference.—Editor.]

The Tameness of Wild Birds.

And a Story of a "Robin in a Church."

SIR,—A while ago I read many interesting letters in your valuable paper about the wonderful tameness of birds in the then very cold weather. Just opposite the little aviary where I keep my few Canaries is a tree, and here, in the cold weather, as soon as I opened my back door to go to feed my birds (or my neighbours to feed their fowls or pigs) would congregate numerous birds till the tree was quite black. There were Blackbirds, Thrushes, Starlings, Sparrows, and, not quite so close, two Rooks, and still closer, a little Robin, who would even stand on my foot to eat his little bit of suet whilst I kept the Sparrows away. Strange to say, although he has such a name for being "cock of the walk," he was frightened of the Sparrows.

I had only to whistle and call "Bob" if he was not present, and he would quickly appear from somewhere, and follow me up the garden, and sit and sing while the fowls were being fed with their soft food, for he knew his little bit would be put on top of a post. One of my cheeky Greenfinch Mules would whistle and call "Bob" just as I did, and so plainly that I thought it was a saucy boy at first.

I had acquaintance with this Robin in the early summer of last year. Just opposite me is the beautiful City Cemetery, and it is here he has his home. I had been to see someone buried, and no sooner had I got into the Church than I said to my friend that there was a bird about (I knew this by the inevitable marks on the pews), though I could not see him. The service began, and at the first pause he made himself heard with a gush of song, but ceased as soon as the clergyman resumed reading. At every pause the bird filled the building with song, now in the rose window close to the roof, now on the white flowers covering the coffin. It was the Red Breast, and anything more beautiful is hard to imagine. I read some time ago in CAGE BIRDS that of all singing birds the Robin is the true artist, never interfering with or trying to sing another down, but awaiting his own turn. This I have proved many times, and here was another proof. On leaving the building the Robin was shut in, and I went to the sexton and told him. He said that it was useless to drive it out, as it would go in again at the first opportunity. But how will it do without food and water?" said I. "Oh" he said, "it will be all right, it can get food and water." His wife told me that a few years ago another Robin was so tame that it not only went in the Church, but came into her cottage, which is in the cemetery grounds, and on to the table and helped itself to what it liked. It was in and out for four years, when a cat caught it; she ran after it, but could not save it. It is strange how one misses a little thing like that, but she did not forget it for a long time.

It might interest you to know that the one-legged homing pigeon I told you about returned at the end of three days on to the window sill of the room where the cage was in which it had been nursed, and as soon as I opened the window in it came, a sadder and a wiser bird. It ate till its crop swelled out, and its little head rested on it; then it slept all day. It is still up with the fowls, and gets about on its stump finely.

(MRS.) E. M. SARGEANT.

The Sizes of Store Cages.

SIR,—Will Stoker Stowe please accept my thanks for answering my questions so promptly? I would also be pleased if he would kindly answer the following questions. He advises E. J. Brown not to place more than four Goldies in the same store cage. What length, width, and height are the cages referred to? How many birds could I place in a store cage 3ft. long, 8in. wide, and 10in. high? How many call birds and brace birds does Mr. Stowe use for catching Goldies? Any other information he can give me will be thankfully received.

J. D. G.

Mules and Fertile Eggs.

How Records are Sometimes Made.

SIR,—In the "New Sporting Magazine," February, 1842, page 151, in an article on "Dogs, their origin, etc." by H. D. Richardson, the writer states: "I once saw a Mule bird between a Goldfinch and Canary and was shown eggs which the owner assured me were laid by it, and these eggs proved productive. This was, I acknowledge, a most extraordinary case, for when these Hybrids proved fertile I usually found it was the male and not the female which did so."

The above is culled from an article on the origin of dogs. It may or may not be reliable. It does, however, prove that there was Muling in 1802, and that the word "Mule" was then freely used.

J.W.L.

After 75 years of mis-usage, we think it time that the word "Mule" as applied to a bird was dropped. With regard to the presumed fertility of Hybrids it will be noted that the case quoted is another of the hearsay authorities. The old writer says he was "shown" eggs, and was "assured" that they were laid by a "Mule." He does not say that he knew them to be the produce of a Hybrid hen. All he says of his own knowledge is that they proved productive; the statement as to their origin he accepted from someone else, and many of the presumptive cases are based on the same kind of authority.—ED., CAGE BIRDS.]

How Bird-keepers Make Trouble.

And How it May be Avoided.

SIR,—There is a quaint old saying that "Prevention is better than cure," and I think it is a very true saying. It is a fact well-known to breeders that the cause most frequent in producing disease is first the eating of food which is too rich, and the consequent overloading of the stomach. Perhaps the next great evil is the want of sufficient fresh air, and close confinement in a small cage is a great enemy to the bird's health.

Other illnesses may be engendered through neglect. Some fanciers give their birds egg and bread, chickweed, cabbage, lettuce, dandelion, groundsel, etc., in unmeasured quantities, and then the birds amuse themselves, after having satiated their appetites, by throwing the former into the bottom of their cages, and by pulling the green food inside as well. This is the result of giving birds more food than they can possibly consume in one day. In the course of a little while it becomes sour, and then if they partake of it, as they will do at times, the consequences which usually ensue are cases of diarrhœa, or, still worse, inflammation of the bowels or intestines, which if not promptly attended to, result in death. Others again give them sour greens, or bad water, or allow the water to remain in the pots until it gets loathsome and unfit for use; these and similar causes of neglect produce more than half the illnesses from which birds die. I always supply my birds with plain wholesome diet, but never pamper them with dainties.

Be particular always to procure the best Canary seed and genuine sowing rape seed, and give in the proportion of three-parts Canary to one of rape seed. Occasionally, I give a little linseed and a few groats, and from April to September a little fresh green food, either watercress, groundsel, or lettuce. Dandelion leaves may be given sometimes, but they ought to be well washed and immersed in water for a few hours previously. In winter time you may give a little sweet apple, with the rind taken off, and give them this about once every week. When in health and not breeding they require no other food, except to prepare them for exhibition.

Let them have as much fresh air as possible, and be sure to give them fresh water every day. If there is any reason to doubt the purity of the water you give the birds to drink, it is a good plan to filter rain water for their use. Let the cages be roomy, and clean them out frequently; use sea sand when procurable, as the salt which it contains is beneficial to them; if you cannot succeed in getting it, any common sand will do. By observing these recommendations you will seldom be troubled with diseased or ailing birds.

F. ELSOM.

At It Again.

A Persistent Hen.

SIR,—I thought you would be interested to hear that the hen Canary I sent you word about last year had reared the fifteen birds, and is now beginning 1917 very well. I expect you will think perhaps too well.

In January this year she would go to nest, laid four small eggs, and sat one week, and then laid five more eggs to those already in the nest, making nine. She would sit them out, but, of course, they turned out unfertile. In February she laid five more, and hatched out four on the 1st of March; the other egg had a bird in it, but it did not hatch out. She reared them herself, and they are now four very nice birds, two clear yellow, two slightly marked.

On April 1 she laid again, and there were four in this clutch. Unfortunately I broke one egg, but she is sitting on the three, and her time will be up at the beginning of next week. Don't you think she has been a little wonder considering the very hard weather we have experienced this year?

(MRS.) F. SHAW.

The Federation of Roller Societies.

A Possible Solution to the "Drastic Rule."

SIR,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to bring before members of the Federation and Roller Fanciers in general a possible, nay probable, solution of this vexed question. I have received from the Haslingden Club a resolution in the following words:

"That rule 6 of the Federation be deleted, and in its place the following be substituted:—That no bird be allowed to contest in young bird classes at any Federation show unless wearing the Federation ring, N.7." I think this is a possible way out of the difficulty, and I ask all members of the Federated clubs to show their interest in this question by sending their vote to the secretary of their club, and to give a direct vote for or against the Haslingden request. I hope all clubs will stand by the decision of the majority. There is no doubt that it will have to be altered, and to my mind there could not be a better way than this, so will club secretaries attend to this at once.

H. BEST,

The "Third Party" Gives His Ideas on the Old and the New Bell Glucke.

SIR,—As a thirty years' Roller breeder, I ought to know something about them, so I should like to say a few words concerning them, as I have every reason to believe I am the third party referred to by Mr. Tomlinson, and your other correspondent, on page 189 of CAGE BIRDS.

Firstly, I should like to say a few words re "Drastic Rule"; a fancier, with the welfare of the fancy at heart, cannot call it anything else. I have been in the fancy a long time, and I always believe in give and take, and I have written numerous letters to private individuals, and to one or two leading secretaries as to all being allowed to exhibit together in young bird classes. What matter whose ring they wear, so long as it is a recognised club ring? Every Society makes the stipulation that their specials are for members only. We have big shows now, but they would be larger if we were all allowed to compete together, and if those in authority would put their heads together, as brother fanciers should do, the above could easily be done.

I can give the exact date when myself and Mr. Tomlinson visited your correspondent's place; it was Nov. 5th, 1912. The remarks as given are quite correct, as the different Gluckes then were chiefly called by the breeder's or dealer's name the birds were purchased from. I well remember Mr. Tomlinson saying the two Gluckes in question were Bell Gluckes and Hollow Gluckes, and I could not differ, as it was also my opinion, but the majority of the Gluckes of the present day are quite different; some Bell Gluckes are hardly distinguishable from Hollow Gluckes. I have heard them in almost every key above the Hollow Roll, but I cannot understand one getting Bell Glucke for Deep Glucke, as they are far removed from each other, as the Bell sound entirely disappears the deeper the tone of the bird gets, and as your correspondent says, certainly a bird

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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with separate and distinct Gluckes should get credit for the same if worth it.

I and several other fanciers that I know have birds that sing as many as four, all easily distinguishable from each other, and it is very annoying when you send them out to get credit for two, sometimes only one of them. I can quite agree with Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Shepley when they say the Bell Glucke birds bring Koller-like Tours. I have one that has brought a lovely Water Glucke, and there seems to be a nice Hollow Roll running at the same time. I also have others singing what I suppose Mr. Tomlinson calls one form of the new Bell Glucke. To me it sounds like double Glucke, as there are two distinct sounds running out the same time, but they are repeated in quick succession, the Bell sound predominating. Mr. Tomlinson gave me exactly the same number of points for it as a prominent Southern judge, and as a Northern customer of mine said, it is a Bell Glucke that no one could reasonably object to, as it is quite (as Mr. Shepley says) a major third lower than the old Bell Glucke.

I have an old favourite, rung 1911, singing the old clear ringing Bell Glucke, which I think is as worthy of points as most Gluckes, and a youngster trained under it has won first and second prizes for its new owner under different Northern judges this season. I have every confidence that Bell Glucke and Glueke Roll will be added to their judging standard at no distant date. I have had Bell Glucke birds for seven or eight years, and I am perfeotly satisfied with the results, for I generally get in the prizes when showing.

I cannot agree with a prominent Northern judge when he says the Roller song has deteriorated this last ten years through introducing certain tours, and that they were more faulty. I have exhibited seven or eight birds lately, all Bell Glucke bred, that averaged a total of good points, quite free from faults; one had not even a card, but they would have exceeded by far the total of a noted Crystal Palace winner of that date (1907), and a few others I could mention. One could get first then with from 22 to 27 points; it requires 28 to 34 points to win now. If we were to take away all the different Gluckes, and the variations they bring, we should have a very poor Roller song left indeed in the humble estimation of yours truly, who does not desire a free advert., so will sign himself

OLD BELL GLUCKE.

A Protest Against Rule 6.

SIR,—I would, with your kind permission, like to reply briefly on the above subjects. When writing, either voluntarily or by request, I have endeavoured to make my meaning so precise that even the merest novice may be able to follow the description I have given of the various song passages. I have always tried to avoid any spirit of arrogance, and what I have to say now is not in any way antagonistic or peevish. Like Mr. Willows, I welcome fanciers' views on Glucke tours, and I give to every writer the respect for his opinion that I would claim for my own.

I am not responsible for setting up the confusion of ideas between a rapid Hollow Glucke and the "New Bell Glucke." Crudely, this rapid H.G. and an accompanying series of low-toned Bell notes, comprise what I termed the New Bell Glucke. Mr. Willows opines that it is the old B.G. coming up again. To the casual observer it may appear so, but, technically speaking, to the experienced ear there is a difference, so that, although the difference does not alter its category as a B.G., it is not, to be precise, rendered in the same way as the old style of B.G.

In describing this difference, please note I am referring to the young bird. In the old style of rendering the tour was sung more slowly, and the Glucke portion closely resembled the slower type of Hollow Glucke; the Bell notes also came more slowly, clearer, and with the true Bell ring. Its propensity to fault was found in its inclination to sharpness of tone.

In the New Bell Glucke the Glucke and Bell are more rapid, the Bell is lower in tone, and not so distinct in its Bell ring, and, so far as my experience goes, the tone, even if to faultiness, is flat. Yet to my mind all this is a mere detail. What I wished to point out was that, in view of the trouble the "chopping" rendering of B.G. was causing and had caused, this new B.G. would give more satisfaction than the old style; also, when so many fanciers were grasping this new style, that it was unlikely the Federation would take it out from the judging standard, a point not a few were waiting to see.

Then Mr. Montague said my description was not a new B.G., but a Water Glucke. A series of Bell notes coming over a distinct W.G. would not be either a W.G. or even a Bell Glueke, in my style of calling a spade a spade, but a "Bell Water Glucke." I have not heard one, but I know a fancier who has such a tour. I have heard the metallic ring of a Bell embodied in a W.G.

Mr. Willows' parallel of Hollow Bell and the Bell of the B.G. is one I cannot see, because the Hollow Bell is a tour in which there is always a more or less downward movement of the voice, and it is difficult to say where the base of that movement is going to rest. The Bell of the B.G. is a series of notes, and in breeding for depth, as the fancy is doing, why should a Bell note sung on a level with, or maybe below, the pitch of a Hollow Roll become void, and only the Glueke portion of the tour be recognised? This is not calling a spade a spade.

This is, Sir, I hope, my last letter on the B.G., and in leaving the subject I would desire to let our fancy in general know that I have no shares in any Bell Glueke company. My time and labour have been expended for the benefit of the novice, and for those who have had the good rendering of the B.G. tour. To the former I have now for some few years said, "Beware of B.G., as it taxes the ingenuity of the experienced to keep it to its normal tone; keep your hard-earned money in your pocket." I have advocated a place on the judging standard for those who have the good rendering of the tour, and I asked for space to penalise bad or faulty rendering, so as to protect those who had the good tour. The B.G. has never been any favourite of mine, yet in meeting with a good tour I have always given it full credit, as I should advocate a place on the standard and credit for any other good tour.

In concluding my letter on B.G. allow me to appeal to our fancy not to send out B.G. tours to novices as being good B.G. because they have not been penalised on the show bench. The tour I am alluding to is one wherein the Glucke may be good and the Bell notes offending, not sung to you, but sung at you, and distinctly pointed. No note that is forced and pointed can come under the category of being a good one, even though it is not bad enough to penalise. The point at issue is, does it please the ear, or does it offend?

With regard to rule 6, I would now like to strike a personal note. Up to the moment I had the exhibitor in mind, and "now they can ring with two rings." The rule is now being voted upon, and I decline to use my vote to restriot the freedom of any exhibitor, neither am I using my vote to vote away my personal freedom as a judge. I hold, without being antagonistic or ranoorous, strong views upon personal rights of freedom, where such has no harmful or evil intent, and upon respect for the opinion of others, and if the exhibitor likes to restrict his limits of exhibiting he should not restrict my freedom as a judge.

I am, I hope, too open minded to bear malice, and if this rule is carried it will not make the slightest difference to my feelings for any of my fancier friends to know that they hold a different point of view to my own. It means that I shall be reluctantly compelled to withdraw from the Federation honourably, because if Rule 6 is carried in its entirety I should advocate freedom and fight for it—and pay the penalty. To my mind this Rule 6 is the only blot upon the rules, straightforward and manly rules, which were issued in the making of the Federation. It goes beyond the pound of flesh and asks for the blood also. The B.R.C.C., who I am not advocating as being without fault (who is?) never restricted me from judging where their patronage was not given. Had they done so I should have had to withdraw from that body, because there was no harmful or evil intent to the B.R.C.C. in my judging for others, and I suppose it was beneficial in some way to the other party.

I appeal to those fanciers who object to their liberty being curtailed to make up their minds as to their future course of action now, and if they decide to remain with the Federation, then accept its rules and not set them at defiance, for it would mean paying the penalty. In imposing this it would be a disagreeable business for both Federation and the offender, and who knows whether the same fancier friendship could then be maintained as would exist were the withdrawal to take place at the outset? In the future, be it sooner or later, there will be unity again amongst us, and in the meantime let each of us do the best for the welfare of our hobby, recollecting that it is human to err. Might is not always right, and it does not follow that, even should the majority vote for Rule 6, that the majority is right, and the minority in the wrong. It is said that Rule 6 is a reprisal; it goes further, and adds injury to innocent people in the retaliation. Had it stopped at a reprisal, claiming the same restrictions that the B.R.C.C. had done for their rings, who could have made any objection?

J. TOMLINSON.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN

IS IT TOO EARLY?

S. W. B.—No, seeing that both birds showed distinct signs of a desire to nest at once, I do not think you were premature in putting them together, and although the cock has so completely ceased singing and appears to take little notice of the hen now they are together, you will probably find that things will work out right in the end. It is not a great rarity to meet with these cocks, which become absolutely mute as soon as they are mated, and provided they were in good breeding condition when put up, as yours appears to have been, their silence does not in the least interfere with their fertilising powers. It is not at all unusual for a cock of this kind to apparently sulk and take practically no notice of the hen from the time he is placed with her until she has made some headway with nest building, and begins to call to him from the nest, when their attentions are all that could be desired. Such a cock will often make a quite model parent in not harrying the hen during incubation, and in assisting her to bring up the brood, so you see you may have no cause for worry about his present behaviour. If you are not already doing so, give a teaspoonful of egg or other soft food with about a third of the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it, every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, and two or three crisp young leaves of dandelion daily, until the hen has gone to nest. Beyond this let things follow their own course, and with a little patience you will soon find things go all right.

MECHANICAL v. NATURAL TUTORS.

Tafend.—It is rather a contested point whether Rollers can be as efficiently trained by means of organs as with the natural tutor, another accomplished bird singer, but there is not the least doubt whatever that they can at least be very well trained by means of good and proper bird organs, but this does not apply to the toys usually sold for a few pence or a shilling or two, under the name of bird organs. The price of a properly constructed bird organ ranged from about £3 5/- to £3 15/- before the war, but as these instruments were practically a German monopoly, I cannot say what the price may be now, nor even where you would be able to get one, unless some of our large Canary dealers have still some of their pre-war stock unsold. Most of the large Canary dealers stocked them previous to the war, so if you were to get a catalogue from some of these you may still find what you want on offer. But the price may have gone up. Even if you succeed in getting an organ, if you have a number of birds to train you would be well advised to make yourself sure of a good schoolmaster or two to assist in training. The greatest value of organs is to assist rather than replace the natural tutors, and to keep the tuition going through the moult, when the natural tutors are most likely to drop off song.

EGGS DRYING UP.

F. Jebb.—It is not an uncommon occurrence for eggs to dry up in the shells during the process of incubation, but these eggs are not necessarily unfertile. That they are unproductive goes without saying, but I am strongly inclined to think that a fertilised egg is just as likely to dry up, given the same conditions in all other respects, as one that is really unfertile. In my opinion the real cause of the phenomenon lies in some defect in the substance of the shell, and possibly the membrane lining of the shell may be more or less involved, which is of an abnormally porous nature and allows the moisture of the contents to evaporate too rapidly. As you say all your eggs were of this description last season, it looks as if there were something lacking in your general management, but I cannot discover what it may be from the few details given in your letter. Anyway, try the following treatment from now onwards, and report result when the hens have sat the next round of eggs. In addition to the staple seed diet give each pair of birds a small teaspoonful of egg food every third day, and well mix in it three drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and on the intervening days give first half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts, by measure, maw, sesame, gold of pleasure, linseed, and yellow mustard, and next a supply of green food, chickweed, flower heads of groundsel or watercress, in the order named for preference, but do not give any dandelion at all. Keep the cage floor well strewn with clean gritty sand, and for one week add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel to the water every second day. When the hens are again coming forward for laying add a teaspoonful of lime water to the drinking water every second day until the clutch is laid.

BORDER FANCY MOPY.

Eton College.—The bird is gone into a spring moult, probably owing to the exceptionally cold and sudden changes we have had of late. Keep it in a comfortable place, not necessarily overheated, but as equable as possible, and do not allow it to hang in or near a window, near or over burning lights in the evenings, and see that it is protected from cold direct draughts. Cut out from the staple diet all the millet and linseed, and give as staple a mixture of only three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet and broken groats, and teazle, every second day for a month. On the alternate days give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Give two crisp young leaves of dandelion, or a morsel of banana or boiled carrot three or four times a week, and a morsel of the paste advised in last part of reply to "T. W. B. H." In issue for March 31, would help it. Dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a small teaspoonful of pure honey, and give twenty drops of this mixture in the drinking water two days in every three for a week, and every second day afterwards until the feathers have quite ceased dropping.

WASTED EFFORTS.

A. S.—In all probability the hen's condition is due to exhaustion of the ovaries, and the prospects of her being of any further use as a stock bird are not very promising. Your best course, when she began to sit on the empty nest, would have been to give her a clutch of common eggs to hatch and rear the young if she would do so, and it is not at all unlikely that she would have done this quite satisfactorily, and may then have gone on and nested on her own account again quite normally. Now, however, as she will already have been sitting quite long enough by the time this appears, I would advise you to remove the nest for a few days, add to the drinking water, for three consecutive days, ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, then treat as follows until she has made another attempt to nest, and note result. Leave the cock with her, or if he is not a very vigorous wooer, change him and mate her with a lusty young cock in full song and vigour. In addition to the staple seed diet of canary and summer rape, three to one, give the pair a small teaspoonful of egg food, with about a third of the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame, mixed in it, every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats, with just a sprinkling in the bulk of yellow mustard and linseed. Give a fairly liberal supply of green food daily, chickweed or flower heads of groundsel for preference. Return the nest-box or pan, as the case may be, when you see the hen showing anxiety to start nesting again, such as carrying about any scraps of material she can find, and trying to place them on the perches, etc., or plucking at her own breast feathers and pretending to carry them about.

CANARY QUERISTS

Should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Baltye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); Haase's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Wesian's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/8); Ramsden's "Colour feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

ABOUT DANDELION.

Beginner.—When sending queries to us you should enclose your name and address for reference. Will you please forward these on a postcard? Dandelion is a most useful plant for cage birds, and the usual way of giving it is simply to collect the leaves. Later on the plant throws up a flower which in time closes and forms the seed pod; then this can be gathered and offered to the birds. In addition to these, the root can also be made use of. If fastened between the wires of the cage the inmates will in time get rid of all but the outer skin. The root can also be roasted, steeped in water, and used as a tonic. (2) The ordinary Brown Linnet is the bird used for contest singing.

BREEDING WITH CHAFFINCHES

A. E. Vaughan.—In trying to breed with a pair of Chaffinches or with a Chaffinch and a Canary, I fear you are undertaking a rather difficult task for a beginner. For although this Finch has bred in captivity, it is one of the latest with which fanciers have managed to produce Hybrids. I do not want to discourage you, but I would advise you to spend a few seasons in experimenting with other varieties before attempting anything with the Chaffinch. The cross between this Finch and the Canary has not yet been produced, and I am not acquainted with anyone who has bred with a pair of Chaffinches in a cage. I am very doubtful therefore about your chances, but if you have a good-sized aviary you could give up to them, you might succeed with a suitable pair of birds with proper care and attention, which would mean providing suitable food for breeding birds, such as live ants' eggs, green fly, small insects, and all kinds of wild food.

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., 4.

Generally speaking, a Goldfinch and a Bullfinch will agree together, although some Bullies are inclined to be spiteful. In feeding these two in one cage, you will have to make free use of sunflower seed, and use hemp sparingly, as this, when given in any quantity is not good for the Bullie. Your seed mixture had better be 4 parts teazle, 3 parts canary, 1 part rape, and give all other seeds in small quantities excepting sunflower, which can be used daily.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE. F.Z.S.

AMAZON WITH WATERY VOIDINGS.

J. M.—I am of the opinion that this bird's trouble is mainly digestive, though, of course, chills for anyone or anything are quite possible during such atrocious weather. Your dietary has certainly been at fault, and is, I think, the main cause of present indisposition. Do not give tea or sops, or slops in any form, and discontinue egg or custard. The daily menu should consist of seed mixture and fruit, with Parrot grit, cuttlebone, and a chunk of wood (for mandible exercise) continually in the cage. Such extras as biscuits, stale dry crusts, and a little plain cake, raisins, or muscatels and dates, can be given as extras. The bird must have water, but as it has been debarred from this, do not leave it in the cage, but let it have a good drink three times a day; in a few weeks' time you will be able to leave it continually in the cage without fear of its over-drinking. Lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food for the next two months at least, but once a week, in lieu of the chemical food, put a teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the water. Give cod liver oil emulsion daily, lightly spread on bread, biscuit, or plain cake, or anything similar the bird will eat. If the mouth or throat should be at all furred or slimy, a little honey and borax (given by same method as the C.L.O. emulsion), will soon clear it; it can be given on the same days as the emulsion, but at a different time. It is important that the bird should be kept in as even a temperature as possible, rather warm quarters the best, and kept out of reach of chill winds and draught while the treacherous weather lasts. Report progress a month hence.

TAMING WAXBILLS AND AVADAVATS.

Miss Kershaw.—These charming wee mites are not wild as a rule, and something in the shape of a bad scare must have startled them at first. I consider the best course to take would be to shift the cage to some position where there will be very little movement in its vicinity for a time, and when attending to their needs be as quiet, yet quick, in your movements, as possible. For a month at least only view them from a little distance, keeping still while doing so, and they should duly steady down and become accustomed to you. Of course, I am presuming there is no cat in the room; if so, and the birds are placed rather low down, it is hopeless to expect improvement while the cat is allowed access to the room. There is another alternative, viz., to catch them up and put each pair into a small cage for a month, or even longer if necessary, and then when steady return them to the large cage again. Also, if mice get access to the cage, or run up its front, they would be badly scared, and once they are in such a mood every movement near them would set them flying wildly. Bengalese are more lethargic, but they might easily acquire wildness while the others are in their present mood; on the other hand, they might have a steadying effect. At any rate, you have room for another pair in your cage; they would add to the variety, and they cannot well make matters worse, but might tend to some improvement.

ZEBRA FINCHES AND WAXBILLS.

Esperance.—The Zebra Finches, Avadavats, and Waxbills should agree well together in the same cage. I see no reason why the Zebra Finches should not breed, and, of course, in another few weeks an unheated room will be the best for them. If they actually go to nest, subject them to as little movement as you can. The Singing Finches (Serins) are sometimes apt to be aggressive in cages when mixed with other birds, but not seriously so. The Green Singing Finch is really a very pugnacious bird as a rule, and so often is an Orange Bishop, i.e., under the conditions you wish to keep your birds. I think you would be better to confine yourself to the three pairs; at any rate, do not put in your cage more than twelve birds, none being larger than the Zebras; if larger birds are included you must decrease numbers. If you wish a small crowd, then I should advise you to wait your opportunity, and buy acclimatised specimens of Cordon Bleus, Firefinches, Orange-cheeked Waxbills, and the like, instead of such birds as you name; they all require the same treatment. The cage should be 30 inches long and the wires ⅝ in. apart.

FEATHER PLUCKING COCKATOO.

Dunelin.—(1) I cannot help you till you give me full details of feeding and treatment. I may say that feather plucking is practically incurable once a bird becomes confirmed in the habit. (2) One quart each giant canary, white millet, hemp, oats, sunflower, safflower, maize, monkey and Barcelona nuts; well mix and store in dust-tight receptacle and keep it in a dry place. Grit, cuttlebone, and a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon should be continuously supplied.

BOOKS ON FOREIGN BIRDS.

W. F. B.—(1) Foreign Birds for Beginners. 1/2, or the Nutshells, Pekin Robin, Gouldian Finches, Avadavats, Waxbills, The Grey Parrot, and Budgerigars, all 2½d., post free, from our Manager. As regards comprehensive books, there are Page's Aviaries and Aviary Life, 12/6; Butler's Foreign Finches, 25/-; and the late Dr. W. Greene's Amateurs' Aviary, 7/6; and Favourite Foreign Birds. 6/-. All these are, I think, out of print, but copies are mostly obtainable by a perusal of the lists of second-hand books, or by an advertisement in our columns. (2) Aviary and Aviary Life includes all species of birds. There are also Seth Smith's Parrakeets (coloured plates), 40/-; Butler's Foreign Bird-keeping: I. Small Birds, II., Larger Birds, but I am not sure of the published price. (3) I have named the principal works, and you will see others dealing with sectional phases of the subject in the list of those published by CAGE BIRDS, but any of those mentioned above (still in print) could be procured from this office.

BUDGERIGARS.

Reppiks.—It would be better to keep them in one position, as far as possible, once nesting has commenced. Could you not arrange a cord to pull down the blind without disturbing the cage. Of course, they will do well enough hanging on the wall, so long as they get plenty of light and air without draught. Re seeding and flowering grass, when this is mentioned it is fresh grass that is meant as green food. Even in the heart of a city grass can easily be grown in pots and boxes, and when in seed and flower, clipped over as wanted, and supplied to the birds. Equally so, may the seed sprays be gathered in late summer, stored in bags and supplied to the birds during the winter months.

GREY PARROT PLUCKING AND SCRATCHING.

C. Harrison.—You must tell me a little more about this bird: how you fed it, and treat it generally; also how long you have had it, and for about how long has the trouble lasted. Then I will do my best to help you, but feather plucking, once a bird is confirmed in the habit, is most difficult of cure.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

BOOK ON CAGE MAKING.

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SUBSTITUTES FOR EGGS.

A. Haywood.—There is no satisfactory substitute which will entirely preclude the necessity of using eggs for the rearing of young Canaries, but many means of employing these economically in the making of "egg-cake" have been published from time to time in our columns. Recipes appeared in our issues of Feb. 24, Mar. 3, and Mar. 10 last, and our manager would send you copies for 2½d., each, post free, if you have mislaid your own. [illegible] recipe is in type, awaiting convenient [illegible] tion, and will appear either in this or [illegible] issue.

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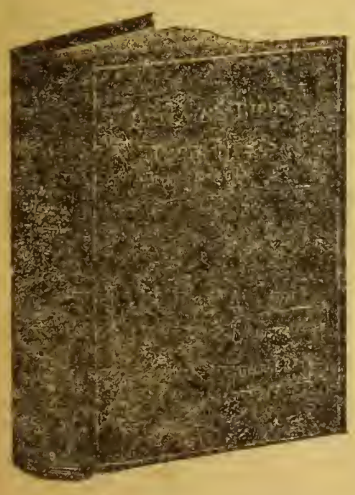

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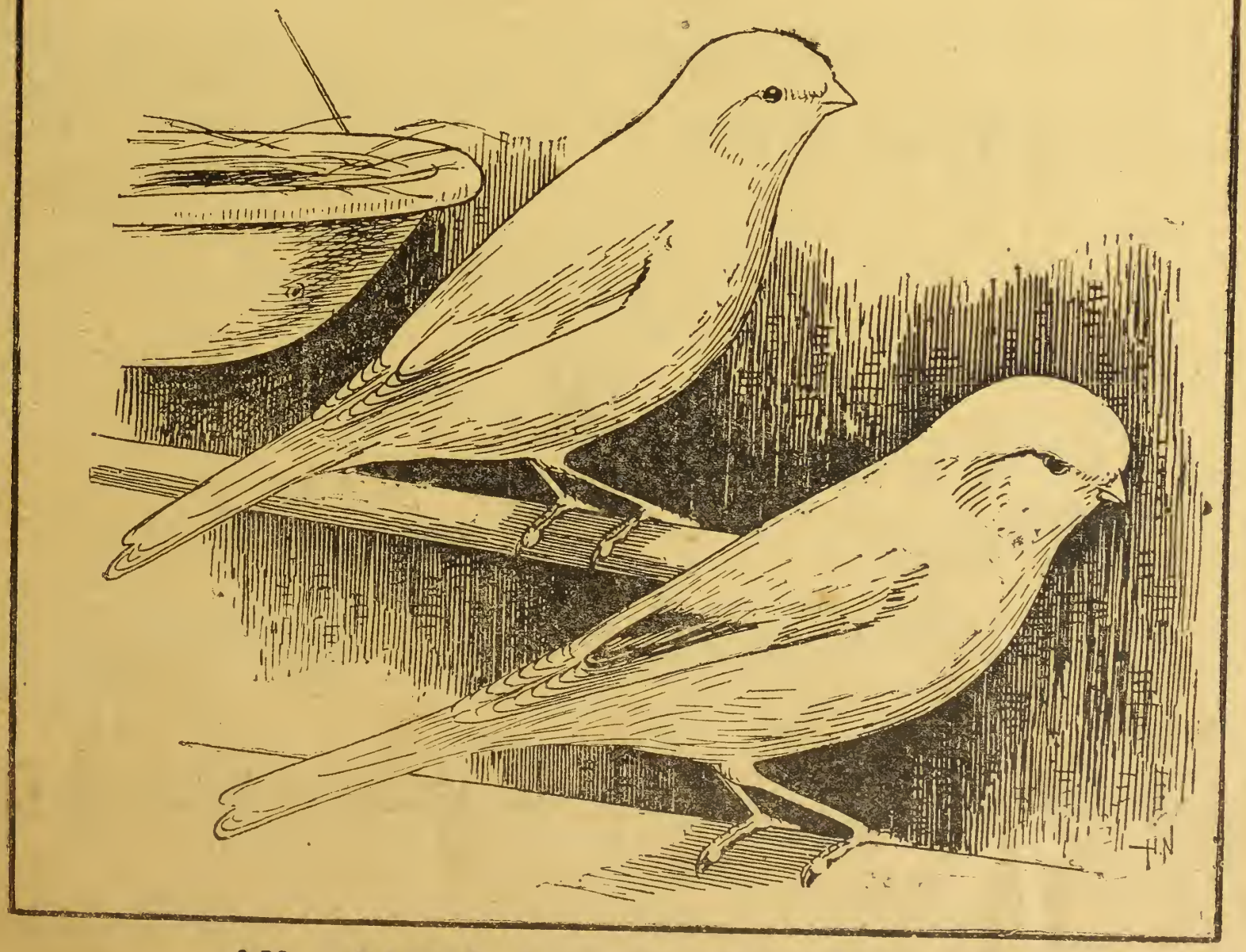

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Singing Contests.

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PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, April 22; 50 birds sang for four prizes, and some good singing was done: J. B. Nelson; 2, Scotson; 3, 4, shared Scotson and Plows.—A. Wingham, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax Linnet Club, headquarters Commercial Hotel. Members' sing, April 21. 43 birds entered for three prizes: 1, Plows; 2, R. Collinson; 3, H. Collinson. Timekeepers, J. Wallis, J. Cooper; tappers, H. Collinson, G. Lindley.—R. Plows, Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, Doncaster Road, 14 birds entered for four prizes; Shepherd, timer; J. Bamforth, chalker: 1, Hardman, 3 min. 30 sec; 2, Dickinson, 3.27: 3, Wadsworth, 3.25; 4, Norman, 3.20. Lark sing, same date, same timer, Dunk chalker: 1, Fish, 1min. 2sec.; 2, Hardman, 40sec. in 7 min. hung but very late.—J. Hardman, Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club.—Members' contest, April 14, for six prizes, and some very good singing was heard: 1, quality, R. Statham; 2, Jones; 3, Prescott. Time: 1, Disley, 166; 2, J. Statham, 153; 3, Rigby, 130. Timers, J. Murphy, W. Meadows; judges, J. W. Jones, T. Statham; minutes, J. Whittle. An open contest will be held May 5.—R. Disley, Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, April 22, 24 birds sang for four prizes: 1, Binns; 2, Callighan; 3, Wigfield; 4, Shepherd. Judges, T. C. Summers, W. Lipman; time-keeper, Lockwood.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Open contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, York Road. Linnet singing, 32 birds: 1, 2, 3, shared, Marshall, Richardson, and Watson; 4, Richardson. Night, 18 birds: 1, Richardson; 2, 3, Marshall. Judges: Messrs. Dearlove, Biss, Bomfield.—G. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

Linnet contest for quality singing, "Old Bird House," Albion Hotel, Leeds, April 22; 30 of the best birds in Leeds contested for four good prizes: 1, "Young" Thompson; 2, Sellars; 3, Hollingsworth; 4, Chippendale. Judges, Hayes, Grant, Hardcastle.—T. Crane, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet singing contest, George and Dragon, Bridge Street, April 22, 20 birds entered for three prizes: 1, B. Nelson; 2, Wainright; 3, shared, Nelson and Shaw.—A. Watkiss, Sec.

Linnet singing contest, George and Dragon, Bridge Street. Club sing April 15 23 birds entered for three prizes: 1, Wainwright; 2, 3, W. Nelson. General meeting, April 29, at 7. Business important. Members and intending members please attend.—A. Watkiss, Sec.

Linnet contest, Grey Horse Inn, April 22: 1, Wainwright; 2, Watkiss; 3, Longfield. Also match between J. Williams and Wainwright, one bird up, 2 minutes' sing, Williams giving ½min. start: Wainwright, 41 sec.; Williams sang through 2min.

Open contest, April 28, one bird a time, 3sec. a break; entrance 6d., 5s. added; first bird up at 4 o'clock: J. H. Nicholls, Sec. (Advt.)

Club Reports.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS F. & F.S.

Meeting, Pied Bull Hotel, April 12, with a nice number present. The feature of the meeting was a lecture given by Mr. W. Bray, a well-known Yorkshire fancier, on the rearing of cage birds, which was very nicely rendered. It was listened to very attentively and should give young fanciers a good idea how to go about the rearing of young birds. The Sec. hopes that we shall be able to hold many more meetings of the same kind.—A. Harrison, Sec

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, April 18. Mr. Crawhall presided over a good number. The first item was the best means of obtaining new cup to replace the one won outright, and after a deal of discussion it was decided to open a subscription list and put the balance of 10s. from the presentation to the list, and also we draw a sum not exceeding 2 guineas from the club funds. Mr. Crawhall kindly headed the list with £1 1s. I shall be pleased to receive any small donation towards same, as we would like to have as good a cup as possible. The table shows will be held on June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 5. Mr. Crawhall will judge first show. As an inducement to members to show as many birds as possible at these shows, Mr. Crawhall kindly presented a gold-centre silver medal, and Mr. Studholme a silver medal, for 1st and 2nd most points over the four shows. We made a good start of new members, when the following were proposed: Messrs. Brown, Brandon Colliery; Sergt. Cockayne, Collins, Leadgate, Teal, Gateshead, Hay, Jesmond, Cleverly, Cramlington. Mr. Crawhall having only a limited quantity of rings and colour food, would like members to give him their orders as early as possible. Wm. Mather, Sec.

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STANLEY F. AND F. AND C.B.S.

Meeting, March 24. Election of officers:—Chairman, J. Middlemist; vice-chairman, E. Smith; treasurer, W. J. Platton; secretary, J. Armitage; assist. secretary, Wm. Siddle. Decided to have a young stock show in August. There was a very good attendance.—J. Armitage.

HULL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Headquarters, Argyle House, Anlaby Road, April 19, before a good muster. Messrs. Harrison, Harris, Rawcliffe, and Furnandiz were made members. Several birds will be brought to our next meeting, and the song tours explained by one of our members; fanciers interested will be welcome.—A. Baggaley, Sec.

CRYSTAL PALACE AND PENGE.

Meeting, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, April 11, Mr. Foxen chair, and a good attendance. The order for pepper was 22lbs., which we hope will all be used. Mr. Foxen opened a discussion on colour food. He gave his methods in a very simple form, so that the novice was well able to grasp his ideas. There were a good many questions to answer, which took up the rest of the evening. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Foxen.—W. D. Fryett, Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting, April 19, 2, York Street, Piccadilly. Discussion on "Things we do not give sufficient attention to," opened by Mr. J. Robson. The lecturer impressed upon members the necessity of patience with breeding pairs, and particularly of seeing that birds are in fit condition before pairing. He also touched upon the proper selection of points in the birds. The lecture was much enjoyed by the members present, who plied Mr. Robson with questions, to which he willingly replied.—A. J. Watcham, Hon. Sec.

SACRISTON F.F. AND C.B.S.

Special members' meeting in Club-room, April 28. Show date for members, Dec. 15. Decided that new members pay at least 1s. on being accepted, and the rest within three months of the annual meeting. Those joining afterwards must pay their whole sub., 2s. 6d., on the date they are accepted. In reference to claimants of money, I will be in communication with each one, I expect, by the end of 14 days after publication. We are having a grand social in Workman's Club Hall, May 4, from 9 p.m to 5 a.m. Gents' 1s. 3d., ladies 9d.—R. J. Scorer.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES.

Meeting and Table Show of British, April 16, Deansgate Hotel, Messrs. Dooley and Fairhurst judged. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Dooley; 2, vhc, Green; 3, 4, Shaw. Greenf.: 1, Shaw; 2, 3, Mitchell. Linnet: 1, Fairhurst. Siskin, Etc.: 1, 3, hc, Fairhurst; 2, 4, Green; vhc, Mitchell. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Mitchell. British, Hen: 1, Mitchell. Muling Pairs: 1, Mitchell. Special most points: Green. Next meeting April 30. We are to have a lecture on the Yorkshire by Mr. Chittenden, of Bradford, and Hope we shall have a good attendance. At the Deansgate Hotel, 8.30. Friends cordially invited.—J. Green, Hon. Sec.

PLYMOUTH & WEST COUNTIES.

Meeting, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, April 17. Mr. W. G. French, chair. A Linnet singing contest had been arranged, but there was a lack of entries. The medal presented by Mr. Gill for the best songster was transferred to the Nest Feather shows for the novice scoring second most points, the Society's medal for novice most points remaining as before. Mr. Rapson was appointed hon. assist. sec. in succession to Mr. O. Moffitt, recently appointed hon. sec. Final arrangements were made for N.F. shows, May 20, June 20, and July 18. Agreed to purchase two new silver cups for the Crest and British sections, the old ones having been won outright. This makes a total of seven nest feather cups which the society are offering for most points at all three shows. Ten new members joined in the first three months of the year.—O. Moffitt, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Meeting, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, April 17; president, Mr. Adam, in the chair, and a good turnout. New member admitted, Mr. A. Ketchen. A letter from Mr. Menzies, judge, intimating his acceptance of engagement to judge at Scotch Fancies Annual Show, was approved. A letter from the Sec. of the Southern O.S., with regard to the loan of their staging for our annual show, was approved, the Sec. to reply accepting their terms. Agreed that Sec. approach Mr. Dewar to see if he would kindly give us a lecture on Canaries or British birds at next meeting. It was left to Sec. to make arrangements to get a room for monthly meetings, also to try to fix up with a hall for F.F. Show, and to report same at next meeting. This being "Question Night," a very pleasant hour was spent. A hearty vote of thanks to chair brought the meeting to a close.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB

Special Linnet show, April 14. Mr. Wm. Dinwoodie (President) presided over a good attendance. Mr. A. Marr was admitted to membership. A judging competition took place over F.-M. class. Result: 1, Findlay; 2, Whitelaw; 3, Bannerman. Specials were kindly given by Messrs. Blair, Fraser, Macfarlane, Pettigrew, and Wm. Dinwoodie, who were cordially thanked for same. Classes for next monthly show: Greenf., Twite, Lesser Redpoll, Mealy Redpoll. The pittance granted the Sec. (in his absence) owing to a judging-engagement, if not considerably augmented at proper monthly meeting, can only have one termination, that of his resignation. Let us have a full house at next meeting. Messrs. Brown and Macfarlane judged: Linnet, H.-M. (6): 1, spl. Letham; 2, 4, Bannerman; 3, 6, D. Dinwoodie; 5, Pettigrew. F.M.: 1, 2, sp., Johnstone; 3, Bannerman; 4, 6, Pettigrew; 5, 7, D. Dinwoodie.—J. H. Adam, Sec.

DULWICH & PECKHAM C.B.S.

General monthly meeting, headquarters, April 3, Mr. F. Cole in the chair. A large number of members were present to hear Mr. J. Robson's lecture on "Management of the Birdroom." Mr. Robson treated his audience to half-an-hour brimful of useful information, and some of the oldest fanciers present had something to think about after he had resumed his seat. The Chairman invited questions, which he was sure the lecturer would be pleased to answer, and it was not long before they were being fired at him thick and fast, and he was kept very busy for an hour or more answering points raised on the management of the birdroom, pairing and breeding of Canaries. Mr. Robson answered all questions in a very able manner, and very much valuable information was gained. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Robson and to Mr. Cole for his services in the chair.—W. Hodson, Hon. Sec.

A RECIPE FOR EGG BREAD

And Some Simple Remedies for Common Ills.

By "Old Helpmate"

Some advice that should be helpful to all novices, and some of the older hands, in view of the breeding season.

As a "preliminary canter" to my humble contribution I may say that it is intended for novice fanciers, not for "Old Hands." My main reason for giving another recipe for egg bread is that there is in it a valuable digestive and nutritive ingredient (Blakey's malted oatmeal) which is not in any of those I have noticed in our useful, interesting and instructive journal, Cage Birds, from which, for many years, I have derived much pleasure, instruction, and knowledge. I would rather have a bad cold with its attendant discomforts for a time, than miss my weekly perusal of it.

Having paid it this deserved and sincere compliment, now for the recipe:—3½ lb. of Dr. Allinson's whole wheat flour, one 3½d. packet of Blakey's malted oatmeal, one tablespoonful of Plasmon powder; and as many new-laid eggs as may be necessary to make the lot into a dough about the stiffness of ordinary bread dough.

The whole wheat flour and the malted oatmeal can be obtained at most grocers in the big industrial towns, and the Plasmon powder at most chemists. The first-mentioned ingredient embodies all the natural chemical constituents of wheat, which are very desirable and beneficial to the parent birds and their young. The second one, malted oatmeal, is highly nutritive in itself, and the extract of malt in it is a digestive of the starch in cereal foods. The third one contains all the valuable chemical salts and albumen of milk without its butter fat. The fourth (eggs) I leave to speak for themselves. (Rotten ones need no invitation to do so.)

How to Make the Cake.

Firstly, the hands should be washed thoroughly clean with soap and warm water and rinsed in plain warm or cold water, and thoroughly dried; then proceed as follows:—Make the Plasmon powder into a thin paste with cold water, add to it just sufficient hot water to liquefy it and whisk it with the eggs. The only consideration as to the number of eggs is that not more should be whisked than the flour and oatmeal will absorb in order to make a dough of ordinary stiffness. A portion of the flour and oatmeal should be spared for sprinkling on the baking tins to prevent the dough sticking to them.

Rub the flour and oatmeal together between the hands, and gradually add them to the whisked eggs and Plasmon, stirring with a fork or spoon. Roll the resulting dough into cakes about 1½ inches thick, place them on baking tins, previously sprinkled with the mixed flour, and bake in a slow oven. The main object of the baking is to evaporate all the moisture from the cakes which are preferable to loaves on this account.

When sufficiently baked, remove them from the oven and place where they will not absorb moisture, to become cold. When cold crush them by means of a rolling pin, on paper, and replace in the oven for ten minutes. Then pass the crushed bread through a bread mill or powder it with a rolling pin. It will then be ready for storing in tins, glass or earthenware jars, which should be previously heated in the oven to drive off any moisture or damp, and it will keep good any length of time if kept in a dry place.

If these rather tedious directions be strictly carried out, a comparatively cheap and convenient egg food will be the result, which will amply repay the trouble of making it by successful results in the breeding room. Users should remember that it is a highly nutritive (not a stimulating) food, and therefore should be reduced, when used, with old whole wheat flour bread, previously soaked in cold water and squeezed nearly dry, in proportions suited to the purposes for which it is intended, viz., getting birds "ready," feeding their young, or for songsters. Given daily, in its strongest form, with finely scraped carrot or chopped green food, it will enable Larks to sing their song to the fullest extent.

The Mischief of Too Much Sugar.

It will be noticed that there is no sugar or salt in the recipe. These can easily be added when making any required quantity, if the user desires their addition. Finely scraped or powdered cuttlefish bone is preferable to table salt, and pure cane sugar to ordinary household sugar, which is a source of fermentation, and the consequent sourness in egg food, often leading to diarrhœa, and the condition, in birds, known as "going light."

I am of the opinion that ordinary sugar in excessively sugared egg food is the most common cause of sweating in hen Canaries, by surfeiting the liver (the largest organ in the body) rendering it sluggish, and by over-stimulating and over-heating them. The following is a remedy for sweating hens:—One drachm of sulphate of soda, generally known as Glauber's salts, in a pint of water. Dose: One teaspoonful mixed with a drinker of water daily for a few days, and a slightly warm bath daily in which a pinch of carbonate of soda has been dissolved. The warm water cleanses the skin and the carbonate of soda neutralises the acrid humours of the sweating. The Glauber's salts, given as above, gradually and gently excites the necessary action of the liver and cleanses it. Avoid the cause (excess of ordinary sugar) and the effects will cease.

Sweating Hens.

A sweating hen, to use a homely phrase, "does not know what she ails" and appears to have no fixed purpose in her life other than that of stuffing herself with excessively sugared soft food, the main cause of her disordered condition. She may be aptly compared with a pampered pet toy dog, fed mostly on various meats, and thereby disordered, yet he won't eat much of aught else, and thus prolongs and increases his disorder.

Sweating, in breeding hens, is a most trying disorder to the novice, who has invested all his spare money in a pair of birds, the hen of which becomes so afflicted, oftener than otherwise, the fault of her attendant in giving her food excessively sweetened with such a stimulating and over-heating ingredient as sugar. It is advisable to err on the plain side of food rather than on the rich side, and allow the birds a little more time for getting "ready." Many novices are in too eager a hurry to see their birds nesting early, and, obsessed with this overpowering desire, stuff them with excessively sugared egg food "to bring them on," very often on to comparative ruin and failure of the breeding season. When the remedy for sweating appears to have cured the bird, the best tonic for her is Parrish's chemical food, given in five drop quantities daily in a drinker of water. It is the best all round tonic in a bird room especially during the moulting period. It keeps up the birds' health and improves the sheen of their feathers.

Some Simple Remedies.

The following is a remedy for wheezing ailments:—Chloride of ammonium and nitrate of potash of each five grains; ipecacuanha wine and oxymel of squills, of each one drachm; water four ounces. Half a teaspoonful daily in a drinker of water.

Here is a remedy for soft moult:—Glycerine (if obtainable) ½ oz., strong compound infusion of gentian, half drachm, best gum acacia ½ oz., water 3 oz.; mix the water and glycerine, shake together and add the rest, shaking frequently until the gum is dissolved. Half a teaspoonful in a drinker of water. Give the bird a slightly warm bath daily—ordinary or spray—and place him in the rays of the sun till dry.

A remedy for the prevention of egg-binding:—Oil of sweet almonds seven drachms, tincture of cayenne one drachm; a few drops in a little egg food daily during the laying period. Finely powdered cayenne pepper may be substituted for the tincture, in which case it should be warmed, somehow, for an hour with the oil to extract its properties.

I hardly need say that fresh air is an important factor in keeping up the general health of birds. Bird rooms should have a ventilator that will convey into them fresh air from outside, without direct draughts on the birds. Of course in the summer time the window can be opened to its full, but if left so all the night and the weather becomes boisterous, the birds might suffer in the form of a cold. I will send a sketch for an early issue of a simple ventilator which prevents such an occurrence.

[It will be as well to say that when chemicals of any kind are dissolved in the drinking water the vessels in which it is offered to the birds must be of glass or porcelain, not of metal. Also, the water should be boiled beforehand and allowed to get cool before adding the chemicals.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

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Twitterings.

Who Said This?

Somebody has inspired a paragraph as follows, in the Cardiff "Western Mail":—Bird-fanciers in the Cardiff district say they have not known such an extraordinary season for over thirty years. Most of them, keeping Canaries and other cage-birds, say that not one egg has been laid, which is very remarkable for the middle of April.

OBITUARY.

DR. HENRY HETLEY, J.P.

Great regret will be felt by all who knew him at the death of Dr. Henry Hetley, J.P., of Upper Norwood, S.E., which took place, almost suddenly, on April 13. He was a member of the Foreign Bird Club, and until the last few years a frequent exhibitor of rare species at the Crystal Palace and other big shows. The many and heavy claims made on his professional skill since the war—for, in addition to his private practice, he was acting as physician and surgeon to a large war hospital in Croydon—prevented his keeping up his collection of Foreign and other birds at the level of some years ago, although he retained quite a good number to the present day. He was the first, we believe, to succeed in breeding the Crimson Finch in a cage. Dr. Hetley was a vice-president of the Crystal Palace District Cage Bird Society. He will be greatly missed in the district in which he had lived for so many years, for his kindly heart endeared him to all classes. He was the doyen of the medical men of the neighbourhood, and one of the best-known doctors in South London, and a J.P. for the Borough of Croydon, and the very large congregation which assembled for the funeral service at All Saints Church, Norwood, on Tuesday, was a striking tribute to the great regard in which he was held. The doctor was a gentleman with many hobbies besides his birds. Gardening and carpentry greatly interested him, as did poultry, and for some years he was an ardent collector of postage stamps. Dr. Hetley, who was in his 66th year, leaves a widow, three sons, and two daughters.

Mr. O. Moffitt, 27, Ryder Road, Devonport, writes to say he has been appointed hon. sec. for Plymouth W.C.O.S., and will be pleased to answer any inquiries concerning this society.

Probably the practical jokers who by their skilful mimicry of the song of the Cuckoo have in previous years given rise to the reports of abnormally early Cuckoos have this year found something better to do, either here or elsewhere, for we have not this year been regaled with stories of Cuckoos coming in with the year. During the last week, however, the sound of the Cuckoo's note has been heard in one or two places. It was reported from Sheffield on April 16.

Country Rambles.

On Sunday, April 22, the field section of the National British Bird and Mule Club took train from Marylebone to Beaconsfield, and rambled to Chalfont. Mr. Bowler, of Aylesbury, member of the High Wycombe F.A., joined the party at Beaconsfield. The weather was dull, but fine. A very enjoyable day was spent, and about 30 species were found, the most prominent being the Woodpecker, Jay, Brown Owl, Yellow Bunting, and a Pied Blackbird. The Nightingale and Cuckoo were seen and heard, and several recently built nests of the Blackbird and Thrush were found, but no eggs. The country passed through was an ideal one for bird life. The fruit orchards promise well, the buds showing in abundance. The ramble for Saturday afternoon, May 5, will be from Baker Street to Ickenham Station, and to Denham, returning from Uxbridge. Time of train will be published in Cage Birds of May 5th.

We regret to hear that a reader, Mr. W. Wooldridge, who with some friends had made arrangements to join the party, attended at Marylebone Station, but failed to recognise any of the members. Mr. Trower wishes us to express his regret at the unfortunate occurrence, and to say that in future the leader of the party will wear either a Cage Birds League badge in the lapel of his coat, or a badge of the National British Bird and Mule Club.

Migrants Arriving.

Herewith a few notes recently taken re our migratory birds; no doubt the very cold and rough weather has delayed their coming, writes Mr. E. Gooderham, Ipswich. Willow Wren, at Martlesham, Suffolk, April 12. Cock Yellow Wagtail, at Upper Dovercourt, Essex, close to sea, April 13, and he was actually following the plough, the same as the residential Pied Wagtails; this is the first time I have seen this. Several pairs of Wheateats at Orford, Suffolk coast, April 13, the cocks being in lovely spring plumage. One Chiffchaff cock at Woodbridge, Suffolk, April 14. Nothing fresh noticed between April 14 and April 18.

Seasonable Hints on Useful Weeds.

By RICHARD MORSE, F.R.H.S.

A weekly feature which will be found of the highest value to all who keep seed-eating birds, and of interest also to all who appreciate the beauty and usefulness of the flowers of our waysides and meadows. The first of the series appeared in our issue dated March 17.

Watercress.

THE British countryside is, strangely enough, little appreciated even by those who live in rural districts, in spite of its multiplicity of attractions for folks of all tastes. Our fields and woodlands abound with art and science, and poetry and music of all kinds, if only we will go out and get into touch with them, and such happy recreation can now, better than ever before, be turned also to profitable account.

I have often been astounded to hear even country people confess that they have never seen watercress (Radicula Nasturtium R. and B.) growing, except perhaps in cultivated beds; and when its wide distribution and abundant growth in rivers and streams are at last made clear to them, one has to overcome also a most persistent prejudice against the wholesomeness of the really wild plant. A friend of mine even to this day stedfastly refuses to use watercress which has not been purchased at a shop, as if that were an undisputed guarantee of its cleanliness and purity!

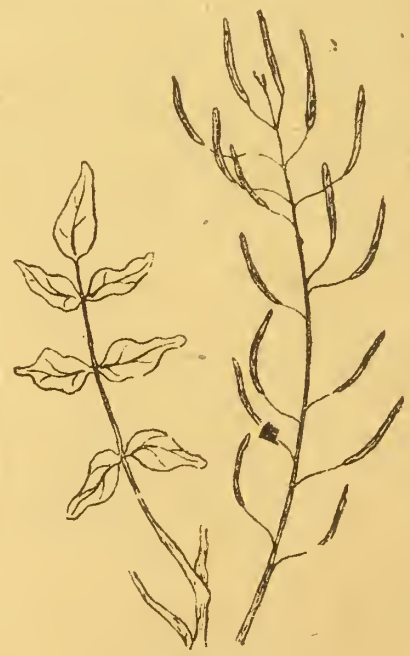
Now it cannot be too strongly insisted that watercress which has been gathered by an unknown person is always open to suspicion, not only as regards human consumption, but also as a green food for cage birds, for it often grows very profusely in stagnant and contaminated water, and is actually sought for in such places by ignorant and unprincipled persons. The use of watercress from such habitats is, of course, fraught with the gravest danger to bird and man alike.

Another objection to the watercress one buys is that other weeds similar in appearance may be mixed with it, and by the unpractised eye these are often overlooked, with dire results. I shall, therefore, briefly set out first the chief characteristics of the true watercress, and then show how one or two of its worthless neighbours may be distinguished from it, and hope that the details given will enable any searcher by stream and brooklet to identify and gather as much of this wholesome weed as he can profitably utilise.

I have not been able to find any watercress blossom yet this season, but the plants are making good headway, and quite a quantity of young green shoots will soon be available. When the flowers do appear, it should be noted that the petals are small, white, and four in number, whilst the little leaflets, forming the well-known compound leaf, have no teeth-like notches round their edges, but merely a characteristic, wavy appearance. The seed-pods ultimately reach about an inch in length, and are shown, with a leaf, in the accompanying sketch.

One of the commonest companions of the watercress is a little plant known as brooklime (Veronica Beccabunga L.), and though I have never myself made any use of this weed, I am assured by those who have, that its effect on cage birds is always harmful, though in times gone by countryfolk used it as a spring tonic for themselves and their children! It is easy to distinguish when in flower, as it has dainty little blossoms of an attractive, bright blue (or pink), whilst its simple, oval leaves (not compound, as in watercress) occur in pairs all up the stem, and are conspicuously notched round the edges.

Another plant often growing all intermixed with watercress is known as marshwort (Apium nodiflorum R. t.), and this, too, should be avoided as a most suspicious weed. It has tiny, greenish-white flowers, each with five petals (not four, as in watercress), and though its leaves are at first sight very similar to those of the genuine plant, the leaflets may be at once distinguished by their toothed or saw-like edges. Moreover, its stems are hollow, whilst those of the watercress are solid.



WATERCRESS IN SEED.

It is generally agreed that amongst the many green bird-meats which our countryside provides, few, if any, possess such valuable medicinal properties as the watercress. It has a peculiarly beneficial effect on the bloodstream, and is undoubtedly one of the best purifiers amongst all our native plants, being greatly preferable for this purpose to most of the drug preparations now so frequently offered for sale. If there is any suspicion as to its cleanliness, it is a good plan to rinse it for a few minutes in a pale solution of permanganate of potash, or Condy's Fluid, afterwards, of course, carefully washing it again in pure, clean water, and drying it thoroughly before use.

It is not generally known that watercress can be easily cultivated by stream banks, or even in shallow pans in gardens, if these are kept liberally supplied with water. Seed can be had for a few pence per packet.

Readers are invited to send any botanical specimens which they have difficulty in identifying. The whole plant, including fruits, should be sent whenever possible. Packages should be addressed "The Editor, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, and must be accompanied by a P.O., for sixpence. Answers will appear in this column.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

NOTE. Only the details asked for on our cards can be published. Such phrases as "a large attendance desired," etc., must not be included. Classification for forthcoming shows, appeals for new members, and any other matter in the nature of an advertisement will only be inserted if paid for at advertisement rates.

Audley Roller C.C. May 2, 6. Haslingden's proposed alteration or substitution of Rule 6 will be considered. A. Dean. (Place not stated. Ed.)

Accrington C.B.S.—May 2, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Classes and Judge for N.U. Show. Wm. Parkinson.

Ashton-u.-Lyne C.B.S. May 1, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 8. Ordinary business.—J. Whitehead.

Blaenavon C.B.S.—May 3, Crown Hotel, 6.30. Final arrangements for F.F. show, and report from judges for open show. Geo. Broome.

Birkenhead B.B.A.—May 3, Ablett's Cafe Rooms, 7.30. Mr. W. Jones will give a lecture on How to Feed and Wean Young Canaries.—H. Wakem.

Bacup Roller C.C. May 1, Park Hotel, Bacup, 7.30. Club business.—G. Johnson.

Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.—May 5, Wesleyan Chapel Smoke Room, James St., 7.30. J. J. Walker.

Bradford East O.S.—May 1, Park Chapel Schoolrooms, 8. Arrangements for winter syllabus. J. Spencer.

Coventry O.S.—May 2, Dolphin Inn, Market Square, 8. Fixing date of Nest Feather Show, etc. J. Kent.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—May 2, Lamb Hotel, 8. Paper on Norwich Plainheads, by Mr. C. Stubbs.—W. Pounsett.

Clapham C.B.A.—May 1, Clock House, Clapham Park Road, S.W., 8. Lecture on Yorkshires, by Mr. A. J. Clarke; all friends welcome.—T. J. Rose.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—May 2, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Appointing new sec. A. C. Shirley.

Clay Cross C.B.S.—May 5, Angel Hotel, 6.45. Business important, and arranging Nest Feather Shows.—F. Harrison.

Derby C.B.S.—April 28, Normanton Hotel, 7.45. Schedule for Nest Feather Shows.—F. W. Jordan.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—May 1, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E., 8. Paper by Mr. E. S. Lugg, Plymouth. Fanciers and friends welcome.—W. Healson.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—April 28, Black Swan, Table Show, staging 6, judge Mr. Wm. Waind, Leeds.—A. Walton.

East Ham C.B.S.—May 3, Town Hall, 8. Arrangements for ramble, etc.—H. J. Kybert.

East Ham F.S.—May 3, Headquarters, 8. General meeting; important business will be discussed.—E. Winser.

Edinburgh Norwich and M.B.S.—May 3, 142, High Street, 8. General business; question night.—A. Bell.

Hirst East End C.B.S.—April 28, Social Club, 7.30. Classification; to select judge; new members; subs.—W. Hall.

Edinburgh Western.—May 3, Riego Street Hall, 8. Judges' replies, etc.—R. Lile.

Guisboro' "Priory" C.B.S.—April 28, Wear's Rooms, 7. Question of colour food, etc.—J. S. Campbell.

Hornsey and Wood Green C.B.S.—May 2, Nightingale Hotel, 8. Lecture on Hybrid Breeding, by Mr. J. Robson.—C. G. Martin.

Huddersfield O.S.—April 30, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. Greenwood, Halifax, on Mule Breeding; closing date for guarantees.—A. Lawford.

Halifax C.B.S.—May 3, Trafalgar Inn, King Cross, 8. General meeting.—A. Sutcliffe.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—April 28, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. How to dispose of prize money, and show business for annual show.—G. Vipond.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—April 28, 6. Notice of motion to grant a gold medal to winner of Young Bird Cup.—W. Grewar.

Leicester Hand in Hand.—May 1, White Swan Hotel, 8. Lecture on Inbreeding, by Mr. Gibbins.—E. H. Hulse.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—May 5, The Blue Bell Inn, 7.—J. Turner.

Midland Roller C.C.—April 30, Seven Stars, St. John St., Wolverhampton, 7.30. Lecture, "Management of the Roller Canary," by W. Rhodes. Birds present; tours explained by Mr. W. G. Bird.—J. W. Thomson.

Morley C.B.S.—May 1, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.—B. Cook.

Manchester and N. Counties O.S.—April 29, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Lecture on Yorkshires, by Mr. Chittenden, of Bradford.—F. Wilkinson.

Newcastle C.B.S.—May 3, Shields Cafe, Bigg Mkt., 7.30. General business; lecture on Mule Breeding, by Mr. J. Maddison; fanciers welcome.—F. W. Laidlow.

Nelson Roller Club.—May 3, Ambulance Hall, 8. Club business.—J. Earnshaw.

North Manchester C.B.S.—May 1, St. Stephen's School, Conran St., 8. First Feather business.—A. Colley.

Nantymoel, Ogmore Vale C.B.S.—May 2, Nantymoel Hall, 6. Lecture by Mr. A. W. Whitford.—T. Davies.

Northern British M. and F.B.C.—May 5, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 7.30. Annual meeting.—W. Curry.

Provincial Roller C.C.—April 28, Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, 6.30. Important business.—E. Hibbert.

Penygraig C.B.S.—April 28, Butchers' Arms Hotel, 6. Carrying forward schedule for 1st Feather Show, and nominating new members.—W. H. Hellinshead.

Rotherham C.B.S.—April 28, Mail Coach Inn, 7.30. dates and judges for Nest Feather Shows.—G. Allott.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—May 2, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Business re F.F. show, room, etc., and other important business.—J. W. Jackson.

Sheffield C.B.S.—May 3, Wentworth Cafe, 8. "Size, and how to produce it," by Mr. A. H. Waters, of Wombwell.—A. Hobson.

South Shields C.B.S.—April 28, Cyprus Hotel, Chichester Road, 7. Selection of judges for annual show, etc.—W. J. Howden.

Stanley Garden House F.F. and C.B.S.—April 29, Club Room, 6.30. Selection of judges for next annual show, and other important business.—F. Nicholson.

Southampton C.B.S.—May 2, Waterloo Hotel, 7.30. General meeting; table show British and Foreign, and judging competition.—G. J. Slade.

Stockton C.B.S.—May 3, Little Regent Hotel, 7. Business of importance.—F. Stothard.

Stanley F.F. and C.B.S.—April 28, Victoria Club Room, 6.30. Business important.—J. Armitage.

West London F.A.—May 3, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, 8. Discussion on Birdy Topics.—J. Dewhurst.

Wigan C.B.S.—April 28, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for Young Show; please note change in meeting night.—J. McAndrew.

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THE NIGHTINGALE IN NATURE AND CAPTIVITY.

(Continued from page 199.)

By the kindness of a reader, Mr. O. S. Manners, Stapleford, Notts., we are enabled to republish the following interesting article, which appeared in a work published in 1799. The wording is reproduced exactly as printed, and we have thought it as well to add an occasional foot note.

How to Bring Up Young Nightingales Without the Cock or Hen.

GET a nest of the first layer, as being the most stout and vigorous birds, the best singers, and the least liable to fail in their moulting. You must not take the nest till the birds are pretty strong, and when taken, they should be carried home in a dark basket, with only a few breathing holes. It is a nice point to feed them properly, for to give them too much or too little is equally dangerous. Their gaping wide is no indication that they want victuals, for this they will do whenever you come nigh them, or touch their nest; provided you understand well their language, their cry would be the most significant token; but if you do not, it will be the best to observe the following directions.

About half an hour after sun-rising, give them their first feed, the second an hour after, and so on by the hour till sun-set; the last feed should be somewhat more plentiful than the rest. They should be fed by a skewer flatted at the end; give them but four mouthfuls at a time, though they would take more; you must take care not to mistake one for another, else some may be starved and others ready to burst.

At a month's end, or sooner, if they are of the first lay, they will be able to feed themselves, which you may know by presenting a small meal-worm to them; you may then separate them in different cages.

The young ones being so far brought up, you may, for perfecting their song, carry them into the country to hear the old Nightingales sing, else they will scarce answer the trouble which you have taken about them.

There is, however, another, and more easy way, for such as are already provided with old Nightingales taken with the trap, and kept a whole twelvemonth or longer; it is this:

Take a nest of young ones, and place them in the same chamber with an old Nightingale. Begin to feed the young ones with the skewer, and leave the old one's cage open day and night, taking care to place a small pot of the young one's meat close to his own feeding-trough; if you suffer the young ones to cry a little while, before you go to feed them, you soon will perceive the old bird go out of his cage, chirp to the young ones, fill his bill with their meat and feed them.

When in the morning you find that he has been distributing meat to the young ones, you may entirely entrust him with that business; for when once he has undertaken it, he will feed them till they can feed themselves, or you may afterwards have the pleasure of seeing them eat with him at the same pot, and follow him into the cage; you then put them in separate cages. By this method you will save yourself a good deal of trouble and fatigue. The old bird will take as good or better care of them than you can, and besides, will teach them to sing.

If you choose to bring them up in this way, it will be best to provide yourself with a hen, and keep her a whole year in a cage, in order to be a nurse; under which management she never fails to prove one; whereas a cock often fails in this point, nor doth he sing whilst engaged.

Of Teaching Young Nightingales Tunes by Whistling or by the Flageolet.

A Nightingale is possessed of such a variety of modulations of voice that he is of all other birds the best qualified for learning and performing different sorts of tunes; and though it must be allowed his natural song outdoes anything that can be added to it by art, yet if you would, out of curiosity, teach him a tune or two, you must proceed after the following manner.

Perceiving, by the chirping of a young one, that he is a cock, put him into a cage covered with green serge, and let him hang in a chamber, quite out of the hearing of Nightingales, as well as other birds; let him for the first week be kept near the window, or the lightest part of the room; then remove him by degrees backward to the darkest part, where you let him remain all the time of his learning; nor must he be annoyed or diverted by any kind of noise whatever, nor disturbed by people coming near him.

His tune should not be whistled or piped to him too often; half a dozen lessons a day will be sufficient, two in the morning, two at noon, and two in the evening. Two several tunes are enough for one bird. The flageolet should be of the softest and mellowest tone, and not of too high a pitch.

You ought not to be discouraged, though you have constantly kept on whistling or piping to a bird, even to his moulting time, without hearing anything from him in return, but only a little chirping. The bird's voice is seldom formed before ensuing spring, and therefore his lesson should be continued without intermission. When that season arrives, you will, with an agreeable surprise, find that your scholar has not forgot his instructions.

It has been observed that it is naturally more easy for a Nightingale to learn to sing than to speak; however, we have an instance related by Pliny of talking Nightingales; he assures us that the Emperor Clandius's children had some which spoke Greek and Latin, and had some new discourse every day; he adds, that to bring them up to this they must be instructed in secret, where they can hear none but their teacher's voice.*

How to Make Nightingales Resort to Places Unfrequented by Them Before.

Find a nest in the month of May, of the first layer, but do not take it till the young ones are at least a week old; then go early in the morning, and set two traps, baited with meal-worms, near the nest, and you will easily get father and mother in your possession in less than an hour; when you have caught them, put them in separate silk bags, and so bring them to the place where you design to fix them.

Take also with you two small square cages, covered with thick green serge, without wires or perches. In taking the nest, do not separate it from the branches which support it, but cut them off, and bring away the nest and them, together; and it will be best to remove the whole tree if it be a small one.

Having brought it to the intended place, plant it in the same aspect as before; the nest you are to cover with wool or cotton in the transporting, to keep the young ones from getting out, or taking cold.

Having fixed the nest, place the two cages, with an old one in each, so that the nest may be between them, at twenty or thirty paces distance, and let the doors of the cages be turned towards the nest. To each door must be fastened a thread forty or fifty yards long, whose ends you hold together in your hands, and concealing yourself behind some tree or hedge, pull open the doors, and suffer the old ones to escape from their cages, with the following precautions, viz., let the young ones grow hungry and chirp for their food, before you let the old ones escape, who then will readily find them; release the hen first, and afterwards the cock; then carry off the cages as quietly as you can, and come no more there that day. Thus from your window you may entertain yourself with the pleasure of seeing the old ones bring up their young, which will themselves be sure to breed upon the same spot the next year.†

Of the Tokens of Health and Sickness in Nightingales, and How to Cure Them.

A Nightingale may be looked upon to be in a good state of health: 1. If he sings much 2. If he often feathers himself. 3. If he be brisk and alert, and jerks his wings much. 4. If he roosts on one leg only, and is greedy of meal-worms; but when on the contrary, a Nightingale sleeps on his belly at the bottom of his cage, it is a sign he is either sick or sullen, provided his feet are not clogged up with dung; in which case a little warm water in a saucer placed in his cage soon relieves him.

Sometimes a little imposthume is on the bird's rump, which should be snipped with the point of a pair of scissors, and the matter squeezed out, giving him a few meal-worms to cherish him, or a spider or two, which never should be omitted at the beginning of March, be they sick or well; if he grows lean through his singing, mix poppy-seeds in his meat.

When his song and moulting is over, he is apt to grow fat, then you forbear giving him any poppy-seeds. If he be very lean, feed him with raw sheep's heart, well cleared of all its skin and fat; mince it very small, and mix it with an equal quantity of the paste hereafter described. If he be bound up, give him four or five meal-worms; and if he dungs too loose and often, sheep's heart and poppy-seeds will bring him to rights.

The cramp often afflicts them, which, if it once attacks a young one, it is sure to kill him; in old ones it is generally occasioned by being too much exposed to the cold, and a warmer place will cure them.

There is an odd disorder which this bird is very liable to, and may be called the falling sickness; after a few precipitate motions, he will drop from the perch on his back at once, with his legs stretched upwards, and his eyes distorted, when, without speedy relief, he soon breathes his last. The only remedy for this is to take him in your hands, and, with a pair of scissors, cut off the hinder claws so near to the heel as to draw a drop or two of blood; then wash his feet in white wine, of which if he does not soon revive, make him swallow a drop warm, and he will be quite restored in an hour or two. To conclude, if you would secure a Nightingale in a healthy constitution, do not fail in the month of March to purge him with half a dozen of black spiders, one every day.

On the Proper Food for Nightingales.

All meat agrees with a Nightingale, provided it be mixed with flesh, without which he will not be nourished. He is naturally inclined to feed and live on spiders, wood-lice, ant eggs, flies, and worms, which agree with his constitution; this has put many upon preparing compositions proper to be substituted in the room of his natural food.

The most common is an equal part of hemp-seed, crumb of bread, and minced boiled fresh beef, well mixed together; this agrees very well with them, but it is very troublesome, since it must be prepared fresh every day in the summer; wherefore make the following composition of a paste, which will keep good a long time, be liked, and agree with them.

Recipe for the Paste.

Take two pounds of lean beef-steaks, Spanish or chick pease, husket, millet-seeds, poppy-seeds, sweet almonds, of each half a pound; wheat flour, two ounces; virgin-honey a pound; saffron in powder, a drachm and a half: the yolks of twelve new-laid eggs; fresh butter, the quantity of a hen's egg.

First, let the pease and millet seeds be powdered and sifted. The poppy-seeds must be only well bruised, because their oiliness will not admit of sifting. The beef must be either finely minced, or pounded in a marble mortar, and cleared of all the fat and skin; the almonds must likewise be pounded, after blanching, in hot water; and they must be brought to a perfect paste, otherwise the birds cannot digest them; then break the eggs, and separate the yolks into a broad, clean, earthen dish, and add the honey and saffron.

When these three are well mixed, incorporate therewith successively the beef, almonds, meal, and flour, stirring the whole with a wooden spatula till no clods remain; then turn the mixture into another glazed earthen dish, whose inside has been rubbed over with butter; set it on a gentle fire, stirring it continually, especially the bottom, to keep it from burning; continue it on the fire till the paste will no longer stick to your fingers, and has acquired the stiffness of a new-kneaded biscuit. This done, remove it from the fire, and let it cool in the dish; afterwards put it into a tin box close covered, and keep it in a dry place for use.

The preparation is very difficult at first trial; the proper dryness therefore must be found by experience; when over dry it loses its substance, and sheep's heart must be often mixed with it, else the birds will grow lean; on the other hand, if it be under-dried it will turn mouldy in keeping, if you have not a good number of birds to feed; for this proportion of the ingredients is calculated at the rate of six months provision for one bird. For want of Spanish pease, maize, or Turkish corn will do as well.

If, by mixing an even quantity of sheep-heart with this paste, you regale your Nightingales now and then, upon certain occasions, their song will be stronger and more lasting; and you will be recompensed for it, if you do it, all the singing season, by their melodious harmony.

* A paragraph here tells "How to have singing Nightingales all the year," but it entails processes which would not appeal to bird-keepers of to-day, and it is therefore withheld.

†The endeavour to induce Nightingales to frequent places not chosen by themselves has often been made in England, but always, we believe, without success.

INBREEDING.

A Lecture by Mr. T. Johnson, Southport, before members of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.

(Continued from page 223.)

In the following lecture, which we are privileged to reproduce in the interest of our readers, Mr. Johnson, in his own genial style, states that he is not a believer in the practice of inbreeding as applied to Norwich Canaries.

THEY have perpetuated a strain of heavy layers, but there is great mortality in the young, and although a good percentage of the eggs prove fertile, a great percentage fail to hatch. I am not quoting a solitary example. It has been universal, and made the subject for special articles by poultry experts.

I was speaking to a utility poultryman a few months ago, and he touched on that point. He had purchased 150 White Leghorn eggs from a world-famous utility man who has done much to perpetuate the strain. Less than half hatched out, and the others died as if they were affected with the plague, and he only reared 20. This is a fact which I can prove.

This same gentleman gave me a hatch from a pen of Anconas which he was trapnesting. These hens had an average of 200 eggs in 12 months, quite a good average, but he was running with them a cockerel from the same batch, and they had been inbred previously. I had 13 eggs fertile, but none hatched out, although some of them chipped. It was inherent weakness caused through too close inbreeding.

A Field for Experiment.

Being a student of poultry, and especially inbred utility poultry, for the last few years, has put an idea into my head for perpetuating a strain of Canaries which will be free layers and free feeders. It is an idea filched from the poultryman's experiments, and you may consider it at your leisure. I have thought of this for some years now, but have not put it into practice for several reasons.

That something of the sort is required was forcibly manifested to me at a Norwich Plainhead Club meeting last July. There were about 12 fanciers present, no one of the 12 had reared 20 young, and the aggregate total would probably have been considerably less than 100. Now that is serious, and it shows the tendency in Norwich at any rate. I believe Yorkshires are better breeders and feeders, because they are more active and less slothful, and my remarks do not apply so much to them as to Norwich, Crests, and Lancashires.

I think it ought not to be necessary for Norwich fanciers to get up out of their beauty sleep to feed young with a peg, and if Norwich Canaries deteriorate as breeders in inverse ratio to the improvements in show points, I prophesy that in somebody's time they will become as scarce or as extinct as my last week's wages.

The idea is this. If some of you happen to have a hen which breeds and feeds well, a hen which lays five eggs in a clutch and all are fertile (and I would mention here that I don't always blame the cock for infertile eggs), pair her to a cock that comes from a similarly free breeder. By pairing back again to their parents, and by a process of judicious inbreeding, with an outcross every second or third year with a cock from a good breeder, and always keeping an eye open for any signs of weakness, our stocks might become more reliant as breeders. But, of course, fancy points would not have to be forgotten. That is why Norwich are not so reliable as breeders. The fancier selects his best year after year, irrespective of their qualities as breeders.

There the idea is in a nutshell, and I make you a present of it. And now to resume our chat on fancy points.

The exponents of inbreeding have to resort to quoting instances of horses and cows and sheep. Now, I do not know anything about these animals, but I do know that you cannot draw any physical analogy between four-footed animals and birds. Horses and dogs can endure almost any hardship, but birds are frail things, and stamina has to be kept up. They may be as healthy and happy one minute as a widow on her second wedding day, and as dead as a Christmas turkey the next, and while admitting the justice and the correctness of the arguments, I do not think they can be applied to Canaries.

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Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

IN-BREEDING.

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Other writers have mentioned Rooks and wild birds. Now I do know something of wild birds. There are few men in England with better facilities for the study of wild bird life than I have. I dare say there are something like 60 or 70 species under my observation almost continually, and I know their habits, their nesting sites, and their peculiarities as well as most men.

Swallows nest over my head as I work. I can see through my window Chaffinches, Willow Wrens, Garden Warblers, Flycatchers, and many other species nesting and feeding their young. I work in a 32 acre park which is practically a bird sanctuary, or at least I try to make it one, and the anæmic egg collector and other such spoilsports get short shrift from me.

The Inbreeding of Wild Birds.

I just mention this to show you that I am not talking at random, but you may be wondering what all this has to do with inbreeding. I will tell you. I have worked in that park for 24 years. Robins and Wrens, which are solitary birds (by which I mean they are neither migratory nor gregarious), have been nesting about me for 24 years. Robins are free breeders, and rear from three to five in a nest, Wrens anything from seven to ten. I see them hatch and flush. I protect them as well as I can, but they never increase in number. Why? Inbreeding.

They pair up promiscuously, having no conscience, and the consequence is that the mortality is awful. I see it every day. You can walk through the trees, and you will see them lying dead amongst the fallen leaves. The least bit of hard weather, and you see them—Thrushes, Starlings, Blackbirds, and dozens of other species if you are observant enough to notice them.

Rooks? I live nearly underneath a rookery. The same thing applies. Seagulls? Oh, yes, we have Seagulls, although we have to use glasses to see the sea. They come after the shrimps and cockles; and you may walk along the shore and see them—scores of them lying dead. What kills them? Inbreeding. They are not strong enough, and it is Nature's way of eliminating the unfit.

All this is evidence in support of my contention that inbreeding tends to produce weaklings and inherent disease.

About Pigeons.

Pigeons? Ah! I shall have to be wary here or I shall have Mr. House or Dr. Stewart on my track. I believe Mr. House was a great Fantail fancier. Fantails are freaks, and to propagate freaks you have to inbreed. Pouters are freaks, and so are Carriers and Barbs.

There is a Norwich fancier down Devonshire way who can breed them with the tails at the wrong end in place of eyebrows. He does it by inbreeding. I daresay you could perpetuate wooden legs and glass eyes by inbreeding, but can you produce a better Yorkshire than Dreadnought by the same process?

But about pigeons. What of Show Homers and Magpies and exhibition Homers and Dragons and English Owls? I was recently in a loft containing some of the best exhibition Homers in England, and every other pen contained a show Homer, and the best young were 1st crosses. Is that inbreeding? Mr. House mentioned in one of his articles that Smiths, the noted show Homer fanciers, owed their success to inbreeding. The best show Homer that Smiths ever possessed was bred from two entirely different strains.

What does the English Owl owe to the Antwerp? Mr. House recently wrote an article twitting the Owl fanciers on the matter, yet he sticks to his shibboleth of inbreeding. What of the Magpie pigeon? During recent years, the Magpies have undergone a complete transformation through having an entirely different variety crossed into them. Is that inbreeding?

You may have come to the conclusion that I don't believe in inbreeding. I do. I believe in inbreeding when you want to perpetuate a certain point, as I have shown in egg-production in fowls, and for tendencies of a freakish nature. If a hen sports a tendency to lay an abnormal number of eggs, that tendency can be perpetuated by cautious and discretionary inbreeding; but for fancy stock, which are ever on the improve, and where health is a desideratum, I believe better general results are obtained by pairing unrelated stock, or at least very distant relatives.

That reminds me that one writer said that if you pair 32nd cousins you are inbreeding. His imagination must be made of Para rubber, and such assertions made in seriousness are enough to make a baboon blush. I know that if I were to meet anyone in Market Street who was more distant than a second cousin, I shouldn't recognise him unless he happened to be a Bishop, or he owed me half-a-crown.

There is just one other point I would mention. One writer went into percentages of show birds bred from unrelated stock, and from inbreeding. I forget his figures, but I think he said that he produced twice as many show birds from inbreeding than from unrelated birds. This writer is assuming facts I am unable to accept without better evidence; but just for argument's sake, suppose we admit them. How are we to define a show bird? Are they not all show birds? But they are not all winners, and it is winners we want.

To sum up, as the judges say, although we cannot exactly put on the black cap and sentence inbreeding to death, I believe that it has been credited with a better character than the situation warrants, and I believe that the Canary fancier will do well to tread warily on the path of inbreeding, for there are many pitfalls. I have shown also that pedigree breeding without inbreeding can produce birds which defy competition, a fact which manifests a silence on the part of the inbreeders which is good to listen to, as the Irishman would say.

It seems like whipping a dead horse to keep on reiterating statements, but I have a couple of Press comments here that I have selected from a score of others. One is taken from Mr. House's own paper, and the other is from a utility poultry breeder who does not even believe in it for egg production. I will read them. (The two extracts were not enclosed with the MS. of the lecture.—Ed.)

The discussion which followed was long and interesting. Mr. Raynes, who was in the chair, was the first to give his experiences; and although he took up a non-committal attitude, he mentioned one great winner that he had bred in the long ago from father and daughter.

An Experiment that Failed.

Mr. Hayward contributed a few remarks about the lecturer's theory of bettering the breeding qualities of Norwich. It appears that Mr. Hayward had anticipated the lecturer's theory by a couple of years, and had tried to perpetuate a race of feeders by pairing son to mother. His experiments were disastrous, for the three hens from this pairing which he reared all died from egg-binding, through weakness.

Eventually the genial Sam was induced to get on his hind legs and tell the meeting something. It appears that the champion buff cock was not bred from the Grewar buff. (The lecturer said he was open to correction.) He was bred from the old ticked yellow, one of the best yellows ever staged, and he was bred from unrelated stock. The other clear buff which has stood 2nd to his father so many times this season, was bred from relatives; but the point was pressed by the lecturer in his reply that the son was not so good as his father, which points, he said, to deterioration

Several other gentlemen took part in the debate, which lasted about an hour, and an interesting evening was closed by the usual votes of thanks.

How Things May Go Too Far.

Referring to the crusade against Sparrows, "An Old Ornithologist," in a letter to the "Yorkshire Post," says: "The real danger of a campaign in the nesting season is that no distinction is made by nine persons out of ten between the nesting habits of the House Sparrow and those of any other little brown bird that looks something like it; the Hedge Sparrow, for instance, which feeds exclusively on grubs and insects, thus doing an immense amount of good to the farmer. The nests of Wrens, Chiffchaffs, Hedge Sparrows, Whitethroats, Warblers, and of hosts of other insectivorous birds are ruthlessly ravaged every season in spite of the Wild Birds Protection Act, and in some cases under the pretence that such birds are Sparrows. Yet without the aid of these birds the country would soon become a crawling mass of grubs and caterpillars, without a trace of herbage. If the campaign against the Sparrow is to involve the indiscriminate slaughter of the insect-feeding birds, as it invariably has done on former occasions in this country, the farmers will have but little cause to be thankful."

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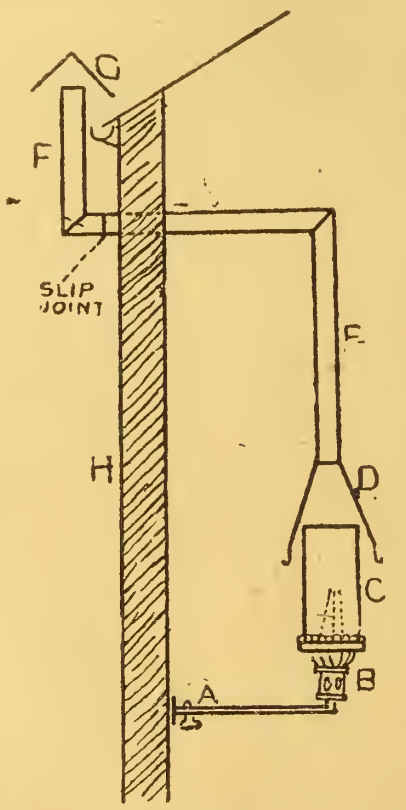
A Simple Heating Apparatus.

Utilising an Ordinary Gas Bracket.

Sir,—I have often seen some good descriptions of small heating apparatus for keeping bird rooms cosy for our pets during these bitterly cold nights, and, although getting a bit late to talk about such things, I thought it would be interesting to many of your readers if I showed them through our paper my method of how I have kept my bird room warm through the winter months.

I have had 42 eggs in the first round, 27 of which have hatched out, ten are just hatching out, and five are clear. All the young are going on fine, and my success I put down to nothing more nor less than the simple contrivance I made and fitted up myself. My room has a plain gas bracket in it, and it is only to such rooms that this will apply. The following description and sketch will show plainly how it works.



A is a plain gas bracket to which is attached B, an ordinary upright incandescent burner, with globe, gallery, and mantle. To fit the gallery I made a strong sheet iron tube C, 10in. long. This tube encloses the light, and also does the heating part of the business; this completed the gas part. To take the fumes out of the room I made D, E, F, which is a round hood and piping, and a cone-shaped top G to keep out wet and prevent down draught, all made out of strong tin. H is the wall through which the pipe passes, and the pipe is fixed to the gutter outside with a piece of wire.

This appliance throws a nice gentle heat into the room, and the only light to be seen from it is a very small ray at bottom of burner, which does not in the least affect the birds from roosting, and has answered well for me during the very severe winter we have had. The reason I have not written before on the subject is that I was waiting results of the first round of eggs. If any reader is in doubt about anything I will answer any question, or will send paper patterns for the complete article for a small cost. I can assure you that it has been a boon to me.

Eli Orrillard.

The Sizes of Store Cages.

Sir,—In reply to J. D. G.'s letter re store cages, in which he refers to a store cage 3ft. long, 8in. wide, 10in. high, I personally think a store cage this size is useless for getting Goldies on seed. My size for four finches is 20in. long, 10 wide, 6 high, with canvas top, perches 1½ ins. from bottom of cage. There would be room for a dozen Linnets, Redpolls, etc., in the cage he mentions. J. D. G. also asks me how many call birds and brace birds I use for catching Goldies. Three good singing cock Goldies, one cock Goldie Mule with finch song, and one hen Goldie brace bird. If J. D. G. has the above birds next catching season, he should meet with excellent results. He must bear in mind that plenty of bait is required for Goldie catching, and should lay thistles or teasels for bait in heaps up both wings of the nets, and be quite sure the nets close properly over the bait. A brace line is not always necessary, for a brace bird pegged down with 2ft. of line, if steady, will perch on top of bait and feed, and this method is preferable to flirt pegs when novice catchers use them, and without hesitation I would advise J. D. G. to use a brace bird pegged down as mentioned. I hope these few tips will be of use.

F. W. Stowe.

The Cardiff Goldfinch-Linnet Hybrids.

The Female Parent Escapes, and Frustrates the Hopes of Her Owner.

Sir,—When some few months since I had the pleasure of putting on record the good fortune of one of our members in breeding some Goldfinch-Linnet Hybrids in his shop, I little thought how keenly alive were the fanciers of South Wales to the doings of other fanciers. The number of fanciers of all grades who have made the pilgrimage from the hills to the little shop in Bute Street, would surprise anyone had a record been kept. In fact on Easter Monday, though closed, the breeder was knocked up by a couple of enthusiasts, who said they had read all about the birds in Cage Birds. If all had continued to prosper as when I last wrote about this local luck, I am sure my old friend Mr. Hurd would have been at everyone's service at any hour of the day or night, even if it wore the Hybrids out in keeping them awake all night as well as day.

The fact is, however, that when the youngsters were about eight weeks old all three sickened, and only one was pulled through with difficulty. Various opinions were given as to the sexes of the three when alive. My own was that one was a cock, and two were hens. This was endorsed by Mr. Hurd, and having the birds under his eye each day his opinion was no doubt correct.

The survivor is a "she" without doubt, and making due allowance for the sexual failing in colour compared to the "he's," we can only regret the more that the cock did not survive, for this hen is of excellent size and colour, and shows the cross particularly well. In fact, she received second prize at our recent Cardiff open show under Mr. H. Norman, and in a very good class, too. I was hoping to have a word with Mr. Norman with the idea of getting the survivor on the page of honour, but I expect I got glued a bit to the Plainhead section.

Anyhow, I regarded it as only a pleasure deferred, for the parents had both enjoyed a good moult, and both they and Mr. Hurd seemed like shaping for some more luck this season, and I thought perhaps it would be as well to bide a wee while.

However, man only proposes, for only a fortnight since my friend got to work with the scissors trimming the stock up a bit, and shortening their toe nails. He successfully operated upon the hen Linnet, but was not careful to properly close the cage door, and whilst he was engaged upon others, the hen escaped from the cage, made a bee line for the door, which was a little open to admit some light, and shook off the kindly attention of her keeper probably for ever. She has left as keen a disappointment as ever befel a proud and humble fancier.

There is always a little one can do, and to that end I have made a sketch of the hen Hybrid, in the hope of your being able to reproduce it in our paper, Cage Birds, and thus to doubly record the fortune and the misfortune. Truly the luck of all Hybrid breeders seems either extra good or extra bad.

E. W. Allsopp.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

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(Continued from page 286.)

A Recipe for Black Paint Wanted.

Sir, — I should like to ask readers of Cage Birds if they could give a mixture to make a black paint for the outside of cages, as I am making my own, and would be very pleased for any information. It might be very acceptable for others as well as myself.

New Beginner.

Ticked, Marked or Variegated.

A Plea for Uniformity.

Sir,—The report of the Southern Norwich Club and your remarks in Twitterings in Cage Birds of March 31, have prompted me to write again to see if a unanimous decision of all specialist clubs embracing all varieties of Canaries and Mules, would not be better than that each should be a law unto itself. I have no desire as a Yorkshire fancier to impose my views upon fanciers of another variety, but if the suggestions of the Southern Norwich P.C. are carried out we shall have in two varieties terms having totally different meanings.

The Yorkshire Union definitions are accepted by the Yorkshire Specialist Clubs in the North, South, and, I think, Midlands, and Scotland. In Yorkshire there are the Green and Cinnamon Marked Clubs catering for their respective varieties. In the Border Fancy the term marked is distinctly understood to have the same meaning as amongst the Yorkshire variety, and a year or two ago I know that it was a condition of receiving the Border Club's patronage that a class be provided for even marks, possibly the same is required at the present time.

I would plead very strongly with the Norwich clubs throughout the country not to do away with the meaning attached to the word "marked." They may limit the size of the tick, if they so wish, also the number of ticks a bird may possess before it becomes a variegated, but for the sake of uniformity when "marked" is used let it apply to marks upon the eyes, wings, and outer tail feathers. It is a term which was better understood when breeders aimed at producing "marks," and when classes for marked birds were given at every show, and exhibitors strove for perfection in those points more than for type, which is the present day desideratum.

Thos. C. Crawhall.

About the Goldfinch.

And How to Treat it for Mule Breeding

Sir,—My present endeavour is to give as full a description as space will allow of the best manner in which the Goldfinch appears to thrive, and also a few hints on the selection of this bird for various purposes. Before going further I would like the reader to understand that in Britain we have only one species of Goldfinch, although differences of plumage and size often mislead novices. For a start we will take the difference in size which in this species, as in many others, is of common occurrence. Some people wonder why they get birds from one district so large compared with those coming from another. The chief reason of this is, I think, the food which they get. On heavy lands the Finches are always much larger than those coming from light lands, because on the heavy soils the thistles, etc., on which these birds feed, seem to contain much more oil than those grown on light soil. Those which grow on light soil, if the weather is not particularly wet, are generally of a very dry nature, and the birds do not seem to grow so big on them. Some may consider this statement more or less a fad, and perhaps it may be, but anyhow, an old friend of mine who has had hundreds of Finches through his hands, sticks to it hard and fast.

Finches for breeding Mules must, when the season comes round, be fed on a little different system from the ordinary one. About April give a daily supply of dandelion heads and leaves, picking them as soon as the yellow petals have withered in the stalk; they will then be full of seed. When the tip of the bill has lost its black point, which will be about the end of May, pair up with whatever you may require them to be with. Some birds are even later than this before they are ready to breed, and some never breed at all. Never trust a Finch with eggs or young unless he has been proved, because many of them will destroy the eggs and young. Keeping them with Canaries gets them used to the hens, but the difference of food makes it not advisable. If a Finch is ready to breed he will, as a rule, fertilise the eggs of any Canary. Do not be alarmed if the feathers on the lower part of the body hang all over the legs like a cochin fowl, because many Finches turn like that at this season of the year.

F. H. Cook.

A Proposed Society for Bothwell.

Will Someone Make a Start?

Sir,—It was reported some time ago that a meeting was to be held for the purpose of forming a club of all the fanciers in the parish of Bothwell. As nothing seems to have been done in the matter I would suggest that a meeting should be called at once at some convenient centre, and get the opinions of the fanciers. This is quite a large district, comprising the districts of Uddingston, Bothwell, Bothwellhaugh, Bellshill, Mossend, Clydesdale, New Stevenson, and Holytown, and I am sure we could have a very strong club, and there are plenty of good halls where a show could be held. These districts are all connected with an electric tram service, which should make it quite easy to reach the meeting place. I hope to see this matter taken up, and put into practical shape.

Interested.

English Song Canaries.

A Lady Breeder Makes a Start Breeding Them.

Sir,—Seeing the letter of Mr. Guiterrez in Cage Birds of April 14, describing the enemy breeding of Canaries, and teaching the young of other classes than Rollers to sing, I am trying to do the same by mating a show winner Clear Cap Gold Lizard hen and a pure Randal Schoolmaster, and using the father to train the young. I think that one ought to get a better songster from the father being pure, as the song must somewhat be governed by the parents.

The question is how will the Roller affect the Lizard hen strain? Time will tell. I shall be pleased to hear what my fellow readers think. I am only a novice, never having bred before any young, but still I feel the enemy shall not have it all their own way. My birds are all pure show birds, and they shall see what war work they can do.

If this is a failure I can place other young of Cinnamons to be trained by a Schoolmaster as mentioned in the letter in Cage Birds for April 14. Colour feeding will have to be used with the Roller Lizard young. At present they are building, and very happy, while the Roller cock sings delightfully to her. Only those who know the song can understand this. No other Canary's song comes near it to my mind.

I may add my birds are only a hobby, as I suffer from heart trouble, and they have been my greatest delight throughout a very bad time. Also I should like to say how I have been aided by Cage Birds and reading such helpful notes as appear in its columns. My best wishes to this most helpful of all papers.

Margaret A. Burgess.

Birds at the Front.

An Identification Question.

Sir,—Being interested in bird life, though only a novice, I thought perhaps a line from France may be of interest. Cage Birds is sent out to me each week, and I find myself looking forward to each copy, the correspondence being especially interesting and educative.

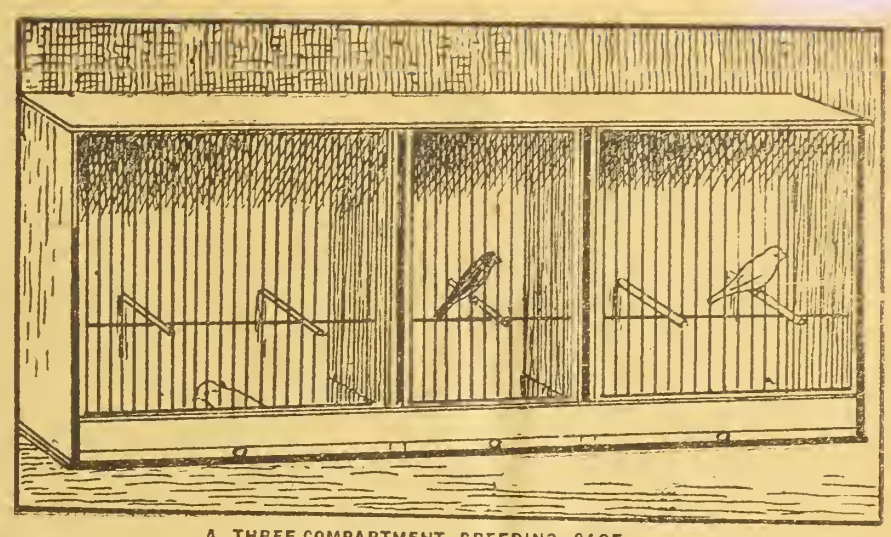
We have been experiencing some very bad weather out here, March being very severe, yet during this month, the 28th, I was watching a pair of Yellow Wagtails busy making their nest by the side of a small river, not more than twenty yards away from our horse lines. Within six yards of the nest is a horse trough, where men and horses are constantly passing. On April 13 three eggs lay snugly in the nest.

I have seen a fair variety of birds out here, actually in the vicinity of the guns. The first Swallows I saw were here on April 13. Yellowhammers are very plentiful, also Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Blackcaps, and Blue Tits. I have also seen on many occasions the Woodpecker, Jays, and the Golden Crested Wren. The Sparrow Hawk and Magpie are also common birds here, and I have seen one or two Goldies and Bullies, and also a bird I cannot make out. I have seen as many as twenty in a flock.

I was busy grooming, when suddenly I heard some peculiar chirping, as though some birds had been scared, and on looking around I saw these birds, the trouble being a Sparrow-Hawk chasing them. In colour they were almost like a Sparrow, with a head and beak like a Bullfinch; position and shape almost like a small Yorkshire Canary. This, I am aware, is rather a vague description, but I cannot put it any clearer.

I see a good many well-known fanciers have had to pack up through different reasons, but perhaps ere long all will be able to take up their beloved hobby once more. I wish all fanciers success in the coming breeding season, and all good wishes to your valuable paper.

Driver A. Wadsworth, H.Q.S.,
31st Divisional Artillery.



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The Trouble of the Sweating Hen.

How to Avoid It.

Sir,—As the breeding season is now at hand, I should like to give a few hints to beginners in Canary breeding. I have only been breeding Canaries for the last two seasons, and I find that sweating hens are perhaps more disappointing to the beginner than any other type of hen. Such a hen fills him with high hopes at the beginning, only to dash them to the ground a few days later. She will feed the young for three or four days, and then she will leave them altogether.

In most cases this trouble arises from surfeiting the birds with too much egg food, green food, and other kind of dainties. When the young are hatched the beginner will at once start to fill the cages with all kind of green food, egg food, etc., and this is one of the biggest mistakes a beginner can make. As soon as the young are hatched half a teaspoonful of pure yolk of egg three times a day for the first two days will be quite enough for a brood of four or five youngsters, gradually bringing them on to the ordinary egg food by the fourth day. The bath should be given on the fourth day, with a teaspoonful of salt in it, and continued daily.

The only chance to save the youngsters of a sweating hen would be to transfer them to another hen which has a brood of youngsters at about the same age, always remembering to make the change in the evening. Then turn the sweating hen into a large flight for two or three weeks for her to have a little exercise before mating her up again, and also to let her have a bath daily. Always remember not to feed the birds on too much egg food, for over much egg food is responsible for many deaths of Canaries. We should all remember that they are seed eaters, and that therefore a seed diet is most suitable for them except when rearing young ones.

L. Williams.

Why Members Shows' Fail.

Fees too Small Point. Counting Wrong. Too Many Cards.

Sir,—I noticed some few weeks ago that one of your correspondents raised the question as to why members' shows so often fail to show a profit. I think the chief reason is that clubs are too generous to their members at these shows. Generally speaking, the entry fee is sixpence per bird, all of which is returned in prize money, and sixpence per exhibitor which is retained by the club. In these times it seems that twenty exhibitors make a good muster for a members' show, so that 10s., plus an insignificant gate, is all the margin that the club has, out of which it has to pay judges' fees and various incidental expenses.

Nor is this all, for most clubs give valuable cups and medals for most points made in the various sections throughout the year. Quite seven-eighths of the points which count for competition for these prizes are won at the two members' shows, and therefore it is obvious that seven-eighths of the value of these prizes should be debited to the two shows. This would naturally make the figures all the worse, and the obvious remedy is to charge higher entrance fees. This would also be fair from another point of view, for an exhibitor who shows only one bird pays at present one shilling, whereas six birds may be shown for sevenpence each; this encourages the exhibition of numbers rather than quality of birds.

The method of compiling points also leaves much to be desired; it is certainly unfair that a first prize should only count one point more than a second prize. Suppose a society gives six classes for British birds. A exhibits six birds, and scores five firsts and one vhc, a total of 39 points. B exhibits seven birds, and scores five seconds and two thirds, a total of 40 points. B's total is better than A's, despite the fact that he is beaten by A in five out of six classes, and he secures an extra point by virtue of a bird which is at best a third rate specimen, and which possibly would not even have secured third prize in decent competition. I should like to see every bird credited with three points for every bird that it beats. For instance, in a class of four, first nine points, second six points, third three points, and the fourth, which has beaten nothing, has earned nothing.

Moreover, I think that vhc, hc, and c cards should be awarded quite at the discretion of the judge, and that he should not be obliged, merely because the classes are rather short of entries, to award any of these cards to birds which have no points whatever to commend them. We should then know that when a bird was vhc it was a commendable specimen, beaten by better birds, not a mere "last-ditcher," which was awarded a card because it was the only bird not good enough to get a money prize.

A. R. Cor.

(The several points raised in this letter should cause some healthy discussion which would be all to the good. The last point especially deserves consideration, for it is not to be disputed that in limited competition some birds get the cards simply because they are there for distribution and not for any merit. In one case we know of a judge who would have passed a bird as being a foreigner but had to give it vhc in a class of four, as the committee instructed him to give all the cards because of a points competition.—Ed. Cage Birds.]

Is Tredegar C.B.S. Dead?

Sir,—Would the Sec. of Tredegar C.B.S. kindly say what is the reason that there are no meetings held, while there are nine members left at home to still follow up the fancy? They have a few trophies in hand for competition, and, seeing that a few of the committee have been showing regularly, I would like to know the reason why they have had no meetings to help the novices, as the majority are novices.

One Interested.

Young Yorkshires Dying.

Sawdust or War Bread.

Sir,—On April 11, I had a nest of valuable Yorkshires from a hen, sister to a buff cock that was claimed at Sheffield for £10. The hen appeared to be rearing them all right up to last evening, April 20th, and she was up early calling the youngsters for feeding on the 21st, but as I thought she was unusually restless, I peeped into the nest, and saw that three were dead, and one almost dead. I fail to find a cause, but would mention that the birds looked unusually plump, and their abdomens were very purple. The hen had a peculiar habit of eating sawdust after filling her crop just before feeding the young. Can this be the cause, or is it war bread? As I valued the young very highly, I wish to avoid any repetition. Can any readers record similar experience and suggest a remedy?

J. Kershaw.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

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(Continued from page 237.)

Death of a Noted Chough.

Turned Albino in His Last Moult.

Sir,—Many of your readers will regret to learn of the death of the famous Chough so successfully shown by Mr. P. Victor Williams, Hinstock Hall. This bird was a great winner at Provincial shows, also the Palace, both for his late owner and his former owner, Mr. C. T. Maxwell. If my memory serves me well, while in the possession of the latter gentleman, he escaped from his aviary, and had an escapade about London, but was eventually recaptured.

His last moult was rather an abnormal one; in place of glossy black, the plumage was nearly white, so much so that had there been the usual show at the Palace, it was Mr. Williams' intention to exhibit him in the Albino class. It is nothing unusual for a Chough to moult a few grey feathers in the flights one year, and the next year to be quite normal again. I have frequently seen that, but have never known one to moult a nearly white body before.

Arthur C. Brotherhood.

Oxalic Acid and Red Mite.

Does Killing the Acid Destroy Its Efficiency?

Sir,—As Mr. St. John has been good enough to refer to my former letter on this subject with kindly appreciation, and in doing so raises a point which he says he has raised before, but without gleaning the information he hoped to receive as to the effect of the neutralised acid upon the mites, may I be allowed to add a further contribution on the matter. In doing so I will endeavour to be as brief as possible.

Your correspondent rightly notes that I touched upon it in my last, but that I did not pronounce definitely upon it. My reticence was explained in my letter itself, where, after expressing my opinion that the mixture of oxalic acid and limewash might be used with safety as the acid, being "killed" by the lime, would probably injure neither the bird nor the insect, I expressly said that I would not dogmatise on the point, because it is quite possible that the insoluble oxalate of calcium formed when the acid and the lime are mixed may be, in some way, destructive to the mite though harmless to man.

It will be seen that my answer to Mr. St. John's question, "Does it not seem reasonable to suppose that when the acid is neutralised and rendered harmless to human or animal life, it most probably loses its effect upon insect life?" is given in the portion of my letter epitomised above, and that he and I agree. To repeat that answer in another form it is, Yes, probably, but not certainly.

In the absence of any positive information in my hands, and in face of the fact that at least two other of your correspondents had testified to the efficacy of the mixture in clearing their cages of the pest, I could and can give no other reply; he would either be a very rash or a very unscientific man who did so under the circumstances. The point is one that can only be settled by actual experiment, and as I am quite unacquainted with the red mite and so far as I know never saw one. (I hope no one will send me a supply by way of increasing my knowledge) I cannot conduct the necessary tests. The two correspondents above referred to had made an experiment and to that extent are far better qualified to speak than am I, but, as I pointed out in my last, their experiments were not conclusive, for there was nothing to show that the mites would not have disappeared without the application of the mixture.

Mr. St. John suggests another reason why the experiments were not conclusive, viz., that the experimenters unconsciously took a little more care in applying the mixture than they had done in applying the plain limewash on previous occasions, and that this little extra care, and not the use of the mixture, led to the disappearance or destruction of the mites. This is quite feasible—without any reflection upon the experimenters.

May I indicate other possibilities, based upon two considerations, viz., (a) that some forms of life possess senses and sensibilities quite unknown to others; and (b) that certain substances which are quite harmless to some forms of life are very deadly to other forms.

Under (a) it is quite conceivable that calcium oxalate is so repulsive to some sense possessed by the red mite as to cause it to rapidly quit its vicinity. I do not say this is very likely. Again, under (b) it is quite possible that though calcium oxalate is not perceptibly harmful to man or bird, it is very destructive to red mite, and possibly to some other insects as well. This possibility may be (I do not say it is) an actuality, and may become so in either of at least two ways. Though I have followed the usual description of calcium oxalate as an insoluble (and therefore non-poisonous) salt, this description is scarcely accurate, for it is soluble in certain acids. It is well known that certain insects produce acids; for instance, the red mite produces formic acid. Now suppose the red mite produces some peculiar acid in which calcium oxalate is soluble, and further suppose that on the oxalic acid and lime mixture coming into contact with the mite some of the mite produced acid comes into contact with and dissolves some of the calcium oxalate contained in the mixture, what happens? Obviously nothing if the dissolved oxalate be harmless to the mite, but if it be harmful, then it is bad for the mite, and so good for the cleanliness of the cage and for the comfort of the bird.

There is still another way in which the mixture may be effectual, and I think this is the most likely one—i.e., the mechanical way. The addition of the oxalic acid to the lime and the consequent presence of calcic oxalate in the mixture may cause the mixture to become more fluid or penetrating, so that it will flow more readily into the interstices of the cage, and thus may surround and imprison the pest so that it dies of want of air and food. It may also cause the mixture to "set" a little harder and more compactly, thus making the holding of the mites stronger and more effectual.

All this shows how impossible it is to settle Mr. St. John's question definitely without experimental investigation. I do not know whether it is worth while to conduct such an investigation, but if anyone is suffiolently interested it would not be either very difficult or very costly to make it—provided he had a supply of the mites available.

I am still of opinion that if oxalic acid must be used it would be better to use it separately—i.e., to make a solution of it and brush this solution well over the cage, paying particular attention to corners, cracks, and crevices. There is little doubt this would kill the mite. Then, after it has had time to do its work, apply the limewash with the same care. This will destroy the oxalic acid as such, preventing it from injuring the bird, whilst, at the same time, wherever the acid has been brushed the calcium oxalate would be formed, and if this has any injurious effect on the mite it will, of course, exercise it.

I notice that in your issue of March 24 Mr. Clayton writes that he quite admired "Old Helpmates'" cautious note (which my first letter was written to support and reinforce), and agrees "that great care should be exercised to properly dissolve the crystals." I should like to warn Mr. Clayton further. It does not matter how carefully he dissolves his crystals, or how weak he makes his solution, the crystals will re-form as that solution dries. Let him take a clean piece of glass and put a drop of his carefully dissolved crystals on it as it lies flat on some support; if he will allow it to remain there until it has dried he will see the crystals adhering to the glass where the drop was. He may not be able with the naked eye to distinguish the crystals, or anything else but a dim-looking spot. But the microscope will reveal them, and if he has not lost a bird from the use of oxalic acid solution about his cages, he has at all events run a serious risk.

My letter has already run to an unconscionable length, or I should have liked to have added a few words on camphor solvents; I see Mr. St. John prefers camphor to anything else for getting quit of red mite. I am afraid I am a stranger to that brevity which is said to be the soul of wit, but at any rate I am always glad if I can be of service to others either by suggestion or instruction or in any other way, and that must be my excuse for my long-windedness on the above. It is caused by trying to be clear.

J. T. Whitaker.

[Perhaps our correspondent will kindly let us have on another occasion his observations on camphor solvents. The matter is of great importance and interest, and we are sure that all bird keepers will be pleased to learn anything that will lead to a perfectly satisfactory method of dealing with such a pestiferous insect as the red-mite. Personally, we have found a solution of camphor in methylated spirits to be instantaneously fatal to parasitic insects. Like Mr. Whitaker, we have had little experience with red mite, but recently we had occasion to deal with a fox-terrier dog which was very bedly infested with ticks, wicked biting insects which bury their heads in the skin of the victim and are most difficult of dislodgment. An application of the solution to the skin of the dog by means of a small piece of rag brought away the parasites instantaneously by the hundred, and two or three successive applications at intervals of three days completely cured the worst case we have ever seen; hence the subhead "The Best of all Insecticides" which we inserted in the letter of Mr. Claudo St, John.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN

TO USE PREPARED YOLK.

W. Jones.—One of the best and simplest ways of using prepared egg yolk as a substitute for the ordinary fresh boiled eggs is to get any required quantity of maizena water biscuits or any similar brand of good plain biscuits, and crush or grind them in a seed mill, and then add to each pound of the crushed biscuit half a pound of the prepared yolk and thoroughly mix all together and store ready for use in air-tight tins for jars. If kept in a cool dry place this will keep in excellent condition for many months. To use take the quantity required for immediate use, place it in a small cup, sprinkle with a few drops of water—only a very few drops may be necessary—and stir into a crumbly-moist mass with a fork. A slight sprinkling of sugar or maw may be added at the time of mixing, it found desirable, for dainty feeders. Apart from this method you will be quite correct if you simply add double the bulk, or a little more, of crushed biscuit or freshly crumbled stale bread to the yolk at any time, say, to a teaspoonful of yolk add two heaped teaspoonfuls of bread crumbs or crushed biscuit of any kind that you have most handy, but preferably plain unspiced sorts, and mix together, adding a drop or two of water if needed to bring it to a crumbly consistency, but avoid as much as possible adding moisture.

KEEPING QUALITIES OF MEDICINES, ETC.

Spennymoor.—(1) There is no book made up of the queries which have appeared in our columns. You might, however, very easily arrange a book of this kind for yourself, as some fanciers certainly do, by cutting out the replies that most appeal to you, and pasting them in a small scrap book or a memo. book, with American cloth covers, with about a third of the pages carefully cut out, leaving a quarter inch margin in at the back to compensate for the extra thickness which the cuttings will make at the front when pasted in, and thereby prevent the book bulging when full. (2) If kept in well-stoppered bottles, having narrow mouths for fluids and wide mouths for powders or crystals, most of the drugs will keep in quite good condition indefinitely, or, say, for two or three years, which is certainly quite long enough for any purpose. Everything of this kind should be kept in a cool, dry place, preferably in a cupboard or chest, but in any case not exposed to strong sunlight or extremes of temperature, and closely stoppered with good sound corks, or glass stoppers—the latter are best. To take your items in the order you put them: Lemon juice, there is no necessity to stock this in bulk. Squeeze it fresh from the fruit as required. Tincts. of steel and gentian, indefinitely, under conditions named above, of course. Syrup of buckthorn, indefinitely, but the bottle containing this should never be filled more than two-thirds. Syrup of hypophosphites, which, by the way, is not the well-known chemical food; dil. sulph. acid, indefinitely; bismuth, chlorate of potash and sulphate of soda, indefinitely, the two first are powders and the last in crystals, and would need wide mouthed bottles; tinct. of capsicum, indefinitely; dandelion juice would be best obtained in the extract, a stiff paste similar to liquorice in appearance, and kept in a small earthenware jar, and a little thinned down with water as required—the extract would keep indefinitely; tinct. of rhubarb, indefinitely.

MOULTING AND PANTING.

H. Tatlow.—You ought to have mentioned the conditions under which the bird is kept, and in what position. The continual moulting points to its being kept in an unsuitable position, perhaps, exposed to direct cold draughts or extremes of heat and cold, which might also largely account for the advanced stage of bronchial trouble, from which it seems to be suffering. Considering its condition generally, I think you would be best advised to discard the idea of breeding with him this year in any case, as it is most unlikely that it will be a suitable subject for the breeding cage for some time to come, and then the season would probably be too far advanced. Try what a month or so of the following treatment will do for it. In the first place see that it is kept in a fairly comfortable and equable place, where it will be free from cold draughts, rapid extremes of temperature, and do not allow it to hang near or over burning lights in the evenings, nor high up near the ceiling. As staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately every second day, a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, and a morsel of some green salad or a morsel of banana. In the drinking water add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, for three consecutive days. After this give instead four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia, and sweet spirit of nitre, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give twenty drops of chemical food. Continue the last named item every second day during the remainder of the month's course.

NOT GRASPING PERCH.

Anxious.—The bird is probably troubled with a callosity in the centre of the foot, which is not a very uncommon occurrence, and is somewhat similar to the well-known "bumble foot" in poultry. In many instances, at least, it is doubtless induced in the first instance by too hard and unsuitable perches, and once established it is exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to cure. See that it is supplied with well-fitting perches of a proper size and shape, made of nice soft pine wood. An approximately round spar, half-an-inch in diameter, with the side that is to form the upper surface of the perch trimmed off to a flattened oval shape, will make a very suitable perch for general purposes. You may bathe the foot for a few minutes in fairly warm water, wipe dry, and paint it well with a drop or two of Friar's balsam, and after this gently rub on a little Jeyes' veterinary ointment every second day for a week. If the bird is vigorous and energetic, and the one foot is quite sound, there is no reason why the clutches of eggs by him should not be fertile. I trust you may have a good measure of success in the coming season; it is much too early to regard it as a failure yet. Do not hesitate to write if you get in any difficulty. Shall be pleased to be of assistance at any time.

WHEN YOUNG ARE HATCHED.

F. J. Honeysett.—No, it is neither necessary nor advisable to take away the seed altogether when young are hatched. The egg food and all other items which are given to assist the parents in rearing the young are entirely supplementary to the usual staple seed diet, and in no sense intended to supplant it. Let the staple diet remain all through the season, and for the rest follow the lines laid down in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which will have been sent you by now.

HEN NOT LAYING.

A Novice.—You do not say how long the hen has been mated, but only that she paired and has sat a fortnight. If you mean that she has only been mated a fortnight or a little over, it is quite probable that all she requires is a little more patience. Leave the birds together, and in addition to the staple seed diet give the pair a small teaspoonful of egg food with about half the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it, every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, with just a slight sprinkling of linseed and yellow mustard in the bulk. Give three or four crisp young leaves of dandelion daily. Continue this treatment for three or four weeks if necessary, and you will probably soon find things looking more hopeful.

EGGS WITHOUT SHELLS.

Shell-less Eggs.—The lower portion of the oviduct is evidently out of working order. I presume you give some kind of shell-forming material, such as cuttlefish bone, when the hen is nesting? If not you should do so. Add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the drinking water for three consecutive days, and when she is about nesting again keep a piece of cuttlefish in the wires of the cage, get a little old mortar, sprinkle slightly with common salt, and smash it up to a coarse sand, and mix a proportion of this with the sand you use on the floor of the cage, or put a little heap on top of the sand every day or two, and in the week before you expect her to begin laying add a teaspoonful of lime-water to her drinking water every second day.

SAMPLE OF EGG BREAD, ETC.

New Reader.—(1) In theory the recipe from which the egg-bread of which you send a sample is prepared, is a very sound and good one, and I see no reason whatever to quarrel with it, nor to doubt its success in rearing young Canaries, but personally I have never used the food, and in practice I do not care about foods that are ground up to a fine meal, as is this one. I always find that the birds themselves prefer something of a rather more granular nature to pick up. Possibly you would get the desired condition by setting the mill to grind a little more coarsely, say, set it so that it would barely touch summer rape in the passage through, then the food should come through in a nice granular condition. (2) A small teaspoonful of egg-food once or twice a week, not oftener, may be given to singing cocks which are not being bred with. If they seem in very high condition give it only once a week; if in only moderate condition twice a week will do no harm. (3) Glad to know the moulting bird has benefited so much by the treatment. It would be as well to continue the treatment for another fortnight, after a few days' rest, when the bird should be more likely to be in a proper condition for mating. Do not mate for at least two or three weeks after the feathers ceased dropping altogether. (4) As the weather is still so unstable it would be as well not to be in too great a hurry to remove the cover from round the cage. If your expected removal

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); Rouse's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); Rouse's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4.

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to the South coast takes place soon, it would be judicious to leave the cover on until the end of the journey when it may be removed in the new position.

A STOLID MATE.

Ex-Cpl.—Am very pleased to hear the cock recovered so well on the treatment advised. It is just possible that you put him with the hen a little too soon. There should have been an interval of at least two to three weeks after the feathers had quite ceased dropping before you mated him. But still, from what you say, I am rather inclined to think that had you left the pair together and exercised a little more patience, all would have come right in a short time. It is not a very unusual occurrence for a cock to appear to get mopy or sulky after being placed with a hen, but when they are attentive to their duties, as yours seems to have been, their quiet manner does not necessarily indicate they have gone off breeding condition, and it is not the least uncommon for good broods to be obtained from such birds. If the hen is still anxious to nest, and the cock has resumed his former condition, or is very attentive to the hen through the wired portion of the slides, I think you may safely risk running them together again, and leave matters to follow their own course next time. Do not get impatient if the hen does not go to nest immediately; hens vary a good deal in this matter, and whilst one may go to nest within a week or so after the cock is run with her, another will continue to gad about for a month before settling down. Certainly, by the calendar the season should now be well under way, but when you take into consideration the exceptional conditions that we have passed through, it is not so very late after all.

EGG FOOD SUBSTITUTE.

Jack Sprat.—I can only say that the food you name is very good in a general way as a soft food for Canaries all the year round, and that it has been used as a substitute for egg food for rearing the young from the shell by many fanciers, but, personally, I have never used it as a complete substitute from the shell. Still, where so many others have succeeded there is no reason why you should fail, and if you scald it as required for use, with a little boiling water, let it stand until cool, then stir with a fork into a crumbly mass, you should have every chance of success with it.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

OVERGROWN BEAK.

J. H. Miller.—The top mandible of a bird overgrowing the bottom one is quite an occasional occurrence with birds kept in captivity, but fortunately it is quite a simple operation to remove it. Catch the bird and hold it in the left hand, getting the head between the finger and thumb, then with a sharp knife or pair of scissors remove the overlapping portion. Be careful not to squeeze the bird, yet hold it firmly.

THRUSH NOT TAMING.

Sutherland.—I quite agree with you that it would be as well to give your bird its liberty. Wait until next month, when insect life is more plentiful, and then take it into the wood as you suggest. Open the cage door, and let it come out quietly by itself. You had better do this in the early morning, so that the bird has all the day to get used to its strange surroundings. Had the bird been a valuable show specimen it might have been possible to have made up a different food mixture that would have suited it, but considering that these birds are not difficult to procure I hardly think it worth while to attempt it with your bird.

COCK OR HEN GOLDFINCH.

Chilton.—By your description I am inclined to think your second Goldie is a hen; if so, you could certainly try to breed from the pair: it will be a most interesting proceeding, and the young birds would be valuable for hybrid breeding another year. (2) By careful management you could also pair the cock with a hen Canary. Goldfinches as a rule are late breeders, and when you find your Canary showing an inclination to go to nest, run him in with her for two or three days, or until she finishes building, then you could put him with the Goldie hen and leave him there. A second could be managed in a similar manner, but he need not be left with the Canary quite so long. If she is quite ready a couple of pairings on successive evenings would be sufficient. The young ones could be reared on the usual egg-food, with a daily supply of soaked seeds and mild food, such as flowering grass, chickweed, or other green food. Crushed hemp should also be given. Sprays of plants infested with green fly are a valuable addition to the bill of fare.

BREEDING WITH BULLFINCHES.

E. S. H.—Pairs of Bullfinches are very unreliable as breeders, and I think, as you have a Greenfinch in with them, I would remove the cock Bullie out of sight and hearing, and the two left may possibly mate. If so, you would have some very valuable Hybrids. The larger of your two cages would be the better one for them. Make their surroundings as natural as possible, putting some rough twigs round the nesting boxes. I daresay in your district you could collect some heather; if so, that would do admirably.

SAMPLE OF WILD SEEDS.

Constant Reader.—I am sorry, but I cannot quite agree with you respecting the sample of wild seed sent me; the only real fault I can find with it is that it contains a rather large quantity of husks. If you take a pinch of it and place it on a sheet of paper and blow off the husks, the remainder is a collection of about a dozen different kinds of seed all useful for Finches. The gathering of wild seeds in bulk is a most difficult matter; it is generally obtained by collecting the siftings from corn, consequently a certain quantity of husks and waste matter is unavoidable; one cannot expect these seeds to be as clean and free from refuse as hemp and canary, which are grown as a separate crop, cut, cleaned, and harvested in the same manner as wheat and barley. I see no objection to your using this collection, as it is, or winnowing it first to get rid of the husks. Many of the seeds it contains are a valuable addition to the bill of fare of the Finches, particularly Linnets.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., 4.

CONCERNING A GREENFINCH MULE.

E. Knap.—It may take you some time to cure your bird of the habit of feather eating. I suggest that you place him near another bird, and when the fine weather actually arrives, hang him outside for an hour or so; he may then forget the habit. Spray him with a strong solution of quassia chips, it will not injure him, and will make his feathers distasteful.

COCK BIRD FIGHTING THE HEN.

J. M. D.—You had better part the birds for a time, but hang them so that they can see each other, putting the cages as close together as possible, then in about a week's time put them back for an hour or so, and repeat this until they settle down, and appear to agree together. You should feed both of them well, giving a little hemp and some sunflower to the Greenie. Offer daily to both of them, dandelion leaves, chickweed, or a little groundsel.

ABOUT WILD FOOD FOR BIRDS.

M. E. B.—The plants mentioned are given in a fresh condition, they should be collected and offered to the birds at once. Dandelion leaves, chickweed, groundsel, etc., should all be taken from plants growing out in the open, and from soil that is not too rich. From now onwards such food of this kind can be given to the aviary birds daily, of course, removing all wilted or decaying leaves.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

WHAT BIRDS?

Cymro.—They are either Spice or Striated Finches, the former, I think; in normal times their value is about 3/6 a pair, at the present time they would command double that amount, or a little more.

CAGE FOR AUSTRALIAN LOVEBIRD.

F. Sykes.—An all-wire cage, about 18 inches square and about the same height or a little higher, would answer the purpose as well as any, but you must stand it clear of draught. Canary, white millet, millet spray, and a few oats, will form the main dietary, with a slice of sweet apple during the winter, and when procurable free from frost, unlimited flowering and seeding grass; of course, grit, cuttlebone, and water, must be continuously supplied. Our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," 2½d., post free, from our Manager, would be a useful little handbook to keep for reference.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., 4.

BREEDING SENEGAL PARROTS.

A. Brandt.—Your chances of success would be most probable either in a small room, or outdoor aviary; either must be fitted up with tree branches, varying from half-inch to two inches in diameter. Of course, all interior woodwork must be protected with wire netting. Success should also be very probable in a strong cage about 30 inches square at base and about three to four feet high. For a cage hang up a barrel at least twelve inches in diameter and fifteen to eighteen inches deep. In a room or aviary it would be advisable to put up two such barrels, throwing a handful of sawdust into each. It would be best to make a start at once, as soon as you can get cage, room, or aviary ready for their occupation. It is very probable, however, that they may take nine to twelve months to settle down before starting to think of nesting operations.

AMAZON PARROT LAYING EGGS.

T. Barnes.—I do not think you need trouble about the feather pulling, which is most probably a merely temporary sequence to the laying of the eggs. See that it is eating heartily. You could also give a little cod liver oil emulsion daily, thinly spread on either bread, biscuit, or cake, whichever it takes most readily; this would assist it to recuperate from any exhaustion there may be. It would also be well if you were to put on teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into the drinking water, every fourth day for a month, and on the other days well colour the water with chemical food for the same period. It is a pity you cannot get a cock bird and attempt to breed them. They would, however, require a strong cage about 3ft. square by about 4ft. high, fitted up with branches, and a small barrel for nesting quarters.

AILING GREY PARROT.

Grimwood.—The bird is undoubtedly suffering from the shock of the explosion, but it should gradually recover therefrom. Add to your dietary such ripe fruit as it will eat, also shelled nuts, biscuits, little raw carrot, and shelled nuts. Be very careful that young people do not tease it, and avoid anything in its vicinity likely to scare it; the effects of the shock may gradually pass off. You can only aid nature to effect its own cure by watching its health and shielding it from anything likely to alarm. The effects of that awful explosion will not readily pass from any who experienced anything of its real force. Try it with a few sunflower seeds; few Parrots can resist these. I shall be interested to know how it progresses.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

MARKED OR TICKED?

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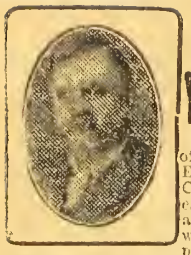

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8/6 to 10/- given for singing cock Goldfinch or Linnet Mules; any quantity; deposit "C.B.": Kremner, 104, Tib-st., Manchester. (915)
A. W. hens for muling, Greenfinch, Large Linnet, Chaffinch; exchange hen Canary or cock Chaffinches: Rhodes, 273, Stretford-rd., Manchester. (940)
YELLOW Lancashire P.H. hen, ready to nest, 15/-; also two buff Sch. bred cocks, 10/- and 12/- each; approval: Moon, Lodge-hill, Liskeard. (942)
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PAIR Ribbon Finches, nesting, 12/6; cock Zebra, 7/-; beautiful cock Melba, 30/-; Waxbills, pair Blue breasted 35/-, cock Pink Cheek 8/6, two hens, Orange Cheeks, 8/6 each: 13, Northumberland-place, Bayswater, W. (941)
FOR sale. Two cock Golden Pheasants, 10/- each; one hen, 15/-; full plumage, quite tame, bred by owner; wanted, pair Fire Finches, White Java Sparrows, for outdoor aviaries: H. Hyde, Kempton Park, Sunbury-on-Thames. (938)
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Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

PONTEFRACT.

Woodman Inn, April 29, Linnet contest; 42 birds sang for four prizes.—1, Watson; 2, 3, Jones; 4, Wilson.—A. Wingham, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, Grey Horse Inn, April 28. 1, 3, Williams, 2min. 24sec. and 1.45; 2, Norburn, 2.17; 3, Brain, a novice, 1.42. Williams and Norburn exchanged birds after the sing, Williams receiving £3 extra.—J. H. Nicholls.

KIPPAX.

Kippax Linnet Club, headquarters Commercial Hotel, members' sing, April 28; 43 birds entered for three prizes. 1, Plows; 2, Collinson; 3, Potter. Timekeepers, J. Wallis, J. Cooper; tappers, W. Peacin, G. Lindley.—R. Plows, Sec. General meeting Saturday, May 5.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Prince of Wales, Carbrook St., April 22, for three special prizes; 2 minutes' time singing; 43 birds entered: 1, Driver, 92sec.; 2 Parlett, 73; 3, Jackson, 72.—Croft, Sec.

Linnet contest, Sportsman's Hotel, Paternoster Row, April 29; 26 birds sang, and some good singing was done to a good company. 1 and 2, Tomlinson; 3, Wainwright.—E. Phillipson, Sec.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Linnet contest, Blacksmith's Arms, Stockton St., West Hartlepool, April 21; 19 birds sang: 1, 2, Guthrie; 3 Meadley. Judge, W. Randell; timekeeper, G. Elliot. Open sing every Saturday at 2/30 (advert.).—G. Elliot, Sec.

Linnet singing contest, Blacksmiths' Arms, Stockton Street, April 28; 18 birds sang, and some good singing was done. 1, 2, Waxy; 3, Meadley. Timekeeper, T. Ferguson; judge, W. Randall.—G. Elliot, Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, April 29; 40 birds sang for four prizes: 1, 2, shared Bamfield and Edwards; 3, 4, Wigfield. Judges, T. C. Summers, S. Butterfield; timekeeper, T. Wells. T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Grand contest for Linnets, "Old Bird House," Albion Hotel, Saville Green, Leeds, where a record entry of 40 sang for 5 prizes, April 29. 1, "Young" Thompson; 2, Bott; 3, Sellars; 4, Hollingsworth; 5, Sisson. Judges, Crane, Grant. Also evening contest. 1, Hollingsworth; 2, "Young" Thompson; 3, Sellars. Judges, Crane and Grant.—T. Crane, Sec.

Open contest held at the Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, York Road, Leeds, April 29. Linnet singing; 86 birds. 1, 2, Marshall and Smith shared; 3, Marshall; 4, Richardson. Night singing; 19 birds. 1, 2, Marshall; 3, Butler. Judges, A. Rowlee, C. Biss, J. Smith.—G. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting, April 13, Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, Mr. P. Allan presiding over a good attendance. Prize cards for British and Foreign bird show were handed out to those present. Two new members enrolled, J. McNeish and J. Urquhart. After business we had an extra lively hour, "A Hat Night." The President invited each of those present to put a question on paper, with the result that about thirty of great interest were asked and answered mostly in connection with the breeding season. The one in most demand was "A substitute for egg food." Several methods were discussed, but the majority favoured the recipe for egg cake as given through CAGE BIRDS. This debate lasted well past the time at our disposal, so an interesting meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman. Next meeting, May 11, Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, at 8, when we hope to have a lecture.—John Campbell, Sec. and Treas.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Annual meeting, April 7, Mr. Thos. Almond presided, in the absence of Mr. Holden, over a good attendance. Owing to the balance-sheet not having been gone over by the auditors it was left until next meeting. Auditors appointed for same, Messrs. Almond and Laidlow. Election of officials for year: Pres., Mr. J. Ford Maling; vice-pres., same as last year; chair., Mr. A. Holden; vice., Mr. T. Almond; committee, Messrs. Maddison, Wellsbury, J. Davidson, J. W. Lawson, R. Tindle, F. W. Laidlow, J. Liddle, W. Mather, J. Peirson, E. B. Hooper, J. Moor, J. McQuire, F. Roman, J. Cromarty, S. Lindsay, Rev. C. R. Appleton and Coultbard and Son; Sec. and Treas., W. Curry. Decided to leave rules as last year, rulescards on hand only to be given to new members. Show date fixed Dec. 8. Societies please note that we have held our show on second Saturday in December for years and please don't clash. Table Show for British at next meeting, May 12, at 6.30; judge, Mr. F. W. Laidlow. Classes: Linnet, Goldf., Bullf., Greenf., A.O.V. Mealbill; fee 6d. per cage. In connection with show singing competition will be held. New members elected, G. Williams, M. Wright. Fanciers invited to join; entrance fee 1s., annual sub. 2s. 6d.—W. Curry, Sec., 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle.

FIFE OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting, Drill Hall, Mr. Smith presiding. Officers elected: Pres., P. McCue; Vice-pres., Wm. Melville; Sec., J. Mitchell; Committee, W. Grewar, R. Stewart, J. Forsyth, M. Smith. Agreed to alter name of club to Fife Open N.P.C. J. L. Mitchell, Sec. (pro tem).

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting April 21, North of England Cafe, Station Street. Mr. Farrar presided over a good attendance. The classification for next feather show, July 14, was considered, and it was decided to have two classes each for Norwich, Yorks, Crest and C.B., Cinnamons, Borders, and Lizards, four British, one Mule or Hybrid, one foreign. Entry fee 6d. Prizes on sliding scale, with 2s. per class added from funds. Mr. W. Reid was appointed as judge, and the question of a room for the show was adjourned until next meeting. Two new members were proposed and accepted.—F. Riseborough, Asst. Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting, April 17; Mr. E. J. Banks presided. The sub-committee appointed to draft rules re the Thrift Club presented the rules, and after considerable discussion these were amended. Rev. C. B. Jolliffe was elected Sec. of the Thrift Club, and Mr. Banks Treas. Resolved that the Thrift Club business start at 7.45 at each monthly meeting; members please make a note of this. Resolved that we send the profits of the open show, £12 16s. 9d., on to the "Evening Express" Starving Prisoners of War Fund. Through the whole of the evening having been taken up by the Thrift Club, it was decided that Mr. H. C. Smith read his paper at the next monthly meeting. Novices, here's a chance for you to learn how to feed your pets.—E. Thomas, Sec.

MOUNTAIN ASH F. AND F.S.

Meeting April 28, Napier Hotel, Mr. C. Horton chair. Several new members were proposed and accepted. Votes of sympathy were passed with the relatives and friends of the late Mr. D. S. Lewis, a late Vice-President, also with the relatives and friends of the late Mr. B. Hemus, of Cardiff, all members present responding in the usual manner. Decided to hold a First Feather show Aug. 2, with the addition of any other classes if any fancier would care to guarantee same. Classification and selection of judges to be decided at next meeting, May 12, at headquarters. No schedules, but full classification in Fancy Press. Mr. G. R. Rowlands, of Cardiff, delivered a very instructive lecture, which was greatly appreciated.—T. Holman, Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Yearly meeting April 1, Volunteer Hotel, Oldham, Mr. Hampshire chair. The principal business was election of officers for ensuing year. Pres., Mr. A. Bradley; Vice-Pres., Mr. B. Clegg, Mr. J. Rukin; treas., Mr. J. Swalwell; chair, Mr. W. Moorby; and sec., J. Hampshire. Committee includes the whole of members. Re show patronage, a letter was read from Ardwick and District C.B.S., which will receive consideration in due course. Re show cages, all birds are to be shown in the standard show cages, as per rule; decided that specials be awarded at each patronage and club show during the season. Next meeting Volunteer Hotel, Oldham, May 6. Further information can be had from J. Hampshire, Sec., 7, Cowper Street, Brunswick Street, Oldham.

W. BROMWICH & HANDSWORTH.

Meeting, April 23, Ivy House Hotel, Handsworth, Mr. S. N. Taylor chair, and a good attendance. Decided to adopt last year's schedule for the two N.F. shows, June 16 and July 24. Sec. to ask Mr. J. H. Roe to judge the first and Mr. Weaver (Wolverhampton) the second. Birds to be staged at 5. Annual ramble takes place Sunday, May 20, final arrangements to be made at next meeting. After general business a discussion took place on 'The making of egg food and feeding young Canaries," several members giving their experiences in the use of substitutes for the usual egg with bread crumbs or biscuit; it being considered necessary, under present circumstances, to practice strict economy, where possible without harmful results.—F. H. Viles (Hon. Sec.).

WALLSEND C.B.A.

General meeting, Station Hotel, April 11. Mr. L. Simpson presided before a tip-top attendance, which shows our club is going on wheels. Mr. Crawhall will give a lecture at our meeting in June on "Inbreeding," so members make a note and rally in good numbers, as it will be very interesting. A discussion about annual show arose, and under the present circumstances it was decided to hold a two days' members' show, Nov. 2 and 3. We fixed N.F. show for July 14. Messrs. T. Dixon, H. Bennet, and J. Maddison were elected to judge annual show. I had only one reply re N.F. show, so it was decided to elect judge at next meeting in May, also to draw up schedule for N.F. show at our last two meetings. New members elected: W. Furness, Dunning, Coultard, J. Finley, Archbold, R. Tindale. Fanciers wishing to join just forward their names to me.—G. Greenwell, 17, George Road, Wallsend.

SOUTHERN ROLLER C.C.

Meeting April 24, Bazaar Tavern, King Street, London, W. Mr. H. Gutierrez presided over practically a full attendance of the London members. After a considerable amount of correspondence relating to club matters had been read, the sec. proposed ten new members, and enquiries addressed to him point to a probable further big increase of membership by next meeting. It was incidentally mentioned during the meeting that the fascinating and scientific hobby of Roller Canary breeding and training is one that might now reasonably appeal to a great many people who previously were interested in more expensive hobbies, such, for example, as dog, poultry, or pigeon breeding. The cost of upkeep of Canaries is so small in comparison with that of other pets that it should prove a solution to many who, whilst desirous of keeping some kind of pet, are faced with the present difficulty of obtaining supplies and the high cost of food for them. By the inclusion of Mr. W. H. Shepley, M.R.A.M., the club has now the honour of having three experienced judges on its committee, viz., Mr. F. A. Lester, Mr. F. E. Fisher, and Mr. W. H. Shepley. Next meeting at new headquarters, Imperial Restaurant, Old Bailey, May 29, where meetings will be held in future on the last Tuesday in the month at 7.30. Jan. 10, 1918, was fixed as the date of our first open show; date of members' show to be decided later. The club has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. F. E. Fisher, the well known and popular Roller judge, to give the first lecture on "Some training reminiscences of the great Glucke Tour" at our next meeting, and in view of the recent correspondence appearing in "Cage Birds" on this much discussed and complex tour, this lecture should prove of very great interest to fanciers. They are recommended to be present to hear it.—R. Dugdill, hon. treas. and reporter.

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NOTE.—Only the details asked for on our cards can be published. Such phrases as "a large attendance desired," etc., must not be included. Classification for forthcoming shows, appeals for new members, and any other matter in the nature of an advertisement will only be inserted if paid for at advertisement rates.

Aberbargoed F. & F.S.—May 5, headquarters, 6.30. Financial matters and consideration of outing.—J. T. Hobbley.

Abertillery C.B.S.—May 12, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30. Ordinary business.—J. Webber.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—May 10, Bodmin Street Schools, 8. Arrangements for N.F. show.—D. Havenhand.

Bolton Roller C.C.—May 8, Joiner's Arms, 8. Special club business.—T. Ormiston.

Bowling B.F.A.—May 7, Barley Mow Hotel, 8. Usual business. Proposed change of meeting nights. Specials and schedules now ready.—J. Nicholl.

Bristol East C.B.S.—May 5, Glasshouse Hotel, Lawrence Hill, 8. N.F. show schedule and judges; subs. due.—W. J. Norman.

City of Bradford O.S.—May 5, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 7.30. Union business, etc.—J. Bolton.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—May 9, Alexandria Hotel, 7.30. Distribution of colour food. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, "Rearing of the Young."—W. D. Fryett.

Doncaster C.B.S.—May 12, Black Bull, 7. Classes for N.F. shows and judges.—H. Lumby.

Durham City C.B.S.—May 5, Lancaster's, Grape Inn, 6.30. N.F. schedule and judges; annual subs. due.—H. Briggs.

Eccleshill C.B.S.—May 5, Fountain Inn, 6.30. General business; schedule.—S. Wilcock.

East Ham C.B.S.—May 10, Town Hall, 8. Arrangements for ramble; general business.—H. J. Kybert.

Fife C.B.L.—May 12, Bay Horse Tavern, Lochgelly, 6.—J. Sneddon.

Gateshead C.B.S.—May 12, 6.30. Balance-sheet; table show. See report of meeting.—W. Curry.

Glasgow (West End) C.B.C.—May 11, Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, 8.—J. Campbell.

Halifax O.S.—May 5, Plumpnict Line Hotel, 7.30. Meeting and lecture on "The doctor in the bird-room," by Mr. E. Holroyd, Halifax. Fanciers and friends welcome.—J. J. Dunn.

Islington F.A.—May 7, headquarters, 8. Business summer show. Also other important business. Year books ready.—W. Bibb.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—May 6, Volunteer Hotel, Oldham, 6.30. Show patronage and general business.—J. Hampshire.

Landore, Plasmarl and Dist. C.B.S.—May 7, George and Dragon, 7.—H. Fry.

Lanarkshire B.B.M.H. and Specialist Club.—May 12, Hamilton Town Hall, 6.30. Rules; approval.—W. P. Campbell.

Larkhall C.B.A.—May 12, Y.M.C.A., 7. Date and classification of young bird show.—A. Kerr.

Leeds C.B.S.—May 5, Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, 7.30. Table show of British birds. Judge, Mr. J. Burnell, East Ardsley.—W. A. Wilson.

Leeds Roller C.C.—May 5, Griffin Hotel, 7.15. Voting on Haslingden resolution re Rule 6, and other business.—H. Best.

Liverpool B.B.A.—May 10, Oldham Hall, 8. Lecture on "Ailments of young birds," by Mr. W. R. Knowles. Local fanciers and friends cordially invited to attend this interesting lecture.—T. R. Jones.

London and Counties A.C.B.—May 5, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 7.30. Lecture on the Yorkshire Canary by Mr. W. G. Sanders. Fanciers and friends welcome.—W. Gilbert.

Manchester Amal. United Club.—May 6, 169, Ashton Old Road, Ardwick, 8. Final meeting and balance sheet.—A. W. Newton.

Middlesbro and Tees-side.—May 5, Crown Hotel, 8. Usual monthly meeting. Questions invited.—Deans.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—May 9, 8.30. Room back of stage, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw. General business; special fund open.—A. W. Newton.

Partick C.B.C.—May 4, Forrester's Hall, 8.—W. Fleming.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—May 8, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Lecture on Mules and Hybrids by Mr. J. Robson. Fanciers and friends invited.—G. H. MacLellan.

Pontypool C.B.S.—May 12, headquarters, 6.30. Deciding on cups and fixing show dates.—W. D. Lewis.

Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S.—May 9, headquarters, 8. General business.—H. J. Lockhart.

Springburn Possilpark C.B.C.—May 9, Reid Hall, 8. Show of British and Mules; fixing classes for F. F. show.—A. Hamilton.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—May 7, Victoria Hotel, 8. Show business.—J. Glover.

Sunderland C.B.A.—May 5, Station Street Cafe, 7.30. To decide on ball for N.F. show.—F. Riseborough.

S.W. London C.B.S.—May 9, Plough, 8. General business and to arrange date of autumn show.—W. Lilley.

Swansea C.B.A.—May 5, Elysium, High Street, 8. Lecture by Mr. S. J. Nicholas, "Selecting, moulting and exhibiting of British birds."—J. H. Ford.

Wallsend-Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—May 8, Station Hotel, 7. Drawing up schedule and election of judge for N.F. show. Please notice, Tuesday night for meeting instead of Wednesday.—G. Greenwell.

Walton and Everton C.B.S.—May 9, Kilshaw Street Mission Room, 8.30. Drawing up schedule for young shows and elect judges.—J. Lloyd.

Wibsey C.B.S.—May 5, Horse and Groom, 7. Monthly meeting and other business.—W. Chapman.

Wigan Roller Club.—May 9, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30. Club business.—P. Greenall.

West of Scotland.—May 5, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Hat night.—W. Hutchisson.

BOBBIE.

The Trench Canary.

An article over the initials E. C. S., appears with the above heading in the "Daily Mail" of April 28. If the employment of Canaries as gas detectors means the protection of human life, there is something to be said in favour of it, but the real bird lover will regret that it has been found advisable to use the birds for the purpose. Also if it be true that an individual bird may be gassed seven times, and still be fit for service, the effect on the birds, provided that hety are placed quickly out of danger, would appear not to be serious. The article is as follows:—"The general public knows little about that most useful and life-saving animal—the trench Canary. He or she, whatever may happen to be its sex, is quite unknown to the infantry. The gunners would scorn so insignificant a mascot. But ask the tunnellers of the Royal Engineers—those human moles whose greatest joy in life is 'blowing the Boche'—and they will tell you that the Canary has been an invaluable ally in underground warfare. The trench Canary does not flutter in a gilded cage or sing in the scanty sunshine of La Belle France. You will have to climb down a mine shaft or two and scramble through tiny, dark galleries to make his acquaintance. He is usually to be found in a small wooden cage ensconced with several others of his tribe in a cosy dug-out far beyond the reach of the heaviest howitzers. One does not hear much singing in the trench Canaries' dug-out. They are most of them too busy recovering from gas attacks. 'Cruelty to animals!' a reader mutters over his meatless breakfast. No, not cruelty. The Canary is just 'doing his bit,' the same as everyone else. Bobbie is the veteran of the Canaries in one part of the line. If he were a man he would have many medal ribbons 'up.' He is 'some' bird, is Bobbie! He has been gassed seven times. 'Surely the gas doesn't come as far underground as this?' you question. 'We don't mean the chlorine which they squirt out of cylinders on the surface,' says an Engineer officer who is willing to explain to you. 'That's a picnic in these days of gas masks! Besides, you can see it coming rolling along before the wind, and it gives you lots of time. Our gas, known technically as carbon monoxide, is invisible and has no smell. If you happen to get into it—for a few seconds only—it's all up.' 'But if you can't smell it and can't see it, how do you know it's there?' 'That's where the Canary comes in,' says the officer. 'When a mine is exploded, whether by Fritz or ourselves, gas is given off It may find its way into our galleries or it may not. You have your anti-gas apparatus all ready, and grab Bobbie's cage or that of any other Canary in whom you have confidence. You keep the cage well in front of you and high up, and push on, watching Bobbie as you would a rival for a lady's affections. Bobbie knows what to do—you can trust him. He sniffs like a dog on a strange scent. If there's gas, down goes the Canary flat on his back, toes up in the air.' 'I suppose you miners get plenty of honour and glory?' you ask. 'M.C.'s galore and a few D.S.O.'s, but I don't know of a tunneller having got the V.C. yet,' replies the veteran with the two stars and the ribbon of the Military Cross on his muddy tunic. 'But there's someone I know who has certainly earned the V.C., and that's Bobbie, and all he gets is an extra ration of his favourite seed.'"

TO A SPARROW.

At early morn, when a' is still,
Ye're chirpin' on my window sill,
As there ye feast—wi' richt guidwill—
On humble fare;
Neglected ye'll ne'er be until
My cupboard's bare.
Winter's sleet, hail, rain, an' snaw
Ha'e nae effect on thee ava;
Ye fecht yer way richt through it a',
Wee sturdy freen;
Nae gilded cage, in lordly ha',
Ha'e ye e'er seen.
The life o' man is much like thine,
Meetin' wi faur mair storm than 'shine;
But this ye teach him—ne'er tae pine,
Tho' fortune froon;
For nane but cowards sigh and whine
An' knuckle doon.
Let ither rhymers sing in praise
O' bonnier birds, in tuneful lays;
Ye're plucky, cunning, thrifty ways
That ding the lot;
An' I'll uphand thee a' my days,
Wee brither Scot.

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Twitterings.

Cardiff Hands Nearly £13 to Charity

Kindly allow me through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to thank exhibitors who exhibited at our last open show, writes Mr. E. Thomas, sec. Cardiff C.B.S. We had a record entry, and although our expenses were heavy, we made a profit of £12 16s. 9d. This has been sent on to the Starving Prisoners' of War Fund, thus helping on a good work.

An Important Yorkshire Canary Meeting.

A joint meeting of the Yorkshire C.C., National Green-Marked Y.C.C., and the Cinnamon-Marked Y.C.C., writes Mr. R. Garnet, will be held at the Oddfellows' Hall Hotel, Thornton Road, Bradford, May 5, at 7, when it is hoped there will be a good attendance of members of all three clubs, to discuss the standard for marked Yorkshires as adopted by the Yorkshire Union.

Evenings for Fanciers.

At the Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, Leeds, May 5, the Leeds C.B.S. is holding a table show of British birds; at the Oldham Hall, Liverpool, May 10, at 8, Mr. W. R. Knowles will lecture before the Liverpool B.B.A. on "Ailments of Young Birds"; at the meeting of the London and Counties A.C.B., Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, London, E.C., May 5, at 8, Mr. W. G. Sanders will give a lecture on the Yorkshire Canary; at the Reid Hall, Springburn, May 9, the Springburn and Possil Park C.B.C. will have a show of British and Mules; Mr. E. Holroyd will address the meeting of the Halifax P.S. at the Plummet Line Hotel, May 5, at 7.30, on "The Doctor in the Bird Room"; at the meeting of the Swansea C.B.A., Elysium, High Street, May 5, at 8, Mr. S. J. Nicholas will lecture on "Selecting, Moulting, and Exhibiting British Birds"; Mr. J. Robson will give a lecture at the Trinity School, Beresford Street, Woolwich, on Mules and Hybrids, May 8, at 8, before the members of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. and on "Rearing Young Canaries" at the meeting of the Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S., May 9, at 7.30, at the Alexandria Hotel, Penge; at the meeting of the Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S., Wesleyan Chapel Smoke Room, James Street, May 5, at 7.30, Mr. G. Dobson will lecture on the feeding of birds and the management of the bird room.

Home from the War.

I have been wounded once again, writes Mr. H. Moore, this time losing my left hand. I am going on satisfactorily, and no doubt will get my discharge eventually, unless they fit me up with a hand good enough to go to the Front again. In the event of a discharge I shall carry on, and take an active part in my business, "the Lambeth Aviaries," of which I am still the proprietor.

I have just been invalided back from France after spending several months out there of the vilest weather imaginable, writes Mr. Roland Bamber, a respected member of the London L. and P.O.S., and late hon sec. of the Ealing and Hanwell C.B.S., in a letter to Mr. G. Crabb, president L. and P.O.S. It has finished me with a good dose of nephritis, a kidney complaint which means I have to lie on my back for two or three months, and drink milk only, no solid food allowed. Of course, all my fine stock of Yorkshires have gone, and I am afraid it will be a long time before I get any more according to the price of everything. I see in CAGE BIRDS that some fine outings have been arranged. I hope I shall have the pleasure of attending them later on. I shall have to go in for the cheaper varieties for the time being, such as Greenfinches, and Sparrows.

(Mr. Bamber is in the Victoria Ward of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, 231, City Road. Visiting days are Thursdays and Sundays, from 2 to 4, and he will be pleased to see old friends.—ED., CAGE BIRDS.)

Migrants Arriving.

A flock of about 50 Swallows and Martins, says "The Times," has been seen flying over the Kennet, near Newbury, and many other summer birds have now arrived, including the Cuckoo, Willow Wren, Whitethroat, Wheatear, and Chiffchaff.

When in Doubt—Ask!

The novice fancier, writes Mr. E. Battersby, occasionally requires the help of one who knows more about the cage bird fancy than he does himself, in fact, he is very often in doubt as to certain technicalities, little things that are not provided for in any of the several books about birds he has diligently perused. With a view to assisting those members of the North Liverpool and District C.B.S. who require valuable advice the following members have been appointed a Consultative Committee, and their services are available without any charge:—Yorkshires, T. Rowlands, 21, St. Chrysostom Street, Liverpool; J. Lobb, 426, Hawthorne Road, Bootle, Liverpool. Norwich, A. E. Wilkins, 18, Keith Avenue, Walton; R. Bratherton, 20, Stanley Street, Fairfield. Borders, E. Battersby, 154, Longmoor Lane, Aintree; R. Bratherton, 20, Stanley Street, Fairfield. British Birds, A. E. Wilkins, 18, Keith Avenue, Walton; J. Lloyd, 33, Briardale Road, Mossley Hill; H. Satterthwaite, 162, Knowsley Road, Bootle. Interviews may be arranged by appointment.

Seasonable Hints on Useful Weeds.

By RICHARD MORSE, F.R.H.S.

A weekly feature which will be found of the highest value to all who keep seed-eating birds, and of interest also to all who appreciate the beauty and usefulness of the flowers of our waysides and meadows. The first of the series appeared in our issue dated March 17.

The Dandelion.

ONE can hardly write of dandelion without conjuring up visions of boyhood days in field and meadow, where its attractive domes of silky hairs used so much to delight us, and where the little Goldfinch used so persistently at this season to pluck its feathered seeds. He will have to wait longer than usual for his supplies this year, though there is now every prospect of a good harvest in the near future.

The family of plants to which the dandelion belongs is one of the most difficult with which the botanist has to deal, and comprises nearly ten thousand species. It is not surprising, therefore, that amateurs experience difficulty in identifying these puzzling flowers, and that mistakes are unusually frequent. It is hoped, however, that the few details given here will enable all who study them to distinguish this useful plant from its innumerable near relations.

In the true dandelion (Taraxacum vulgare Lam.), all the leaves spring up from the surface of the ground, forming a kind of dense rosette, from the centre of which the flowers uplift their heads. There are no leaves whatever upon the flower-stalks themselves, such as are to be found in many nearly-related species, nor are the flower-stalks branched in any way. They are just simple, hollow stems, each with a single, large flower-head at the summit.

The characteristic form of the leaf is shown in the accompanying sketch, and the peculiarly-shaped, backward-pointing lobes should be noted, as also should the numerous recurved green bracts at the base of the flower-head. The drawing also shows the ripened head, with many of the fruits already missing, for when this stage is reached the lightest breeze is sufficient to scatter them far and wide.

The dandelion has a long, stout, black root, from which the well-known medicinal extract is prepared, and as the dried roots were formerly imported in immense quantities from Germany, there is now a great scarcity in this country, and prices have risen by leaps and bounds from about 40s. a hundredweight to over 130s., so continuous is the demand for this useful herb.

Unlike many of the other plants dealt with in these articles, the dandelion does not wither away and die after producing its flowers and fruits, but continues to live on for many years, throwing up an abundance of leaves and blossoms every season, and increasing rapidly in size.

Dandelion is undoubtedly Nature's own tonic in the bird world; its leaves, seeds and roots possess medicinal properties of the greatest value, and coming at a season when our pets may perhaps be suffering from the effects of an over-fattening diet during the winter, it cannot be too highly valued. Its beneficial action on the liver in such cases is beyond dispute, and even before the seed-heads are ripe and fit for gathering, the tender young leaves, which are now so abundant, may be brought into service. Dandelion is, in fact, one of the best correctives we have for those forms of illness resulting from an over-stimulating diet, and is particularly useful during the breeding season.

THE DANDELION.
(A) Flower partially closed. (B) Single fruit detached. (C) Ripe seed head. (D) Leaf.

We are now rapidly approaching that time of the year when for just a few weeks the dandelion is at its best, at least so far as readers of CAGE BIRDS are concerned. You may, of course, gather dandelion seeds right on until late autumn, but if you let the next few weeks pass by without getting in a full stock of this valuable food, you will have allowed a golden opportunity to slip away which will not present itself again for another twelve months.

One has to watch patiently for this critical period in the dandelion's life, for the proper time to gather the heads is just before the final expansion shown in the sketch. A little careful observation will soon teach one how to tell when this stage has been reached; the head is closed, and the withered florets have fallen away, just disclosing the tips of the well-known silky hairs. These heads should be snipped off at this stage with a pair of scissors, and afterwards spread out in the sun at the earliest opportunity, to enable them to open and dry before any kind of decay or mildew sets in.

As in the case of shepherd's-purse, already referred to in these notes, dandelion leaves are often alive with tiny creatures of the insect world, which, of course, add considerably to the usefulness of this invaluable plant.

Readers are invited to send any botanical specimens which they have difficulty in identifying. The whole plant, including fruits, should be sent whenever possible. Packages should be addressed, "The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, and must be accompanied by a P.O. for sixpense. Answers will appear in this column.

I was pleasantly surprised to see my Cardiff winning Yellow Border hen on the front page of our valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. M. Tranter. I am certain that your artist must have scrutinised the bird very carefully to have produced such a life-like picture. I would like to say that I bought her from that well known breeder and exhibitor, Mr. G. Bennett, Kelso. I always considered her good value for the price paid. This hen will, I am sure, be heard of again, but will be shown under the joint names of Lancaster and Tranter.

The opening article in the April issue of the "Avicultural Magazine," the journal of the Avicultural Society, is on the "Maned Goose," by Hugh Wormald, with an illustration by the author. Miss Rosie Alderson contributes a delightful article, giving her experiences with tame "wild" Robins. Dr. A. G. Butler writes on "Capacity in Nest Construction," and other articles are "My Moreporks" by an Old Australian Birdlover, Australian Finches, reprinted from "The Emu," and "A Blue-Grey Variety of the Rook" by E. W. H. Blagg.

The Value of Contest Linnet.

At a recent singing contest wherein the winning bird beat the second by seven seconds the birds changed owners after the singing, the owner of the 2nd paying £3 into the bargain.

The Nationality of the House Sparrow

Writing to "The Observer" on the everlasting question: The Sparrow and the Crops, Mr. H. S. Davenport says in conclusion: "How many people, I wonder, know what the Sparrow really is, or whence it originally came? It is not an indigenous bird at all, but an Italian intruder, addicted to destroying the balance of nature!"

Country Rambles.

The ramble of the field section of the National British Bird and Mule Club on Thursday, April 26, was from Theydon Bois to Loughton. The party left Liverpool St. at 2.5, arriving at Theydon Bois at 3.7. It turned out to be a splendid spring afternoon and a very enjoyable and interesting time was spent. About 23 specimens were found, but no nests. Among the most prominent were the Chaffinch, Coal Tit, and Willow Wren. One noticed very strongly the great dearth of bird life. The outing for Saturday, May 5, is Ickenham to Denham and Uxbridge; train leaves Baker St. for Ickenham at 2.3.

Money Waiting.

Kindly ask those who have sent postal orders and cheques for the Roller cock, writes Mr. Wm. Smith, High Street, Bedlington, to forward stamped addressed envelopes, as stipulated in the advt., and I will return the remittances. I had 25 postal orders and four orders by telegraph for the Roller, and six for the Cinnamon Norwich.

I have received a telegraphic money order for £3 from Leigh for three pairs of Rollers, but without name and address, writes Mr. W. Gardner, Kirkham; will the sender please write. I received seven telegrams on Friday, and up to now I have received 150 letters with enquiries for my Rollers. I cannot reply separately, as my time is limited, so I ask you please to insert this in your valuable paper, as the birds are all sold.

The Sparrow Problem.

Amidst the multitude of letters referring to the House Sparrow which have appeared lately in almost every paper, some full of sloppy sentimentality and others damning the Sparrow even beyond his deserts, it is refreshing to find a letter, over the initials T.A.C., in the "Manchester Guardian," which strikes just the right note. Part of this reads as follows:—

"The Sparrow problem is a serious one, but absurdly extravagant statements have been made both for and against the bird. Some people argue as if the bird was a regular and efficient insect-eater, whilst others grossly over-estimate the damage it does. Nevertheless the Sparrow is a very serious menace to our depleted food supply, and it would be wrong to decline to face the fact.

The great danger of attacking the Sparrow lies in the methods employed; unless the war is waged against the Sparrow alone there is the possibility of very serious harm being done to insectivorous birds, thus destroying the very best and in some cases the only protection we have against insect and other pests which can unchecked cause famine. Level-headed economic entomologists and ornithologists should be consulted before irresponsible children are employed to keep down Sparrows. Whatever means are adopted, however, the destruction of the eggs of the House Sparrow is probably the most merciful method."

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

THE FEEDING OF FINCHES AND CANARIES.

By J. JEFFREY, Harborne.

In this lecture, given before the members of the West Bromwich and Handsworth C.B.S. Mr. Jeffrey suggests that various seeds other than the usual canary seed and rape might be given to Canaries, not only to the benefit of the birds, but also with a view of reducing the seed bill.

WE all have our own individual experiences, based on the circumstances under which we happen to be placed in our daily calling, and it is only when we meet together and relate those experiences that we are able, as a body, to come to definite conclusions on the different subjects that present themselves to us.

I propose to take up the subject of feeding our pet Canaries, because from the experience I have gained on the feeding of wild birds I feel convinced that we are far too conservative in our mode of feeding Canaries. Considering the different properties of the different kinds of seed, I think we should be far more successful if we adopted a more liberal menu in feeding.

How Various Seeds Help.

In one kind of seed we get colour, in another flesh-forming substance, in another bone, and so on. If you want a good coloured Goldfinch go for those who have moulted out on a liberal supply of boar thistles. I remember finding a flock of these birds that had been feeding on this kind of food on a vacant farm that had run wild. I have never seen such a crop of boar thistles before or since, neither have I seen such a grand coloured lot of birds as I had from this crop of thistles. The birds came for miles all through the winter, but those that were reared in the district were a long way ahead of the others for colour.

If you want to catch a good-coloured Bullfinch get a bird that has moulted on blackberries. I once moulted a lot of these birds almost entirely on this berry, and their colour was grand. A good coloured Linnet may be obtained by moulting on charlock and poppy seed.

I am going to ask three questions, and answer them according to nature's way of dealing with them. My first question is: Do we give our Canaries a sufficient variety of seeds? I answer in the negative, and will proceed to show how some of our wild birds feed.

Bear in mind that in every season in the year the wild birds have from three to four different kinds of feed which they visit during the day, and if you want to adopt bird catching for a hobby you must find those different feeds, knowing that if there are birds in the neighbourhood they will visit them sometime during the day, though you may often have to wait hours, not knowing which feed they are on first.

Now let us take the Goldfinch for instance, and see the sample of feed that this bird gets during the year. The seed of the Mallow is the principal winter diet, and in dead winter, when the other seeds are getting scarce, this is the one that he visits more often, taking in turn the old hardhead pieces, wild hops, and teazel. Then come the dandelion, summer thistle, boar thistle, blue buttons, hardheads, Scotch thistle, and groundsel; what a splendid variety.

The Wild Bird's Varied Menu.

Now let us see how the Bullfinch fares; the principal winter diet is privet berries and dock; then come the buds of the damson, currant and gooseberry, then the bloom of the privet and nettle; then plaintain and blackberry; then dog rose and ash, and numerous grass seeds.

The Brown Linnet, Chaffinch and Green Linnet have even a greater variety than the two former mentioned. Charlock, hardheads, and poppy form their winter diet, but in the spring of the year they visit the different allotments, and play havoc with radish, onion, lettuce, parsnip, cabbage, turnip, chickweed, groundsel, and a variety of other small wild seeds.

Now if nature has decreed that these birds shall feed on such a large variety of seeds, why should we shut up our Canaries and only allow them a diet of Canary seed, and give only occasionally any other kind of seed. Don't you think also that by not collecting many of these seeds during the summer months we miss a grand opportuntiy of reducing the seed bill?

How easy during the summer rambles to put a paper bag in your pocket, and a small pair of scissors, and snip off the thistle heads that are ripe, and let them fall into the bag without handling them at all. In this way quite a store of thistle may be gatbered during the season. The same thing applies to the dandelion seed, plantain seed, and hardheads. I know of no seed so plentiful as hardheads in nearly every country district, and along the railway embankments, and when you snip off a ripe hardhead you are gathering from fifteen to thirty good seeds, equal to a good sample of Canary seed.

I am afraid when many of us have our evening walks we forget our birds altogether, and miss a fine opportunity not only of giving our birds a treat, but of being beneficial to them in other ways, and saving the seed bill into the bargain.

There is another matter for consideration, and that is the manner in which these seeds are eaten by wild birds, and this is rather an important matter, because it affects the digestive organs of birds to a very large extent.

Why Freshly Caught Birds Die.

Many wild birds are lost annually because they are taken too suddenly from their mode of feeding, and put on to hard dried seeds. All seeds that have just become ripe are of a soft moist nature, and those that are shed are kept nearly the same or even more sodden by the rain and dampness of the ground or grass into which they fall.

You have only to examine them, and you will soon be convinced that they are much more easily digested than the hard dried seeds we buy for our birds, and that is why so many young birds die when first caged, because they cannot digest the seeds in that form.

I am not an advocate of scalded seed, except summer rape, with soft food; this I find they eat readily, but not in any other way. The best plan I find is to get a few shallow boxes, sprinkle the bottom with some sharp sand, then put a layer of summer rape, linseed, hemp, or Canary, and just cover it over with another layer of sand. Keep moist, and cover over with a piece of glass, and you will very soon get some sprouting seeds.

Only let it just show itself through the sand, then stand it to dry for a day, and the sand will run through a sieve and leave you some good sprouting seed behind, which the birds will greedily devour, especially during the breeding season, and both young and old birds will thrive well. I have known hens that would not feed the young on ordinary diet feed at once on finding this in the bottom of cage.

If you were to examine the crop of a young Brown Linnet, or other wild bird, you would find a good percentage of sprouting seeds or buds. Let us then, as fanciers, be a little more speculative, and give our pets a treat in this manner once or twice a week or daily during the breeding season. This can be done by having a double set of boxes, and planting every week sufficient to last the week.

The Value of Insect Food.

This brings me to my second question: Is insect life requisite for our Canaries? This I shall answer in the affirmative, and try to show you how some of the wild birds feed in support of my answer.

Let us take the Goldfinch, Green Linnet, Chaffinch, and Yellow Hammer as examples. I have had considerable experience in the catching of Goldfinches at the back end of the season, and for some time I could not make out what these birds were after on the old boar thistle heads and teazel heads. Certainly there was not a particle of seed in them, and yet the birds would stay for a considerable time pulling them to pieces.

Then I discovered that a white insect similar to what you would find in an apple or pear when grub-eaten would get into the heart of these heads, there to lie dormant during the winter, and it was these that the Goldies were searching for.

I have also been successful in pulling several ailing ones round by getting them to feed on gentles in the chrysalis state, that is, when they had turned brown; also mealworms are very beneficial to them, and there is no doubt that these birds eat several forms of insect life when it is so plentiful during the breeding season.

Chaffinches only come into song as the insects begin to make their appearance, and a great proportion of their diet, both for themselves and their young, consists of insect life. The same thing can be said about the Green Linnet, who will devour insects greedily when kept in confinement. The Yellow Bunting practically feeds its young on insect life, green caterpillars principally. The Black-Headed Bunting, and other species, are equally as fond of insects.

Now, if insect life is necessary for these wild birds, why should it not be necessary to an extent for our Canaries? Yet how many ever think of adding this food to their bill of fare during the breeding season. I do know this, that they are particularly fond of dried English ants' eggs, and my Canaries have a good supply during the ant egg season.

Now, as time is getting on, I will refer to my third and last subject, viz., do we give our Canaries a sufficient supply of green food? This I answer in the negative.

My experience of wild bird life is that a good percentage of sprouting seeds or buds is always to be found in their crops, and a Bullfinch will almost rear a nest of young on the bloom of the privet.

I am sure if we were more speculative in this direction we should be more successful in our breeding operations. Birds must have a good proportion of green food, and sprouting seeds is a safe way of supplying that need. Make a practice of planting so much every week according to your needs.

Apples are a fine thing, and can be given all the year without doing any harm either to young or old birds. Brussels sprouts are also good. I know of a bird that lived for weeks in the open in dead winter on Brussels sprouts. It came to my garden daily, and would stop for hours feeding on them.

I was rather interested, and thinking it was a hen that had escaped from a cage or aviary, left it unmolested for weeks, and watched carefully to see how it went on. To my surprise, one day it started into full song in the bower over the back door of one of my neighbours, and there were very soon half a dozen people trying to catch it. But it was not long coming to my Brussels sprouts. I threw it a handful of seed, but it took no notice whatever of the seed, so there was no chance of trapping it, and I made a lime snare for it, and caught it very quickly.

Surely this ought to convince the most sceptical that green food is most essential. Then let us be more persevering in the gathering of dandelions, plantain, hardheads, thistle, teazel, etc., during the summer months as a treat for our birds.

Some Observations by a Novice.

By F. ONSLOW.

A Lecture given before the members of the East Ham Cage Bird Society.

I HAVE been asked by the members to give them a paper, but I am afrad that in complying with the request I shall probably be repeating a good many things they have already heard, and telling them what they already know. Being hardly a seasoned fancier I can only ask the indulgence of the older fanciers, who will probably bear me out in my address, and the beginners may be able to pick up some of the suggestions to advantage.

As a secretary I have visited a few bird rooms and I have become acquainted with fanciers who have liked some things which others have disliked, and vice versa, and I will endeavour to embody a few of them in this evening's discussion. I will group my first batch of likes and dislikes under the heading of cages and appliances, and will give some idea what kinds I think are advisable, and what are not.

Cages and Perches.

The size of the cages should be the first thing to be considered, and should be studied according to breed. Yorkshires, for instance, should have a fairly high cage, or else the perches must be placed low down so as to enable the birds to have plenty of head room. It always seems to me that unless you do this the birds assume that crouching position so detrimental to a Yorkshire, for as soon as a Yorkshire lies or crouches over the perch he drops his tail and then you get "hoopy" tails.

The perches in some cases are also to blame for this, some fanciers preferring round perches to the oval ones, but you have only to watch the bird on an oval perch and you would soon discard all your round perches, especially in breeding time.

The fixing of perches has always been a trouble to me. My method of fixing is to drive into one end of the perch a brad with the head cut off, and bore a small hole half way through to the back of the cage which then receives the end of the perch with the brad, the other end being wedged between two bars of the wire front, leaving about an inch to protrude, so that you can handle the perch without putting your hand inside the cage. This you will find better than putting your hand inside the cage, for if you have a hen nesting she is sure to come off as soon as your hand goes inside the door if she is at all nervous.

Regarding the use of material to cover floor of cages, some fanciers like sand, others sawdust. Personally, I prefer sawdust, because sand has no absorbing properties and forms a kind of cement with the birds' droppings, which ultimately cakes on the feet of the birds, whereas sawdust dispenses with this inconvenience, besides being ever so much cheaper.

Trays are generally used in the bottom of cages, but these I think are more nuisance than they are worth. When you are making your own cages it takes extra time and labour, besides accurate fitting, and I find they require a bit of pulling out and getting back again, especially if the sawdust or sand gets wedged over the side or end. The red mite gets underneath them as well, though I think this does not matter much, as you can generally get them easier; anyway, I think many fanciers consider them unnecessary.

Many fanciers prefer the size of the cages to be anything from 24in. to 30in. long, 16in. high, and 10in. from back to front, others generally longer, but in my opinion it is well to make your cages according to the size of your room.

Again, the question of cages generally involves racks, and these are a nuisance. If I could do without them I would, and in their place have nails in the wall and cages hung on them. In my own room, through circumstances, I am compelled to have a rack on one side, but on the other side I have my cages hung on the wall. When they are in this position they are easily taken down, cleaned, and put up.

Should you use a rack the best thing is to drive a few hobnails in, so that the cages rest on them; this robs the red mite of a favourite hiding place. Besides this, should you have any mice in the room it would be difficult for them to get into the cages when they are on the wall. In one of my visits I noticed a very good way of fixing the perch which goes along the front of cages, and that was, to glue two small wedges on each end of the cage and the perch simply drops down on to them. This does away with cutting the perch the exact width of the cage, and jambing it in.

Regarding the bird room itself, this can be made nice by keeping it tidy, and when one has not already got oilcloth or lino the floor can be done over with floor stain and varnished; this produces quite a good effect with very little expense.

I do not intend to go into the question of feeding and preparing for breeding, as probably the usual methods of feeding are generally well known. The same applies to getting birds into condition, for this needs nothing but judicious and regular feeding with copious use of the bath.

Some Useful Hints.

One thing I have always found very useful is to have about half a dozen cages about 12in. square in which you can separate the birds you intend to show. In this manner each bird has all the food you give it, which it probably would not get if it was with other birds, and its plumage does not get damaged in scrimmages for the tit-bits. I find that you can get better results by getting about six birds into condition that are fit for exhibition than by trying to get all your stock into the same fitness, and then picking out your likely birds. These extra cages will also be found useful to keep your cock in during the period before breeding, and, considering their size, they can be stored in a corner where other larger cages would not go.

When the time comes for exhibition it generally happens that a fancier starts thinking about painting his show cages, whereas this could have been done during the light summer evenings, and when all were cleaned and painted they could have been wrapped up in newspaper and stored on the shelf. One or two in which to train your birds, and get them used to show cages may be left out, and then you have only these to paint, should you require them. It is frequently the case that a man comes into the show-room apologising for his lateness in bringing his entries by remarking he had to clean or wash his cages before he came. The best thing is to imagine the show a day before it actually is, then you can get your things ready in time.

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Is Tredegar C.B.S. Dead?

SIR,—In reply to the above question in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, if "One Interested" will sign his proper name, I will gladly answer his question, but no further notice will be taken of any correspondence written over a nom-de-plume.

W. B. WATKINS.

More Homing Redpolls.

Back Every Day for Nine Years.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Ferguson's letter, I would like him to know that when living in Hackford Road, North Brixton, some years ago, a friend of mine living a few doors away had a Redpoll, which was taken into the garden, and the cage hung on to a bower at 9 every morning, the door opened, and left there till sunset. The bird used to fly to an orchard situated at the back of the garden, and return several times during the day to its cage. At sunset the bird would return again, and I myself have on more than one occasion walked up the garden path, taken the cage down, and hung him up in the room where he was kept. This had been going on for a period of nine years up to the time of my removing.

F. C. HENRY.

A Common Fate of Pet Birds.

SIR,—Seeing in CAGE BIRDS of April 21 Mr. Ferguson's Homing Redpoll, I write to say that I had one which I had caught with nets. I let him loose about the house, and it always slept in a Lark's cage, so one day I let him outdoors. He was away a few hours, and to my surprise he came back, and went in through the drinking hole of the Lark's cage, which I had outside with other birds. Finding him so tame, I sent him down the road a hundred yards or so with my little girl to let fly several times, and it always came back, and would go through the hole in the Lark's cage, but one day it was on the ground after seed, and my neighbour's cat had it, so that ended by pet homing Redpoll. Mr. Ferguson can thus see they are very easy to tame.

W. GROVES.

Rambles and Reasons.

A Treat for Liverpool Fanciers.

SIR,—Country rambles of an educational kind usually engage the attention of Cage Bird Societies during May and early June, when wild bird nests are full and in plenty. These rural excursions into the bird world provide the novice cage bird fancier with much useful first hand information, and are a source of great pleasure to all the participants. For instance, the young ornithologist will soon learn how to distinguish birds, their nests, and their eggs. Nor is this all, for there is the botanical side of these rambles, by no means the least interesting.

North Liverpool and District C.B.S. hold two rambles each year; the first for 1917 takes place on Sunday next, when some of the highways and byways of charming Cheshire will be explored. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend. Meet at the Schools, Royal Street, Liverpool, N., at 9.30 a.m. A pressing invitation has been extended to the Wallasey C.B.S., who are asked to join their Liverpool friends at Bidston Church at 11.

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In Defence of the Bullfinch.

Buds or Insects?

SIR,—With reference to the letter of Mr. J. A. Rogers Boyd in CAGE BIRDS of April 14, which is reprinted from the "Irish Times," I should like to say a few words in defence of the Bullfinch. Mr. Boyd calls this beautiful bird the "Hun of the garden," and says he leaves a "trail of destruction in his wake." Admittedly the Bullfinch is fond of fruit buds, but those which he attacks are infested with a species of grub or maggot; it is the grub he is after, and in his efforts to get it the bud is destroyed, but not before the fructifying portion of it has been devoured by the maggot. All gardeners know that such trees as the plum, cherry, etc., which exude a gummy matter, are liable to this pest, and need well spraying, and if this were done we should hear less of the destruction erroneously attributed to birds.

Another statement in Mr. Boyd's letter which points to the fact that Bullfinches are not wholly to blame for the destruction of his fruit trees is this: he says that even a fruit tree on his manse wall had been attacked. It is well known that these birds are very shy, and but rarely approach dwelling houses even in mid-winter when food is scarce. The Bullfinch is one of the most beautiful of British birds, and it would be nothing short of a crime to "totally exterminate" the species as Mr. Boyd suggests.

JUSTICE.

Troubles of the Breeding Season.

How Ingenuity Rescued the Young Ones.

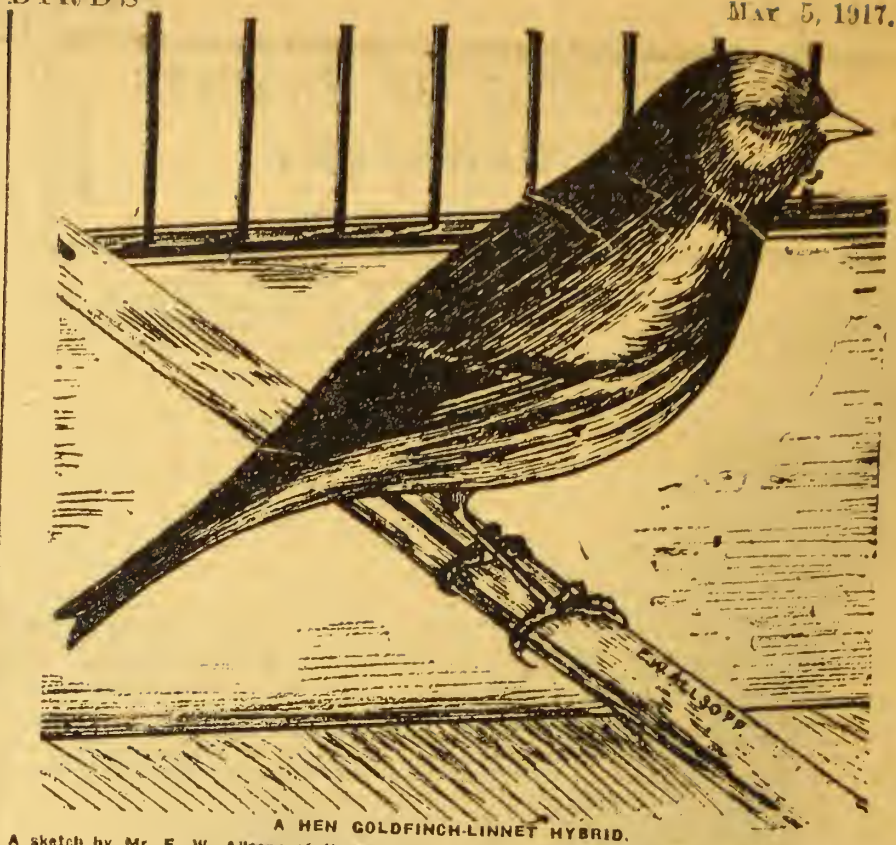
SIR,—Now that the breeding season has commenced there will be many fanciers, both beginners and old hands, troubled with hens throwing young ones into the cage bottom. I was troubled by two hens doing this; one threw a nest of four out, and the other three out of five, and all were dead when found. Someone told me to give the hens a saline bath, as sweating was the trouble. I put them again with the same cock bird, and got two more nests of three each, not forgetting to give the saline bath a try, but in a few days I got them in the bottom dead also. I was about to give them up when a friend told me to try again, and as I had time for another nest, I made another attempt.

This time I got a piece of old flannel, and tacked it to the back of the cage below the nest, bringing it out to the wire front, and about 1½ inches outside each perch. I put them in again, and had three out of four in one nest, and two out of five in the other. Things went on well for a week, when out went the young again, but this time they were alive when got on the flannel. I put them into the nest again, but they were thrown into the flannel again; this time I removed the nest, and was surprised to see both hens sitting and feeding the young in this position. I got three fine birds out of the five for my trouble, and I was satisfied, as I might have lost these also had it not been for the flannel.

Another hen I had sat that tight that she crushed the young ones out until they were stuck to the nest. It was some trouble to get a cure for this, but as necessity is the mother of invention, but I got a piece of wood three inches long, half an inch broad, and three-eighths thick, bored two holes through it, and ran two pieces of wire through so that they were level with the holes in the nest. This, when placed in the nest, is about an inch and a quarter from the bottom, and the two wires make it so that it does not shift round. I found after a time that the hen took to this, and settled down just as if it were not there at all, and the young had plenty of room to put their heads up to be fed. I took two nests of this hen, and got six young out of ten, the other four eggs were empty. I gave this hen away, as I think it was nervousness that made her sit so tight, and I don't think this can be cured in an old bird.

When getting birds ready I give a spoonful of German rape seed in the staple food, which consists of plain Canary seed. I make a mixture of equal parts maw, niger, hemp, and linseed, and give a teaspoonful of this mixture every second day to the cocks, and to the hens twice a week, also a teaspoonful of egg food to the cocks three times, and to the hens twice a week, and green food every day if possible.

A TEIER.



A HEN GOLDFINCH-LINNET HYBRID.

A sketch by Mr. E. W. Allsopp of the survivor of the three Goldfinch-Linnet Hybrids bred last year by Mr. Hurd, Cardiff. (See letter on page 236 of last week's issue.)

Bird Notes from Egypt.

A Letter from the Secretary of Brighton C.B.A.

SIR,—Visiting the Tropical Gardens at Alexandria, Egypt, last week, I was very interested in the aviaries of foreign birds there, including Weavers of all varieties, Grey and White Java Sparrows, many Waxbills, Cordon Bleus, Ribbon Finches, Paraquets of all varieties, Budgerigars, etc. Among the smaller birds there were many suitable for cage life in Blighty. Many shops in the native portion of the city around Gabbari have specimens of Canaries hanging in open cages in the doorways. Also I have noted native children walking along the desert edge with birds in a kind of trap cage, a Goldfinch and Redpoll on several occasions, early morning and returning again early evening. I am up in the canal district now, and see very little bird life, only Gulls and a few Sparrows around the camp. A pair of Sparrows are nesting in one of the huts here. I thought these birdy notes might be of interest to CAGE BIRDS readers.

PTE. WILL. H. GIBB.
Late Secretary Brighton and Hove C.B.A.

Why Members' Shows Fail.

A Supporter Says that Financial Success Should Not be the Only Object.

SIR,—I am afraid that a good many fanciers only look at the financial side of members' shows. Members' shows, in my experience, are a great success; they can be easily made to pay their way, which is more than the majority of the open shows do. We are apt to overlook the fact that members' shows are a sort of a social gathering, and when we meet a lot of the local fanciers we are able to point out to them the benefit of joining the society, and how they can at a little expense have a little flutter at the members' shows, thus preparing them for the open shows. Surely if the running of members' shows creates a real live interest amongst members, encourages the novices, and secures new members, I for one fail to see how they are failures. A well-known society (I will not mention the name, as I am not out for a free advt.) has for several years made a profit on its members' shows. At the last pair show they made £1 4s. 1d.; they charged threepence entry fee, and gave no prize money, only cards, the members gave several point specials, and points for these counted thus: if 7 entries, first 7 points, second 6, third 5, fourth 4, vhc 3, hc 2, c 1; but say in a class of four they count points backwards, i.e., fourth gets 1 point, third 2 points, second 3 points, first 4 points. This system will encourage both quality and quantity, which, after all, is what you want. If you want purely to make it a financial success the no-prize-money show will find out whether members show for sport or not. If you want to make a profit, try this method; 7d. entry fee, and give the members 75 per cent. of 6d. as prize money on the sliding scale. The odd penny will usually pay all expenses, so with the 25 per cent. and gate money you will have a fair profit. This method will do in normal times. I am up against Mr. Coe's idea of increased entry fee; the majority of fanciers are working men, and you are not going to encourage them by raising your entry fee. What with no spuds and little sugar, and hemp seed at sixpence a pound, they have enough to do to live. I fail to see Mr. Coe's argument when he says a fancier entering one bird pays 1s., and another enters six at 7d. each. The fact is this; if not, put me right. The member who enters one bird only pays sixpence for his entry, the same as a member who shows more. Again, I am afraid that the expression of Mr. Coe, "the last ditcher," won't help matters; they cannot all win first prize. Again, as to the suggestion of giving power to the judges to award vhc, hc, and c at their discretion, I am against this suggestion, for it will lead to a lot of trouble for the judge. Have none of this discretion business, but a definite fixed rule. Mr. Editor, in the footnote you pointed out the case of a judge who would have passed a bird as being a foreigner, but was instructed by the Committee to give all the cards. Did the Committee instruct the judge to award cards to birds who were not eligible to compete? What did the schedule state?

A FANCIER.

[In reply to the two questions asked we would explain that in the case to which we referred the class was for British Bullfinches, and one of these was, to say the least, of doubtful nationality. The judge would have "passed" the bird if he had not been expressly instructed to give vhc, hc, and c when there were sufficient entries.—Editor CAGE BIRDS.]

Red Mite v. Oxalic Acid.

Cleanliness the Best Preventive.

SIR,—I am pleased to give you my method of keeping down the mite, and I think there is not any need to worry with oxalic acid. When cleaning cages out I remove them from the rack, draw the trays out and scrape them. I rub the backs, sides, and front outside with a duster soaked in turpentine, dip perches in turps, and also sift all seed hoppers, which is very essential. I dust eggs with Keatings when setting a hen, and give a clean nest in 12 days.

I have known fanciers to sift the sand, etc., removed from the cages, and use the sand again. This is courting trouble, as back goes the mite. It is not economy, even in these times.

If the above system is carried out thoroughly once a week I guarantee there will not be much to worry about. Removing cages from the rack is a very important item, for that is where the trouble commences, and when you once let the mite accumulate then you have a big difficulty in outing them.

C. G. MARTIN.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 248.)

Making a Start.

A Word for the Honesty of Breeders.

Sir,—I have read a lecture in Cage Birds under the heading, "The Norwich Canary; how to breed winning specimens," given by Mr. F. J. Martin, of Battersea, before the members of the City and Suburban A.C.B. I notice that in speaking of getting a good start in breeding, Mr. Martin says, we are sometimes told to place ourselves in the hands of a reliable breeder to secure success, and describes this advice as a joke. Then he goes on to say, "Trust no one, but your own intelligence." What miserable advice! Surely any novices attending at such a lecture would fancy they had got mixed up with a batch of frauds or cheats.

But perhaps we must take the lecturer's advice as a joke. I have been breeding and selling Canaries for a few years, and have many times advised fanciers, when wanting birds, to place themselves in the hands of a reliable breeder, one who breeds his own winners. The reason I have done so I will explain, just to prove to Mr. Martin and the members of the City and Suburban Society that all breeders are not black sheep or sharks.

Some years ago I was wanting a pair of birds (Norwich), something that would breed me something fairly good. I placed myself in the hands of a fancier known to Mr. Martin, and he showed me a pair. Now I liked one of the birds very much, the other I didn't think was good enough, and I told him so. He said, "trust me," and I did, and the result was that I bred from that pair three winners out of one nest, and one of the parent birds after its adult moult won for me twenty first prizes. Then from one of the youngsters the next year I bred another three winners. That is the sort of joke that fancier played on me, and I still believe I know there are fanciers whom the novice need have no fear to trust. I should say a fancier who trusts no one must be a very miserable fancier indeed; in fact, is better out of the fancy, for that kind of fancier does the fancy more harm than good.

A Lover of a Good Norwich.

The Care of the Linnet.

Simple Rules for Keeping in Health and Song.

Sir,—As a keeper of Linnets during 20 years I hope I may claim to know a little about them. I have had hundreds through my hands and have always studied their wants. I have birds now fourteen years old still healthy and singing; they may be not so loud or so long as the young ones, but are still doing their bit.

As I am writing this letter I am listening to one of my young birds that was caught as a squeaker, as we people in Yorkshire call them, not ten yards from my own door. It is a treat to hear this bird, and up till now it has had nothing in the way of dainties, for its food has only been plain canary seed, good clean rape seed, and linseed. I find Linnets do very well on this simple mixture, although I have often read in Cage Birds different opinions with regard to their feeding. Some like to feed their birds on one sort of food and some on another, but in my opinion it is not what we like, it is what the Linnet likes which is the matter of most importance

To get a Linnet up to mark either for contest singing, mule breeding or exhibition, is an easy matter, provided the bird is healthy. The most important consideration of all, after the proper food, of course, is cleanliness, and my practice of cleaning my birds out at least twice a week does very much towards getting them steady.

Before putting the sand or sawdust at the bottom of the cage I always damp it and add a little salt. If there be an odd red mite on the bird, when the bird straightens himself up as we often see them do, Mr. Mite will drop among the salt and will rise no more. Those who adopt this method should not be afraid of the salt, for this is quite beneficial to the bird, especially at moulting time.

To those who wish to make progress with the keeping of Linnets I would advise leaving alone altogether both the forced moult and the bottle. I congratulate the Editor on not printing "Rambler's" method of forcing the moult. I have seen this in operation, and although it is a very simple matter to carry out, I have never adopted it myself, for I have seen good birds spoiled by the treatment. No one who will really speak out and tell the truth can say otherwise than that it turns the birds soft, and if they are exposed to the draught or cold it will be very seldom that they sing and keep time with one that has had a natural moult.

It is the same or worse when using the bottle. I have seen Linnets kept for certain contests, Linnets that would have won easily without any extra help, but as soon as they have had a taste of the bottle their wings have gone down, and they have started their hardest to sing their sweetest. When the time has come, however, for hanging them in the window, they have taken no notice of the competing birds, and have never opened out at all.

I have seen one particular man try this method with two different birds, both of which were naturally champions, and after three months it has not been possible to get a note out of them without previously dosing them from the bottle, and he wishes he had never known of the trick.

If anyone has a good young Linnet and would like to pit him against some of the so-called champions of England, he should first pay attention to getting the bird steady. It should be hung where people are always passing to and fro, but anything that is to be done for the bird should be done steadily so as not to startle him. When you think the bird is sufficiently steady to do himself justice, get one ounce of good dandelion seed, one ounce of white lettuce seed, two-pennyworth of turnip seed, about one ounce of maw seed, and a little lightly crushed hemp; mix all these together, and give a teaspoonful about every other day, sprinkled on the top of his food. If the bird is healthy and kept in not too small a cage, he will soon be fit for anything.

In closing I would like to let the novice know how I attend to my birds when they are moulting. Readers will remember Mr. Allen saying the better the moult the better the song, and those who pay proper attention to the bird will find this out.

As soon as I see any stray feathers, I get a piece of old muslin, fold this into double thickness, and hang it over the front of the cage. The cage is hung where it is quite clear of draughts, but not in too warm a place. Clean water is given every day, and the birds are cleaned out two or three times a week. With this treatment they come out with feathers like paint. When the birds are properly through the moult, care should especially be taken not to bring them directly into a colder place or where they may be subjected to draught. Change them a little at a time to the place where you had previously kept them, and let them be a little while in each place as you are changing them.

I hope some of those who are thinking about making a start in keeping Linnets may learn a few points from this letter.

W. Porritt.

Economic Egg Food.

The Fowl's Egg Not the Only Pebble on the Beach.

Sir,—With the breeding season usually comes a crop of queries as to some kind of soft food for the rearing of young Canaries in which the usual egg food finds no place, and there is always the very natural desire that the substitute should be "just as good." Whatever its faults or disadvantages, there can be no gainsaying the fact that the egg has virtues and value peculiar to itself, and is, in fact, the best that nature has been able to do in all the ages of evolution towards giving the young bird its first start in life. Good and serviceable substitutes certainly exist in plenty, either altogether free from egg, or with a proportion of egg used in the making and cooked in the food, many of which have been given in the columns of Cage Birds from time to time, but I should rather hesitate to accept the assertion that they are "just as good" as real egg food prepared with good fresh eggs.

But the object of this is not to deal with any of these substitutes, but to point out how very many fanciers might easily effect a considerable economy without relinquishing anything of the item of real egg itself. To take a narrow view of the question, the one essential item in the making of egg food is the new-laid egg of the domestic hen, familiar to the breakfast table, and this idea has become so stereotyped that many fanciers would even look askance at a duck's egg as a substitute for that of a fowl, unaware of the fact that for all practical purposes of this kind it is wholly immaterial whether the egg is laid by a fowl or a seagull, or even a crow for the matter of that. True, there will appear a good deal of difference in the appearance of the contents of hard-boiled eggs of different families of feathered creatures, of which the eggs of the fowl and pigeon may be taken as two distinct types. The appearance of a fowl's egg when boiled is familiar to everyone, the sulphury-yellow, varying to a reddish-yellow, yolk, surrounded by the albumen, or "white" of an opaque, milky-white colour being well known. On the other hand cut open a hard-boiled pigeon's egg, and the yellowish yolk is found to be surrounded by albumen of a colourless and almost transparent nature. Although the albumen is fairly "set" by the boiling it has none of that opaque whiteness which characterises the fowl's egg. The albumen is also of a more gelatinous nature, and does not lend itself so readily to chopping as does that of a fowl's egg. The eggs of very many of the passerine birds will be found to answer the same description as that of the pigeon.

Yet, notwithstanding this variance in the appearance of the boiled egg, the value of the yolk as a medium for rearing young birds is not affected, so far as my experiments have shown, in the least degree. Neither do they vary to any appreciable extent in the case or manner of working them up, and as the eggs will, as a rule, come very cheaply, the so-called "white" parts may reasonably be rejected. If the yolks only are used the eggs of any class of birds that are of sufficient size to be worth the trouble of preparation might be employed with every confidence, and the expenditure on eggs very considerably reduced, or even in some cases obliterated.

The eggs of common bantams, which on account of their small size are practically unmarketable, should, even in these times, come very cheaply where obtainable, and are, of course, in every respect, similar to those of larger fowls, and may be treated as such. Next in order I would place the eggs of common pigeon or doves, or fancy ones for the matter of that when the eggs are not required for sitting. These eggs, I know from practical experience, are all that could be desired for making egg food for young birds, having used them all through one season, ten years ago, exclusively for rearing good class Crests, with results that were absolutely indistinguishable from those obtained from the orthodox fowl's egg. After these I would place the eggs of ducks and such water fowl, including any of the Gull family, as may be readily obtainable in one's locality.

In country places quite a variety of eggs may be easily within the reach of even the most punctilious law-abiding citizen, as these remarks are not meant to apply to eggs protected by law from this utilitarian application. Rather, they are intended to point a way to the many who are so anxious to find in these hard times a cheap substitute for egg food which is just as good how they may effect a great economy and still retain in every particular all the advantges of the orthodox egg food.

(*Not in Competition*) Claude St. John.

In-breeding.

One Who Does Not Believe in It.

Sir,—After carefully reading Mr. Johnson's lecture which I have read very closely, like many other articles previously alluding to the same subject, I should like to give my view on the in-breeding that many of our high position fanciers practise. I have been amazed at the system, surprised to think that such a system should be tolerated, especially by our top storey breeders of great experience. With birds under control, and care for their beauty and welfare, why should we attempt to adopt what I can only describe as a cruel system? I am always uncomfortable if I know I have cousins paired up, let alone the other far closer relatives we often read of as being paired together. According to my understanding I think Mr. Johnson seems somewhat bitter against the habit, and he has my sledge hammer support. In conclusion, I hope no brother fancier will be angry with me, because I am probably only of very little consequence compared with some of our great writers, who may ignore my humble opinion of the custom. My little bird room will never have to toll that bell.

J. H. Jowett.

Practice or Theory—Which?

Sir,—Naturally anything dealing with this subject has a fascination for myself. It is now over thirty years since I first heard England's greatest amateur breeder speak on the subject. It was a lecture by Mr. G. E. Russell that first made me seriously study in-breeding, and I have been studying it ever since. Mr. Russell's lecture was based on experience. It represented practice. It gave the conclusions of a man who had proved the truth of that of which he spoke.

During the past two weeks we have had in Cage Birds the report of a lecture delivered by Mr. T. Johnson, I have read it carefully, and I have asked myself the question—What have I learned? The answer is, nothing. Why? Because it is evident that Mr. Johnson does not know, and does not understand what in-breeding really is.

Mr. Johnson has made a number of statements about myself, all of which are of a prejudiced nature. He is such a great man that he can read my thoughts and tell his fellows what I should do in certain circumstances, and puts words into my mouth, which I disclaim and disown. I certainly should not have advised Mr. Green in the superficial manner described by Mr. Johnson. I have never said that inbreeding is simply the pairing together of close relations Quite the reverse. In-breeding is a system, not an incident.

Mr. Johnson makes much assertion, but gives little proof that in-breeding is of no use. He tells us he is a believer in in-breeding. He has a funny way of showing his belief. As I read his lecture it is nothing more nor less than the skit of a cynic. It certainly was never written by a man who understands or who has practised in-breeding as a system.

I have practised and studied in-breeding with dogs, poultry, pigeons, Canaries, rabbits, and cats, and I have found what Mr. Russell told me a generation ago I should find—success. Mr. Johnson endeavours to make the readers of Cage Birds believe all my knowledge of inbreeding comes through pigeons. It does not.

Mr. Johnson has had so much to say at one time and another on this subject, both over his own name and over a nom-de-plume, that it would be well did he give your readers his qualifications for posing as a teacher. What has he done in the way of breeding and exhibiting champions, either by in-breeding or out-crossing? If he will present his credentials readers of Cage Birds will know what value to place upon his statements.

C. A. House.

Does Inbreeding Kill Wild Birds?

Sir,—I was amused by Mr. Johnson's lively lecture on in-breeding. No doubt an argument (for what it is worth) can be taken from Nature against in-breeding; but Mr. Johnson ingeniously stands that argument upon its head. When he says the departed Robins in his park have died from this complaint he forgets that we, who are restrained from in-breeding by the usages of good society, are likewise mortal.

One might say, on the contrary, that the constant movement of birds and the wide dispersal of winged seeds, etc., are natural methods for securing out-breeding.

Let him try in his park a simple experiment which I tried two years running in my wood, which is about 16 acres in extent, and perfectly undisturbed. In January I caught all the Robins at one point, about a dozen, and marked them with easily visible white celluloid rings.

Four months later all had disappeared, and had been replaced by other Robins. The same happened the following year.

Moreover, some Robins at any rate leave the country. I noticed several one October on a ship going to Australia. They got on in the neighbourhood of Southampton, did not leave when we called at Genoa and Naples, but flew away at some point between Italy and Egypt. They were fed on scraps by the sailors. A. H. Scott-

The Care of Caged Birds.

A Few Important Conditions.

Sir,—I believe most ailments of caged birds arise from improper feeding. Many people think they are illtreating their birds if they are not constantly giving them something to eat, and others imagine that a bird can eat almost anything. Overfeeding is wrong for any bird, and each particular bird must be fed on that food which is as near as possible to its native food. Mixed seeds supply in a convenient form some part of a bird's daily food, but the particular food of each bird should be its standard diet.

Dirty food should always be avoided, and when buying the food see that it is of a fine tint, large grained, and that it lies heavy on the hand. Canary seed enters largely into the seed diet of most birds, but it is best to give variety occasionally. A little hemp is always enjoyed, while millet makes an agreeable change, and for birds a little out of sorts a pinch or two of maw often works wonders. A piece of cuttlefish bone not only helps to keep the bird in condition, but offers amusement.

Clean water, gritty sand, and a little green food in spring and summer, and a sweet apple or carrot in winter, all help in maintaining the good condition of the bird. A little crushed lime can be recommended now and again for any British bird likely to be kept in confinement.

The position of the cage is all important. It must not be kept in a room continually overheated in the winter time, or where the air is allowed to get stuffy and poisonous from lack of ventilation. On the other hand, draughts must be avoided as well as dark corners. As important to a cage bird as food is light and sunshine, and every time there is a bright sunshine the bird's cage should be moved so that it gets the full benefit of it. During very hot weather though, when the cage is full in the sun, a green leaf should be fixed from the roof of the cage so that the bird can get shade if it wishes.

L. Williams.

Queries Answered

For Rules, see last week's Issue.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by HARRIE ST. JOHN

AILING NORWICH.

D. M. A.—If there has been no physical injury, such as might occur from a slight pressure when catching the bird, or through it getting its claws fast in the wires and struggling to free itself, the condition is probably due to some internal derangement, possibly a slight effusion of blood on the brain, or, it may be, a ruptured vein in the liver or spleen. Very little can be done for these cases beyond keeping the bird as quiet and comfortable as possible so as to give Nature the best chance to remedy the mischief in her own way. As a rule, the prospects of recovery are very slight. Keep it in a fairly warm place, put a perch in the most convenient position for it, and keep in a place where it will be disturbed as little as possible, and do not attempt to hustle it about until you see it has resumed activity on its own account. Add a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed to its diet daily for a week or so, and in the drinking water, for three consecutive days, add ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food two days in every three for a week. Should there be no improvement in a reasonable time—say, within a fortnight or so—it would be as kind a thing as anything to mercifully terminate its existence. Chloroform would be the best thing for this, and any chemist would do the job for you for a few pence.

CONSTANT MOULTING.

R. W.—Keep the bird in a fairly cosy temperature, but do not go to any extreme in overheating it; continue to supply the bath regularly, and feed and treat as follows for a month. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and in addition give separately every third day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, with just a light sprinkling of linseed and yellow mustard in the bulk. On the intervening days give first a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and then sprinkled with soft sugar, and next day add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. Give a tender young spray of green food of any seasonable kind daily. After the first fortnight discontinue the above mixture in the water, and give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of steel, and dilute sulphuric acid two days in every three for the rest of the month. It would also help the bird to recover if you kept in the wires, for it to peck at when it likes, for the next month or so, a little paste made by well mixing with a little warmth a teaspoonful of pure honey, ditto of cod liver oil emulsion, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and double this quantity of powdered grain of paradise, adding whilst mixing just enough finely powdered biscuit to bring the mass to the consistency of soft cheese. When quite cold it will set a little harder, and may be cut into cubes and stuck into the wires for the bird to peck at any time.

THREE NORWICH HENS.

A. H.—(1) As all three of the hens have, as you say, developed a serious cold since you bought them, it points strongly to the fact that in all probability it is your own management that is responsible for it. Most likely they are all kept under similar conditions, and all have consequently fallen victims to unfavourable conditions. Your first step should be to see that they are kept in a bright and healthy place, where the temperature is not too cold, but it need not be a very warm one, and see that there are no direct cold draughts nor violent fluctuations of heat and cold. Do not hang them in or very near a window, near or over burning lights in the evenings, high up near the ceiling where the air is always the most impure in the room, nor in an atmosphere exposed to irritating dust or fumes from any source. Then every second day for a fortnight, in addition to the staple seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water of the two hens with no bowel trouble four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre. If the trouble is of only recent origin this should suffice to set matters right; but remember that the conditions under which they are kept is of more real importance than any amount of medical treatment. (2) For this bird which has the bowel trouble treat in a general way the same as above, but instead of the above medicine give first in the water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for three consecutive days, and then every second day for the rest of the week; then stop this and give instead six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and four of tincture of opium for two days, and after this you may go on with the same treatment as advised for the other two, and continue this for a fortnight.

FEEDING YOUNG ON SEED.

Cumro.—Your hens must be a rather abnormally disposed set if they all persist in feeding their young on hard seeds from the shell when properly supplied with egg food and other items. It might, perhaps, have helped to elucidate the cause had you given full details of each item of your food supply, and how and when you give it, but with the details at my disposal I can only give you a few general ideas to work on, and if this does not help you to get over your troubles when the next young are hatched, write again, giving the particulars mentioned, and I will do what I can to help you out of the difficulty. On the last two days before the next brood are expected to hatch out, give the pair a small teaspoonful of soft food without any egg mixed with it, such as crushed plain biscuit, or any of the foods usually sold in packets, and on the day of hatching, when the young are heard in the nest, give a little ordinary egg food and slip a bit of card down between the wires and the front of the seed hopper so that the birds will be prevented access to the seed for a few hours until the young have had a good chance of being fed with the egg food, which you should take the precaution to see is quite sweet and fresh; it may be an extra inducement to the parents to partake of the egg food if you dust it lightly over with maw seed. After the young have had a good chance of being fed you may remove the card, but strew on top of the seed a layer of crushed biscuit. Each morning and afternoon, just before the time when the hen is busy feeding up the brood for the night, repeat the same tactics of giving a little fresh egg food and a morsel of some green food and stopping access to the seed for two or three hours. Last thing at night you might stop access to the seed and give in the cage a small supply of a mixture of two parts dry, crushed biscuit, and one part cracked hemp, but do not smash up the kernel more than is unavoidable, for the parents to feed with as soon as it gets light in the morning. Continue these tactics for a week or ten days, by which time the young should be able to negotiate what seed the parents may give them. Most important of all, see that your egg food is made nice and palatable and offered in a crumbly mass, neither too dry nor too moist, and avoid above all a sticky, pappy mess.

AFTER THE CEREMONY.

One in Doubt.—(1) The birds were not quite so forward as you thought when you put them together, which is not at all to be wondered at considering the character of the season right up to that time and for some little time after. Besides this you might have been a little more generous in the dietary with every advantage to the birds. If the hen has not settled down to nesting by the time this appears, begin to give a small teaspoonful of mixed seed every second day—that is, for the pair—and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of soft food with about a third of a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it, and give three or four crisp young leaves of dandelion daily. Then you will probably soon find them getting to work. I see nothing seriously wrong to cause anxiety, and think the pair need only a little patience when they will settle down all right, even if they have not done so by the time this appears. (2) You could, of course, if you really wish it, replace the cock Canary with the Linnet, but as I see no fault whatever to find with the Canary I would not advise such a course, especially as the Linnet is so wild. For the present exercise a little patience and give the Canaries a fair chance; then if you wish to try the Linnet, you may mate him with the hen Canary after she has had a first nest with the Canary.

LAYING SOFT-SHELLED EGGS.

Balbec.—The cold snaps coinciding with the period of egg-laying would undoubtedly help to increase the difficulties of the hens at this time, but I am inclined to think that the real root of the mischief lies in a weakly constitution of the hens, and the effect would certainly be greatly aggravated by the free supply of dandelion you gave them. Indeed, these particular hens appear to be in just that condition when this green food should be absolutely avoided. With the advent of more settled and warmer weather, it is just likely that the next clutches may come off in a normal manner, but if the one hen is still sitting on the nest you may do worse than try the effect of giving her either a clutch of common Canary eggs, or a clutch of some wild Finch to batch out and rear if she will, and, as you suppose, the effect may be to bring her into a more normal breeding condition. Otherwise, treat her, as well as the other, as follows, and note how the next clutches come off. In addition to the staple diet, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar every third day for a fortnight—the cocks may also be allowed to share in the treatment—and on the intervening days give first a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, with just a slight sprinkling of linseed in the bulk, and next add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the water. Give a morsel of chickweed or the flowering tips of groundsel daily, but entirely avoid dandelion. When nesting next time, about a week before they are expected to lay, add a teaspoonful of lime water to the drinker every second day; keep supplied with cuttlefish and strew a little smashed old mortar, slightly sprinkled with common salt before smashing, on the floor of the cages.

SEED SAMPLES.

Canary.—The canary in packet marked No. 1 is of very fair size, clean, nicely ripened, and of just good quality; nothing superlative, but not to be grumbled at these times. No. 2 is also clean and ripe, but very small in size, and has a slightly doubtful flavour. I should class it as very moderate quality, distinctly inferior to No. 1. The rape is a trifle strong, but on the whole is a very fair quality of summer rape, and the same remark applies as to No. 1 canary. The hemp is a trifle stale, but is well preserved and still quite sound and of good serviceable quality.

PULLING NEST TO PIECES.

Freddy.—You omit to say whether you removed the eggs as laid, and if you did whether you replaced the first with a nest egg, and this might account partly for the behaviour of the hen; but on the whole I am inclined to think that she is not yet in a good normal breeding condition. On the other hand she may quite possibly be one of those touchy specimens which will brook no interference with her nesting arrangements, and thus showed her resentment at having the eggs removed. If she has not completed a full clutch this time, nor commenced to sit in the ordinary course, take away all nesting material for a week or so, when you may again return her a moderate supply if you see she is anxious to begin nesting again. Meantime, do not be too generous with the egg food—a small teaspoonful between her and her mate, every third day, and a similar quantity of mixed seeds about as often, will suffice—and give a fair supply of green food daily of any of the usual kinds that are seasonable, except dandelion, but avoid the latter altogether for this hen. Then let her go to nest in the ordinary course and do not interfere with her arrangements at all, not even to remove the eggs as laid. Leave her entirely to her own designs, unless she should make quite too clumsy a nest for the safety of the eggs, in which case wait until the evening of the day following that on which she lays the last egg of her clutch, by which time she should have become fairly broody, and you may venture to make what adjustment of the nest seems quite necessary. The eggs she has already laid might have been placed under some other hen commencing to sit had you had one available.

HOW TO FEED.

J. A. Morris.—What the vendor probably meant is that the birds were properly matched to make a pair, as they are usually spoken of as being paired when put together in the breeding cage. As regards the feeding when young are hatched, seeing that you are quite a tyro, I could not advise you better than to get our manager to send you a copy of the handbook, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which he would be pleased to do for 7d., post free. Meantime, if any young are hatched in addition to the staple diet of canary seed, or canary and summer rape, as the case may be, give a small teaspoonful of egg food made or equal parts yolk of hard-boiled egg finely chopped, and either bread crumbs or crushed plain biscuit as soon as you can hear the young are out. After this a supply of this soft food regularly at least twice each day—morning and afternoon gradually reducing the proportion of egg yolk until by the time the young are five to six days old it will consist of one part egg to two parts bread or biscuit, as the case may be. See that it is always freshly prepared each time and the egg pan in which it is given washed clean each time fresh is given, and never mix stale leavings with the fresh supply. On the fourth day after hatching give a morsel of green food, freshly gathered if possible, at mid-day, and after this give a supply according to the demands of the young on the parents each morning and afternoon, but do not give it in sufficiently large quantities at one time that it becomes stale or gets dragged about the cage floor. Aim at so regulating the quantity of both egg food and greenstuff given at one time that it will be all cleared up just before the next supply is due. When the young are eight days old a large teaspoonful of lightly cracked hemp may be added to the dietary daily, and if there is a large brood a similar quantity of soaked summer rape added at a fortnight old will help the parents in the task of catering for them. You would find full details of any events that may arise in the little handbook recommended.

MOULT AND PAIRING.

Blackfriars.—(1) There is no reason why the cock which has just got over a spring moult should not be in fit condition for mating in two or three weeks hence, provided, of course, he is healthy and vigorous otherwise; but you could scarcely expect him to be in a condition to start breeding with at once. To help to tone him up a little faster, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week or so, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel for the same length of time. You may venture to mate him as soon as he appears quite fine and tight in plumage and resumes his song. (2) This query is quite too vague to allow of any definite reply. You simply say that one green Yorkshire hen and a Norwich will not pair together. As you could scarcely expect two hens to pair together, I can only surmise that the Norwich is a cock; but even so, you should have given some particulars as to the age and condition of the birds to enable me to form any definite idea as to the reason of them not mating. I can only suggest that you give the two birds a teaspoonful of egg food with about a third of the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it between them every second day for a week or so, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, with just a sprinkling of yellow mustard seed in the bulk, and give also a small stool of crisp young dandelion daily. If this does not speed them up a bit within the next fortnight or so, please write again and give fuller particulars about the birds and how you have treated them hitherto.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

FEEDING A BRAMBLEFINCH.

Betty.—The Bramblefinch is closely related to the Chaffinch, and should be fed in a similar manner. As a staple food give the following: four parts of each of canary and teazle, one part of each of summer rape, charlock, and linseed, and the equal of one part of sunflower seed may be offered either separately or mixed with the stock food. I prefer to give it separately, as it prevents waste; some birds get so fond of it that they scatter the other seeds to pick it out. A little hemp and maw seed can be given weekly. The Bramblefinch should have some live food, say, one or two mealworms every day, or other insects, many of which can be gathered in the garden, such as small smooth caterpillars, grubs, flies, spiders, greenfly, and later on, gentles, earwigs, wasp grubs, etc. A little green food should be offered, although they are not particularly keen about it, but will sometimes nibble a spray of chickweed, shepherd's purse, or watercress. The bird is very fond of radish, turnip, and rape, that have just commenced to sprout, and if you have two or three shallow vessels with a little seed in them just covered with water, they sprout in a few days, and a constant supply may be obtained.

BREEDING LINNET MULES.

A. E. L.—Linnet Mules are not particularly difficult to breed, although some fanciers never appear to produce any, while others can breed them almost like Sparrows. The simplest way is with the cock Linnet and hen Canary. It is an advantage to have a house-moulted Linnet, although a young field-moulted bird will generally mate if he is fairly steady and properly managed. Almost any hen Canary will do, if the object is only to breed songsters; if exhibition birds are wanted, a large Norwich hen is required. Put the birds in cages near each other, or in the separate compartment of a double breeder, so that they may get used to each other before pairing up properly. When the hen seems particularly lively, and carrying bits of material about, you can put the birds together, and in a day or two put in a nest-box or pan, and plenty of moss and cow-hair. If they agree well together the cock can be left in during incubation. (2) Mules and Hybrids are not considered to be fertile.

AILING RUSSIAN BULLFINCH.

E. Hurter.—Your bird must be at least four or five years old, and I should say has already lived beyond the average of those big foreigners. The treatment I would advise is a small dose of sulphate of soda in the drinking water, twice a week for, say, three weeks; mix 10 grains in four tablespoonsful of water. Continue the same seed mixture, and feed liberally on wild food, of which you can now collect plenty; dandelion leaves, chickweed, groundsel, and others are coming along fast. You can also give him sprays of budding fruit trees, particularly currants, also some from the hedgerows. Offer apple and banana, and other fruits as soon as they come into season. On the days you are not giving the medicine squeeze a few drops of lemon juice in the drinking water. Hang him outside for an hour or so, when the sun shines, and don't forget his bath.

THRUSH NOT DOING WELL.

Beginner.—When a big bird like a Thrush is not doing well, a change of food frequently improves matters. Hemp is certainly not a suitable food for a softbill, and you should discontinue it at once. Get some best quality chicken meal and add to it a spoonful of meat meal and one of ants' eggs, pour on it a little hot water or milk, and feed him with the mixture, giving your usual Thrush food occasionally for a change. In addition, offer him little scraps of boiled meat, pudding or vegetables from the table, and he should also have some kind of insect food, say, two or three mealworms, or anything you can collect from the garden. Let him bathe on fine bright days. This change should have the desired effect. Have you our Nutshell Booklet on the Thrush?

TROUBLE WITH GOLDFINCH.

Scotch Goldie.—I am afraid you are feeding your bird too heavily, and I would advise the following alteration in his staple food: Teazle 4 parts, canary 3 parts, hemp 1 part, rape and linseed ½ part of each. Give a few sunflowers daily, and twice a week a spoonful of good wild seed, which you can procure in packets. Be liberal just now with wild food, particularly roots, leaves, and seed heads of dandelion. Give at once an aperient of salts, as much as will cover a sixpence, in his drinking water. If the eye appears at all inflamed, bathe it carefully with warm water, to which has been added half a spoonful of boric acid powder; rub the powder into a paste before adding the water. He should have a rather larger cage if you can manage it for him.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

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BLUE-WINGED LOVEBIRDS.

P. Afra.—(1) Yes, a mixture of canary seed, millet and oats would make a satisfactory food, plus green food, grit, cuttlebone and water. (2) Yes, either a barrel or log will answer as a nest receptacle. (3) Bark is not absolutely necessary as a nesting material, as they will use leaves, stems of millet sprays and the like—any kind of thin bark will do, the birds will cut it up to suit their requirements.

FEATHER PULLING.

Constant Reader.—Cease giving the bacon rind. Supply ripe fruit daily, sweet apple is very wholesome. Keep a tin of canary and white millet (equal parts of each, mixed) in the cage. A good sized chunk of wood, a piece of a thick branch, placed at such an angle that it can climb and cling to it, will be more beneficial than smaller pieces. Put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into the drinking water every fourth day, and on the other days lightly colour the water with chemical food. Use a little Jeyes' Fluid in the bath water. Now the warm weather appears to have arrived let it have plenty of open air treatment, but do not subject it to cold winds or draughts. All the items of dietary you mention can still be given except the bacon rind. Keep it as interested as you can, and if it is tame enough, being out of its cage for short intervals will help it. While many cases of feather pulling must certainly arise from improper treatment, very many others have their origin in ennui; therefore keep it interested and amused.

AMAZON ILL FOR SIX MONTHS.

C. Counter.—I am afraid you are applying for help too late; still the bird must be a fairly strong one to have lasted in this state for six months, so the case is not hopeless. Get a box of honey and borax, and put a little on its tongue twice daily, or it can be given thinly spread on bread, biscuit or plain cake, if the bird will eat either of these. Spray the nostrils daily with a dilute solution of glyco-thymoline (tepid). Put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the other days well colour the water with chemical food. In addition to seed mixture supply ripe fruit, raw carrot occasionally, shelled walnuts, and biscuits. Grit, cuttlebone and a chunk of wood for mandible exercise should be continually in the cage. If the bird will allow you to handle it, bathe the swollen eye with a tepid, dilute, rose water and zinc eye solution. I think your bird would do better on the following seed mixture: One quart each best canary seed, white oats, hemp, sunflower, safflower, and shelled pea-nuts—well mix, and keep in a dust-tight receptacle in a dry place. It must not have anything moistened in either tea, coffee or milk. As it is accustomed to moistened bread, prepare this as follows—thinly spread the bread with cod-liver oil emulsion, sprinkle with sugar, and then drop over it sufficient hot water to make the bread just moist. Shall be interested to hear how the bird progresses.

WHAT BIRD?

R. Bamber.—The bird in question was an Orange-flanked Parrakeet, specimens of which can be purchased finger-tame, present value about 50s.

OUTDOOR AVIARY.

D. A.—Your suggested arrangement should give good results. Put up plenty of twiggy branches as perches, both in the shed and wired flight. The concrete base to flight will answer well enough if it has a slope sufficient to drain off any moisture from driving rain, etc., to the outside. Put up husks, rush nests and nest boxes, both in the shelter and flight. I suggest boxes of growing grass along the front of flight, and heaps of sand in sheltered corners of flight and shed. Put in a window or windows in the shed sufficient to make it quite light; all glass must be covered with small mesh netting on the inside. (1) I suggest pairs each of Magpie and Bronze Manakins, Zebra, Bib, and Grey Singing Finches, Avadavats, Silverbills, and Bengalese. I cannot advise the inclusion of any Parrakeets, the risk would be too great in a comparatively small aviary. (2) Yes, but Chinese Quail would be the better, as the ordinary migratory Quails bang about a good deal in limited quarters; it would be the better to keep one wing cut so as to check rapid flight in such an aviary. (3) Cockaticls would disturb if they did no injury to the small birds. (4) I think you might put in a Red-crested Grey Cardinal, but allow the small birds to get quite at home in the aviary before doing so. A couple of privet bushes growing in small tubs would improve the appearance of the aviary and be enjoyed by the birds, if they got nearly leafless they could be brought out periodically to recuperate and renew their foliage.

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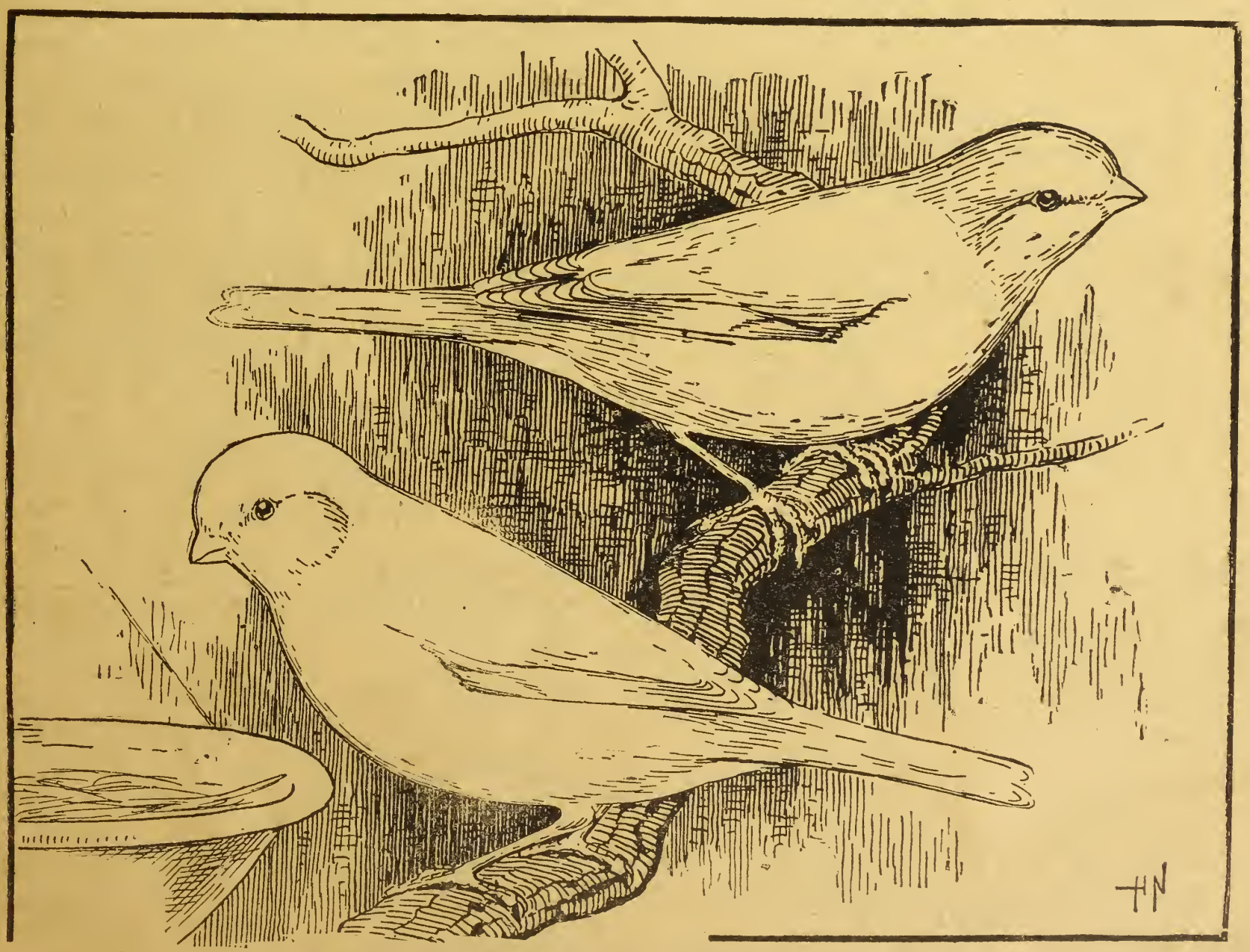

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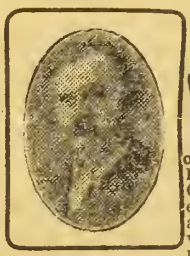

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WANTED a few singing cock Canaries: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

ONE Roller hen, one large crossbred hen, both untried, two hen Bullfinches, 9/- lot: Amos, Wood-st., Oxford. (948)

CANARIES; two cocks, four hens, large aviary, breeders, single cages, reasonable: Bowes, 79, Talbot-rd., Bayswater, W. 2.

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HEN Canaries, untried, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; grand large cock Chaffinches, A.M., 3/6; F.M., 2/-, 2/6; hens, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-; young White Dove, 1/6: Weaire, Snodland, Kent. (951)

FOUR 1916 hen Canaries, healthy and nesting, two Border Fancy, two Norwich and Border cross, 19/-, or exchange two singing cocks: 226, Mount Pleasant-road, Tottenham. (952)

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Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

PONTEFRACT.

Woodman Inn. Grand Linnet contest for four good prizes: 1, B. Nelson; 2, 3, Skidmore; 4, Jones.—A. Wingham, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax Linnet Club. Members' sing, May 5, with only a moderate entry: 1, Plows; 2, Potter; 3, Thomas. Timekeepers, A. Cooper, O. Potter; tappers, H. Collinson, G. Lindley.—R. Plows, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, May 6, 30 birds sang: 1, Phillipson; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Woodhouse.—E. Phillipson, Sec.

Linnet contest, Brittina Inn, Worksop Road, Attercliffe, May 6, for four special prizes, 2 minutes' time singing, 24 birds entered: 1, 2, Driver with 82sec. and 78sec.; 3 Chapman, 74; 4, Stainforth, 70.—G. Chapman Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet singing contest, George and Dragon, Bridge-street, April 29. 25 birds entered for three prizes: 1, B. Nelson; 2, Wainwright; 3, Williams.—A. Watkiss, Sec.

Contest, Grey Horse Inn, Castleford Potteries, May 6. Contest: 1, J. Wainwright, 2min. 19sec.; 2, Brain, 1.49; 3, Watson, 1.31; Brain winning copper kettle for novice.—J. H. Nicholls, Sec.

Linnet Singing Contest, George and Dragon, Bridge Street, May 6; 26 entered for three prizes: 1, Williams; 2, 3, shared Williams and Wainwright. Will all members get clear on the books for Whitsuntide sing.—A. Watkiss, Sec.

Star and Garter Hotel, Castleford. Open Linnet Contest, Whit Monday, May 28; commence at 1.—J. Higgins, Sec. (Advt.)

LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, May 6; 38 birds sang for four prizes: 1, A. Simmers; 2, Wigfield; 3, Edwards; 4, Bimms. Judges, T. C. Summers, A. Butterfield; timekeeper, F. Wells.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec

Open contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, York Road. Linnets, May 6, 42 birds: 1, Whellhouse; 2, Marshall; 3, Buckley; 4, Watson. Night, 18 birds: 1, Marshall; 2, Stockell; 3, 4, shared Shaw and Stockell. Judges, Messrs. Biss, Bomfield and Dearlove.—G. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

Contest for Linnets, "Old Bird House," Albion Hotel, Saville Green, May 6, when a record entry of 42 sang for five prizes: 1, "Blucke" Appleyard; 2, "Young" Thompson; 3, Sellars; 4, Richardson; 5, Hollingsworth. Judges, Crane, Hardcastle and Grant. Also a contest same evening, 20 birds sang: 1, Sellars; 2, "Young" Thompson; 3, Chadwick; 4, Towers. Judges, Grant, Jennings, Crane.—T. Crane, Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet and Lark Club, Doncaster Road; April 29, 16 birds entered for four prizes: 1, J. Norburn, 3min. 39sec.; 2, Dicklinson, 3.45; 3, Hardman 3.11. Lark sing, same date, 11 birds entered for 7min. sing: 1, Hardman, 3min. 55sec.; no other bird spoke. May 6th, 15 birds entered for three prizes: 1, Norburn, 3min. 35sec.; 2, France, 3.2, 3, Jones, 3.31. Lark sing, same date: 1, Fishwick, 6min. 19sec.; 2, Hardman 3.59; 3, D. Fish, 3.21. J. Norburn would like a match with his Linnet if anyone will challenge him through CAGE BIRDS, for any amount.—J. Hardman, Sec.

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ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

NOTE.—Only the details asked for on our cards can be published. Such phrases as "a large attendance desired," etc., must not be included. Classification for forthcoming shows, appeals for new members, and any other matter in the nature of an advertisement will only be inserted if paid for at advertisement rates.

Allreton C.B.S.—May 12, Red Lion Hotel, 6.30. Important business, drawing up of classes for N.F. show, June 9.—G. Sawer.

Barry F. and F. S.—May 12, Headquarters, 7.30.—H. P. Thomas.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—May 15, Ablett's Cafe, c. Schedule and allotment of special prizes for N.F. shows.—G. Morton.

Burnley O.S.—May 16, 75, Lindsay St., Burnley, 7.30. Balance sheet, election of officers, young show business, and subs.—J. Moorhouse.

Birmingham Roller C.C.—May 16, Crown Hotel, Hill St., 7.30. Lecture by Mr. J. Humphries on Breeding Rollers, etc.—W. Taylor.

Bradford West C.B.A.—May 12, Girlington Hotel, 7.30. Members' schedule, etc.—F. P. Terry.

Beamish C.B.S.—May 12, Bird Inn, 6.30. Selection of judges for N.F. and annual shows.—J. H. Elliot.

Burnley C.B.S.—May 13, 75, Lindsay Street, 7.30. To reconsider show date. Nest Feather show.—W. Broxup.

Clydebank C.B.C.—May 17, Morrison's Restaurant, Kilbowie Rd., 7.45. Important.—R. McCardle.

City and Suburban A.C.S.—May 14, Church Institute, Paddington St., Baker St., W., 8. Colour Feeding, by Mr. J. Robson.—F. J. Martin.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—May 14, Sec's residence, 8. General business.—J. Alderslade.

East Ham F.S.—May 16, Liberal Club, High St., E. Ham, 8. General meeting.—E. Winser.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—May 15, Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Last meeting for enrolling new members; classification for F.I. show, etc.—J. C. Charlton.

Gourock C.B.A.—May 19, Gamble Institute, 7.30. Lecture on the Norwich Canary, by Mr. R. H. Livingstone.—D. Rollo.

Garston B.B.A.—May 16, Rechabite Hall, Seddon Rd., 8.15. Table show British, 4 classes, Judge T. Evans. Arrange ramble for June 11 with N.L.C.B.S.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—May 12, Grange Congregational School, 7.30.—A. Firth.

Huddersfield O.S.—May 14, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Selecting judge for F.F. show, and other business.—A. Lawford.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—May 9, Victoria Hotel, 7.30. Election of treasurer and committee, and dates of F.F. shows.—W. Ayers.

Leadgate Victoria Working Men's Club C.B.S.—May 12, Club Room, 7.30. Usual business.—J. W. Rowell.

London C.B.A.—May 17, 2, York St., St. James' Square, Piccadilly. Discussion on the Border Fancy Canary, opened by Messrs. Goymer and Sayer. Fanciers and friends cordially invited.—A. J. Watcham.

North Manchester C.B.S.—May 15, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran St., 8. Appointment of judge for F.F. show.—A. Colley.

Nantymoel and Ogmore Vale C.B.S.—May 16, Ogmore Hall, 6. Selecting judges for open show.—T. Davies.

Oxhill Central F.F. and C.B.S.—May 13, Club Room, 11. To select judges for the forthcoming show.—Wm. J. Platten.

Penygraig C.B.S.—May 12, Butcher's Arms Hotel, 6. Judge for 1st Feather Show and other important business.—Wm. Hollinshead.

Plymouth and W.C.O.S.—May 15, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley St., Plymouth, 8.15. General business; judges for first N.F. show, May 30.—O. Moffitt.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—May 17, Emanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Paper by Mr. Sanders, subject "Yorkshire Notes."—W. Beasant.

Radcliffe Roller Club.—May 16, Woolpack Hotel, 8. Club business.—J. Pearson.

South Shields Always Ready.—May 16, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road, 7.30. Drawing up schedule for Y.B. show.—J. W. Watson.

Windmill, Shipley O.S.—May 12, Blue Bell Hotel, 7; postponed meeting from May 5. To consider the Union standard for Marked Yorks; elect Yorkshire Union judges, and other very important business.—Broadly and Naylor.

Wakefield O.S.—May 16, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. General business.—T. H. Alexander.

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Club Reports.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES.

General meeting, April 30, Deansgate Hotel, and lecture by Mr. Chittenden, of Bradford. It was very interesting to hear his forty years' experience with the Yorkshire Canary. He touched on all points from the rearing to the show bench, and made remarks regarding stock pairs. It was a lecture with something for the older nuts to crack, as well as interesting to the novice. At next meeting, Deansgate Hotel, May 14, at 8, we are to have a lecture by Mr. Cutmore, of the Liverpool Free Public Museum. Hoping members will turn up early, as well as any other fancier who would like to spend an evening with us. Election of judges for Nest Feather show after lecture.—J. Green, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Always Ready).

Meeting, April 18, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road. Mr. J. S. Dixon presided over a good attendance. A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives and friends of the late Lt.-Col. Hunt, all members present responding in the usual manner. New members elected: W. R. Pickering, C. Baker, S. Moses, M. Richardson, B. Quigley, S. Lindsay. We have engaged Mr. A. Holden, of Gateshead, to judge the Y.B. show. Mr. J. Johnson, of Wallsend, has offered to come down in the near future to give us a lecture on the "Breeding and rearing of young birds." Fanciers wishing to join please forward their names to me.—J. W. Watson, 75, Leighton Street, South Shields.

BIRMINGHAM ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, April 18, Crown Hotel, Hill Street. Mr. Pimm presided over a good attendance. The following were elected members: Messrs. Thomson, Kirby, Jacquemin, Harrison, Westwood, and Miss W. Hayward. In last month's report the name of Williams in the new members should read as Willows. Decided to hold our first show on Nov. 28 and 29, and the second on Jan. 2 and 3. After business we had an interesting half-hour. Questions were asked and answered. Next meeting, May 16. Mr. J. Humphries of Darlaston will give a lecture on "Breeding Rollers, etc." Members please note alteration of time to allow Mr. Humphries to start at 8.—W. Taylor, Hon. Sec.

ACCRINGTON C.B.S.

Meeting, May 2, Crown Hotel. Mr. Harwood presided over a good attendance. After general business, the classification for F.F. show, June 23, was considered, and it was resolved to have two sections, and that members having won three 1sts at members' show compete in the first section. Resolved that we have in each section four classes for Norwich, two Yorkshires, two Cinnamons, one A.V. Canary or Mule, and one British or Foreign class. Sec. to ask Mr. Braybrook to judge. The time for staging exhibits and question of prize money to be decided at next meeting. Sec. will be glad to hear from local fanciers who wish to become members.—Wm. Parkinson, Sec., 13, Cedar Street, Accrington.

BLAENAVON C.B.S.

Meeting, May 3, Crown Hotel, Mr. E. Gilbert chair, and a fair turn-up; but we should like to see all at next meeting. The members were sorry to hear that C. S. Latham is leaving the district, and they wish him every success in his new position at Ebbw Vale. We hope the fanciers of that town will give him every welcome. Decided to leave date of N.F. show until next meeting, as the breeding results of members are poor up to the present. Carried, that prize money for same be: 1st, 2s. 6d.; 2nd, 1s. 6d.; 3rd, 1s.; also 3s. spl. for most points and 2s. second most points in each section. Classes: Nor. 2, Yorks 2, Bord. 3, Mules 1, Brit. 1 Sec. read a letter from L.-Cpl. J. C. Daniels, who is serving in France, who sent an order for 5s. for spl. for best young bird in show. The Sec. was instructed to write thanking him for same. Decided that Sec. write Mr. J. Robson to know if he would judge the open show Oct. 31, and if so, to engage him. Also to notify CAGE BIRDS of same and fill up the guarantee form. A few questions asked and discussed brought a good meeting to a close.—C. A. Broome, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, April 30, Seven Stars, St. John Street, Wolverhampton, Mr. Willows presiding over a good attendance. New members elected: Messrs. Chatwin, Dimmock, Lockley, Perks, Harrison, Newins, Taylor, Hough, Wykes, Tomkins, Davis, making a total of 64 new members this year. A special committee was held April 16, to discuss new scheme for the Ring competition 1917 and 1918. It was decided to elect two delegates from each club (unfederated) to meet together to confer upon show dates and judges for the forthcoming show season. Secs. of Roller clubs elected in turn, and the conference to be held at the headquarters of the club of the sec. holding office for that year. Members present had the pleasure of listening to an excellent paper given by Mr. Rhodes, touching on all the various stages, from mating, methods of feeding, when and how to ring the young, until young birds are able to look after themselves. Many questions were asked, and were ably answered by the lecturer. Several members also brought a few birds, the tours being explained by Mr. Bird. Next meeting, May 28, a paper will be given by Mr. Twigg. Roller clubs wishing to be represented at the forthcoming confereuce, please communicate with J. W. Thomson, 9, Gorsehrook Road, Wolverhampton.

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AUDLEY ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Mr. Aldridge's Room, Church Street, May 5, Mr. D. Scott chair. Decided to support the amended Rule 6 as proposed by the Haslingden R.C.C., and also to support the song standard as issued by the Leeds R.C.C. Also decided to use only Fed. rings for this season.—A. Dean, Hon. Sec.

HORNSEY AND WOOD GREEN.

Meeting, headquarters, May 2. Mr. J. Robson gave his lecture on Hybrid Breeding, which proved very instructive, especially to members who are enthusiastic in the Hybrid department. The lecturer impressed upon us the great value attached to procuring as much wild food as possible for the pairs, and therein lay a great secret towards success. Questions were asked by Messrs. Waldock, Griffin, James, Twilley, and Dr. Huggins. A vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer, and the meeting closed.—O. G. Martin, Hon. Sec.

BIRKENHEAD B.B.A.

Meeting, May 4, with a good attendance. The business was selection of judges and printing matter. We have fixed Nov. 17 for our old show, in the Co-operative Hall. New members made, R. Jones, J. Lyall, W. A. Barr. Mr. W. Jones gave his lecture on "How to Feed and Wean Young Canaries." This was an exceptionally good lecture, and full of merit, Mr. Jones speaking for half an hour, after which we had a discussion. His lecture pleased all, and those who follow the advice given will be more than repaid.—H. Wakem.

BARROW C.B.A.

Special meeting, May 5, Mr. S. Smith presiding over a good turn-out, and an amount of business was done of great benefit to the building-up of our society, which is fast becoming one of the largest in England. As our Hon. Sec., Mr. T. Croft, has resigned his position, the duties in future will be taken up by D. McFarlane and M. Tranter as joint secs., 26, Lord Robert Street, Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness, to whom all future correspondence must be addressed. A vote of thanks was given to our retiring sec. for his services during his term of office. Mr. C. Roberts kindly gave a rose bowl for best novice Border at our coming Nest Feather show.—D. McFarlane and Tranter.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting, May 2, Mr. W. G. Fellows chair. Preliminary arrangements made for F.F. show, July 4: Mr. G. T. Webb to be asked to judge, show to be held at Kingsland Hall, if available. New member elected, Mr. W. Chairett. A table show of British, etc., was then held; the entry was not large. The award for best in show went to Mr. H. J. Vale's Bullfinch, a fine specimen, good colour and grand condition. A judging competition was held and closely contested, Mr. H. J. Vale proving the winner. Mr. W. G. Fellows judged. Goldf.: 1, Alderslade and Clark; 2, Vale. Bullf.: 1, Vale; 2, Alderslade and Clark. Linnet: 1, 3, Vale; 2, Blann. Green. or Chaff.: 1. 3, Vale; 2, vhc, Alderslade and Clark. Siskin, Etc.: 1, Alderslade and Clark. A.O Hardbill: 1, Alderslade and Clark. Dark Mule: 1, Blann. For.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Slade.—G. J. Slade, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Meeting, May 3, Mr. T. C. Crawhall chair. A letter of condolence had been sent by the Sec. to one of our members, Mr. H. Bird, on behalf of the society, on account of the death of his wife, who passed away after a painful illness. She will be much missed by him amongst the birds, as she was a great help and took much interest in them. Mr. Bird wisbes to thank all members for their kindness towards him during his trouble. New members elected, Messrs. J. Wright, T. Taylor, and J. Iveson, and we have still room for more. All members should attend next meeting, as we are to decide if our show has to be run on the same lines as last year (for charity), so it is up to all to attend or not grumble afterwards. We were all disappointed in not hearing Mr. Maddison give his lecture; he was not well, suffering from a bad throat, but will give it later. Some discussion took place on the lecture which appeared in CAGE BIRDS, given by Mr. T. Johnson, on "Inbreeding." One of the members present had only introduced one fresh Canary into his strain for the last twenty years, and he produces winners every year, so this is one good vote for inbreeding.—F. W. Laidlow.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.

Meeting, Clock House Hotel, Clapham, May 1. As the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.A. hold meetings on same evenings as ours,, the first Tuesday in each month, and as this was thought to be prejudicial to the interests of both associations, Sec. was instructed to approach the Sec. of the Dulwich club with a view to removing this difficulty. Mr. A. J. Clarke, who was to give an address upon Yorkshires, said that in view of the shortness of time at his disposal, and of the absence of fanciers interested in Yorkshire Canaries, it would be better to deal with one or two points of interest to fanciers of all varieties, rather than read his lecture, and he hoped those points might form the basis of profitable discussion. Mr. Clarke dealt first with egg-binding, which he thought was caused by cold. He strongly depreeated the common remedy of steaming the vent, which he thought too drastic for such a fragile creature as a Canary, as well as being a very dangerous one in the hands of a novice. The lecturer explained that all his birds were kept outside, and that when he saw symptoms of egg-binding he at once brought the patient into a warm room, and gave it warm water with four drops of tincture of gentian in it. This was absolutely all he did, and he had always found it an effective remedy. Mr. Clarke then dealt with the problem of dead in shell, of which he said he had made a special study. He said he was absolutely convinced that the cause of this bugbear was lack of moisture, and he always hung the bath on the cage after the hen had sat for eight days. He instanced the fact that few wild birds have unfertilo eggs or dead in shell, and attributed the latter largely to the moisture which always gets to wild birds' nests. In the discussion which followed, several other interesting opinions were revealed. Mr. Clarke said he always gave the bath when the young were three days old, and was of opinion that the consequent vapour from the hen's body helped the young to feather more quickly and accelerated their general development. He did not approve of limiting the hen to a diet of plain canary seed while she was sitting, as he considered sitting "hard work" for the hen, and he therefore gave mixed seed and egg food throughout the period of incubation. Mr. Clarke was accorded a hearty vote of thanks at the conclusion of the meeting. Most of his friends know that he has lately had the misfortune to lose almost the whole of his splendid stock of Yorkshire Canaries, and it speaks well for his enthusiasm and pluck that he can be so interested in the hobby as to give such a splendid address. It was decided to discuss at our next meeting the advisability of an annual outing, and we shall have at the meeting the pleasure of an address upon Hybrids by our worthy chairman, Mr. W. H. Vale.—A. R. Cox.

GOUROCK C.B.A.

Meeting, April 21, Gamble Institute, Mr. J. Allison presiding over a good attendance. It was arranged to hold monthly meetings at present every third Saturday in the month. Four new members were admitted. Judges for the show, Nov. 3, at the Gamble Institute, are: Mr. P. McQuiston (Ayr), British; Mr. B. H. Livingstone (Rutherglen), Canaries. Mr. Livingstone will give a lecture at next meeting, May 19, on the Norwich Canary. Any fanciers in the district now wishing to join might forward their names to me.—D. Rollo, Sec., 15, Bath Street.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A

General meeting, May 1, St. Thomas Schools, Ardwick. Reports were given on the finding of a suitable room to hold our next open show. After a long discussion we decided that if possible we would keep within our own area, and have now engaged the Co-operative Hall, Downing Street, Ardwick. The Nest Feather show business was dealt with, fixing up almost the same classification as last year, there being three sections in Canaries. Open, amateur, and novice. Next meeting we will arrange all special prizes. The judge is Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester).—J. Spencer.

HASLINGDEN ROLLER CLUB.

Meeting, May 1, Victoria Hotel, Mr. W. F. Thacker (President) in the chair. After a considerable amount of correspondence relating to our proposition re Rule 6 of the Fed. had been read, a vote was taken, and it proved unanimous in favour of the proposition being placed in lieu of the present Rule 6; also there was a discussion in regard to applying to the B.R.C.C. for rings in the event of something not being done in the matter immediately by the Federation, as some of the members are left in the dark with regard to the ringing of their young birds for the coming show season. A record attendance is requested for the next meeting, June 5, when the Sec. hopes to have some special business. New members wishing to join our club please forward their names.—H. Nuttall, 37, Sulton Street, Accrington.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Meeting, May 1, Headquarters, Mr. T. Dawn chair. Mr. S. Dean (Bradford) gave a very interesting lecture on "In-breeding," and based his remarks on practical experience. He pointed out that your stock must be sound to start with, and the birds you select ought to be ideal specimens if possible. If your birds were slightly wanting in some points it was no detriment, if their ancestors had no weakness of a similar character. He had mated father to daughter satisfactorily, and had no objection to brother and sister. To illustrate his belief that inbreeding produced typical show specimens, he submitted pedigrees of animals showing that "cracks" had often been produced in such a manner, especially among dogs and horses. His discourse was listened to very attentively, and he was besieged with questions, which were answered in a satisfactory manner. He created quite an impression on his audience, and made converts. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer, to which he suitably replied. The Chairman reminded the meeting not to forget the ramble, June 3, when he hoped to see all members and their friends. Weather permitting, he would endeavour to make similar arrangements to last year.—E. C. Job, Secy.

EAST ARDSLEY C.B.S.

Table show and meeting April 28. It was brought to our notice that Mr. T. H. Alexander was going into business, and a unanimous vote was given him wishing him success in his new business. Mr. W. Waind judged, and gave every satisfaction. Class 1 (6): 1, 4, D. Bedford; 2, 3, hc, Walton; vhc, Kendrew. Class 2: 1, 2, A. Bedford; 3, D. Bedford; 4, Kendrew. Class 3: 1, 2, 3, A. Bedford; 4, Kendrew; vhc, Walton.—A. Walton.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB

Meeting and show of British Finches, May 5. Mr. W. Dinwoodie presided over a good attendance, and in a neat little speech welcomed an old club mate in the person of Tommy Renfrew, now a "Tommy" with the New Zealand contingent in France, but at present on furlough. The President had still another duty to perform, viz., that of expressing the club's deepest sympathy with Mr. Peter Pettigrew on the loss of his second son, Alexander, who was recently killed on active service, this being Mr. Pettigrew's second loss, the youngest, James, having met with a similar fate at the hand of the Hun several months ago. The minutes of the informal meeting held on Saturday, April 14, were rescinded. The Sec. and late Treas. were granted gratuities of £1 and 10s. respectively. The Sec. not considering it adequate for the work done, resigned his position, and it was ultimately agreed that Sec. and Treas. be paid officials at the salary of £2 and £1. New members elected: Messrs. J. Clark, Douglas, J. Robertson, A. Wright, A. Hay, W. Dow, A. Abrahams. Agreed that a Yorkshire judge be secured for annual show. A ramble was arranged for May 19 to Bridge of Weir. Train leaves St. Enoch's station at 3.5. Members and friends to meet at corner of Dunlop and Argyle Streets at 2.45. Members will be postcarded for same. Judges nominated for annual show, and will be elected at next meeting, June 2. Classes for next monthly show, June 2; Bramble, Chaffinch, Bullf., Cock Bunting, A.V., British, A.O.V., Light Mule or Hybrid, Dark Goldf. or Linnet Mules, Mules A.O.V. Messrs. W. Brown, J. Findlay, and Macfarlane judged table show: Greenf.: 1, Trotter; 2, Marr; 3, Robertson; 4, Wright; 5, spl, Jas. McGowan. Lesser Redpoll: 1, Marr; 2, Johnstone; 3, Trotter; 4, spl, D. Dinwoodie; 5, Bannerman. Twite: 1, Trotter. Mealy: 1, Trotter; 2, Adam.—J. H. Adam, Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, May 5, Griffin Hotel, Mr. E. Peel chair, and a good attendance. Decided to hold our annual show on the usual dates, Nov. 9-10, and to approach the following gentlemen to officiate as judges: Mr. Roebuck (Wakefield), Mr. Wareing (Bury), and Mr. Walton (Leeds). Rule 6 was again before the members, and after considerable discussion it was unanimously resolved to vote for the Haslingden resolution. The feeling of the meeting was that now there appears to be a settlement of this question, all the Federation clubs should do their utmost to make this our first year as big a success as possible. Members elected: Messrs. Long, Fenton, Palfrey, Hemingway, Woodhall, Barnett, Mellor, Crossley, Bolton, Davy, Withers, Lockwood, Norwood, Vernon, Fowler, Sissons, Shackleton, Windsor. Will intending members let me have their names before the new rule books are printed?—H.

The Treecreeper.

By W. LIDGETT, Hon. Sec. Newark C.B.S.

WHILE out for a short cycle run, which entailed business as well as pleasure, the other Sunday, I had the good fortune to see a Treecreeper, for the first time, I believe, in my life, in its wild state, and this only five miles from my home at Newark.

Whenever I am on a country road, and time permits of a walk to study bird life, I get off the bike, and enjoy my fill of nature. It was while thus engaged watching a flock of Starlings chasing each other about in a corn field that my attention was attracted to a bird running up the trunk of a tree. I watched it carefully for some time, standing where I was quite still. Then my curiosity getting the better of my discretion, I dropped my bike gently and went a little nearer.

The bird evidently saw me at this moment, and made a short flight to another tree about fifteen yards further along the lane. I thought I had missed a birdy treat, but as soon as I saw its destination, I moved very cautiously a little nearer, and was successful in getting a good view of the bird hunting up and down the tree for food. It crawled head downwards down the trunk, poking its beak in crevices of the bark, and it seemed as if it worked its tail as a sort of a hold on the trunk as well as its feet.

It was a long time before I could make up my mind what bird it was. At first I thought it was a Woodpecker, but on throwing back my mind to the colouring I knew it could not be, and then I thought it must be a Treecreeper. Anyone who is a keen ornithologist can well guess my delight at seeing this somewhat rare bird; it is rare in this district I well know, for I keep a strict eye on all I see when out, and do not ever remember seeing one before.

Its movements were lightning like; it was up one side and round a short way, and then worked down again, seeming always to be eating. Whether it found food every time it poked its beak in a crevice or not I was unable to see, as I dare not go too near a second time, for I did not wish to risk it getting out of my sight again if I could avoid it. Just as I was having my fill of this interesting bit of bird life, hoot! hoot! up came a motor cycle, and while I was looking to keep clear of it I missed my feathered friend, and failed to see where he went. Anyhow I had had another treat in nature, and was satisfied to think I had seen something new. There is nothing to my mind can touch bird life, whether it be wild or caged birds, and if I had to devote my attention to nothing else all my life, I should think I was a lucky fellow indeed.

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In the course of an article headed "Secrets of the Air," the "Irish Times" says: "Photography has revealed much to us in recent years concerning the habits of birds in their nests and feeding-places, but we have been unable hitherto to follow them into the air and to pierce the mystery of their vast migrations from continent to continent. Most of our knowledge of this subject is derived from the marking of young birds, from birds that have come to rest on ships in mid ocean, and from the bodies of those that have dashed themselves against the lamps of lighthouses. We have a great deal to learn about such matters as the velocity of the various species in full migration, their formations in the air, and their various levels of flight. A time may come when keen naturalists, flying in aeroplanes of greater swiftness and staying power than any now used in our armies, will be able to take minute records of all these things—will be able, perhaps, to act as historians of some annual migration from its start in England to its end in Siberia or Central Africa."

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Nov. 9-10.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.S.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.) J.R., H.W.B., J.B.

Nov. 14.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Kent, 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.)

Dec. 7-8.—**Barrow C.B.A.**—(D. McFarlane and M. Franter, 26, Lord Roberts St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.) J.R., H.W.B., J.B., J.M.

Wales.

Oct. 27.—**Landore Plasmore C.B.S.**—(H. Fry, 22, Plasmarl Terrace, Plasmarl, Swansea.)

Nov. 15.—**Swansea C.B.A.**—(J. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk St.) D.J., S.J.N.

Nov. 21.—**Maesteg C.B.S.**—(C. Williams, 247, Bridgend Rd.)

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Twitterings.

Mr. T. Johnson, Southport, is judging at Leigh C.B.S. show, July 28.

Mr. J. Nicholson, Maryport, Cumberland, writes that he has removed from John St., to 6, Ellenborough Place.

Mr. T. H. Alexander, secretary of Wakefield O.S., writes that he has changed his address from Regent Street to 104, Kirkgate, Wakefield, where he has opened a bird business.

No monthly meetings of the Richmond (Surrey) C.B.S., writes Mr. C. Parmiter, hon. sec., will be held until July 28, the date fixed for our young bird show; schedules will be duly forwarded.

The dance arranged for May 4 by the Sacriston F.F. and C.B.S., writes Mr. R. J. Scorer, hon. sec., was not the success which was anticipated, as there was considerable opposition, and when expenses were paid there was nothing near the amount left which was required to pay off liabilities. I cannot, therefore, square up just yet, but with the help of the committee and members I will do my utmost to pay all claims. About £12 has to be found, and I expect all members and intending members to rally round and swell the list. Will all those who are waiting for their claims to be settled please accept this statement as from the committee. I thank all those who have written wishing future success to the club.

The May issue of "British Birds," Messrs. Witherby and Co., 326, High Holborn, 1s. monthly, completes Vol. 10, and contains a full index to the past twelve issues. The very valuable notes by Mr. H. F. Witherby on the moults of the British Passeres, and notes on the sequence of their plumages are resumed, and the present section covers the Flycatchers, Chiffchaffs, and Warblers. (Parts of these we are privileged to reproduce, and they appear on page 259). In the opening article Mr. Eric B. Dunlop shows that sometimes Rooks are polygamous, and gives some instances which have come under his own observation. The usual interesting "Notes" and correspondence make up a nice issue. The opening of a new volume with the June issue offers an opportunity for student of British birds who are not yet subscribers to become readers of this very useful magazine.

We have just had word from a local fancier at Ayr, that a well known Scottish fancier, Mr. Wm. Conkie, has been wounded at the big advance, south of Arras, on April 23. He now is in Stourbridge in hospital progressing favourably, and sincerely hopes to meet all his "birdy" friends at forthcoming shows.

Country Rambles.

On May 5, the field section of the National British Bird and Mule Club rambled from Ickenham via Uxbridge Common to Denham. The party, which included Messrs. Trower, Crabb, Pretty, and several others, left Baker Street station at 2.3, and a very interesting afternoon was spent. Bird life, however, was not so plentiful as was to be expected, and perhaps the cold wind which prevailed during the late afternoon caused many birds to take cover. About 30 species were seen and noted. On Sunday, May 13, the ramble will be from Harold Wood to Havering-atte-Bowe. Train leaves Liverpool Street at 10.42. All friends and fanciers are welcome to join the party, and should provide themselves with a light lunch. On May 17, Thursday, the ramble will be from South Mimms to Shenley. Motor-bus from Golder's Green at 2.15; from Charing Cross about 1.45. Gentlemen desiring to join the Whitsuntide ramble through the New Forest, leaving London on the Saturday afternoon, should please send their names a week before to Mr. T. R. Trower, hon. treas., 442, Caledonian Road, London, N.

Seasonable Hints on Useful Weeds.

By RICHARD MORSE, F.R.H.S.

A weekly feature which will be found of the highest value to all who keep seed-eating birds, and of interest also to all who appreciate the beauty and usefulness of the flowers of our waysides and meadows. The first of the series appeared in our issue dated March 17.

IN the issue of CAGE BIRDS dated April 14, I dealt with that useful little plant popularly called chickweed, but known to the botanist as "Stellaria media," and I referred then to certain other species of closely related plants also called chickweed, which differ much in appearance and character from the common variety, but are nevertheless of considerable utility to all keepers of seed-eating cage birds.

The sudden advent of summer's climate has not only brought the migrants upon us in unusually rapid succession, but has also at last hastened on the unduly retarded wild flowers of the field and hedgerow, and on all sides now one is meeting with rapidly developing plants of the little mouse-ear chickweeds, so often overlooked even by country dwellers, on account of their rather inelegant appearance and diminutive size.

Mouse-ear Chickweed.

Modern botanical science recognises about eighteen different kinds of mouse-ear chickweed, all of which are grouped under the generic name of "Cerastium," but an enumeration of these in CAGE BIRDS would be, to most readers, both unnecessary and wearisome, and I therefore propose to confine my remarks to those species which are most commonly used by fanciers, and which are to be found in plenty in fields and dry places all over the country.

The general appearance of these weeds may be seen from the drawing on this page. It should be noted that the plants are usually conspicuously hairy, both on stems and leaves, and that the latter in size, shape, and hairiness so closely resemble the ears of a mouse as to have suggested the popular name for these useful little herbs.

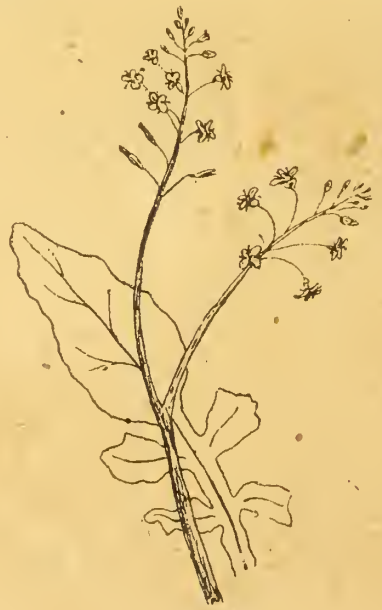
The two most abundant species are known as the narrow leaved and broad leaved mouse-ear chickweed respectively (Cerastium triviale Link and Cerastium viscosum L.). They are very similar in general appearance, and both agree in having tiny, inconspicuous, white flowers, each with five deeply divided petals, and closely resembling those of the common chickweed already referred to.

After the fall of the flowers, however, the difference is considerable, for the little capsules which hold the seeds in "Cerastium" quickly lengthen out, and assume a characteristically curved shape, which renders them quite conspicuous. These are of a tough and horny texture, and later on will burst open at the summit with ten sharply pointed teeth, and so allow of the escape of the seeds on the lightest touch.

Although of no value as a green food, and possessing, so far as I know, no special medicinal virtues, the mouse-ear varieties of chickweed are of great dietetic value in their seeding stages, and not only all the British seed-eaters, but Canaries and others too will greedily devour the abundant seeds of these useful little plants. The seeds will be found on comparison to be not nearly so large as those of the common chickweed, but to bear a much closer resemblance, both in size and colour, to those of the shepherd's purse.

The common wintercress (Barbarea vulgaris Br.) is not yet, I believe, actually in flower, though it quite probably will be by the time these words appear. I do not know that anyone ever uses it in its green state as a food for cage birds, but I draw attention to it thus early because it is much more easily identified at this season than at any other, and is not nearly so widely known as it deserves to be.

The plant when mature reaches a height of about eighteen inches or two feet, and has stout angular stems which bear smooth, shining, dark green leaves, which low down upon the plant are usually of the shape shown in the sketch, but higher up the stem become more or less egg-shaped, and have toothed edges.



Wintercress.

The small flowers are arranged in clusters or racemes, each one consists of four bright yellow petals, and those who have sufficient patience will be able to count four long, and two short, stamens in the interior.

A similar arrangement is to be found in the shepherd's purse, already dealt with in these notes, and is characteristic of members of this useful cabbage family, comprising no less than 1,200 species, not a single one of which possesses any poisonous properties.

Soon after the flowers have fallen, the tiny green seed-pods begin to elongate, and quickly reach a length of an inch or so, being straight, stiff, four-angled, and tapering to a point. The seeds are very numerous, and as the plant abounds on hedge-banks and by water sides, large quantities will soon be available. They contain a high percentage of nitrogenous and oily matter, and the whole plant is famed for its beneficial effects upon the blood.

Readers are invited to send any botanical specimens which they have difficulty in identifying. The whole plant, including fruits, should be sent whenever possible. Packages should be addressed, "The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, and must be accompanied by a P.O. for sixpence. Answers will appear in this column.

"Sauce for the Goose."

I read, says a writer in the "Western Daily Press," that the Humanitarian League has been raising a very strong protest against the proposed campaign against Sparrows. Could not the Food Controller obtain a list of the members of this League, and deduct from their bread rations the quantity of grain that goes to keep these birds alive? Which is of the most use to the country, a family of half a dozen thriving romping boys, or a thousand Sparrows? Where does the "humanity" come in keeping Sparrows alive and depriving these half-dozen "national investments" of their legitimate food? I know not; perhaps because I am a farmer, and have a youngster or two of my own.

The Return of the Nightingale.

I have not noticed in your columns, or elsewhere, says Mr. H. Lucy in a letter to "The Times," notification, common at this time of the year, of the return of the Nightingale. Punctually at break of day I have for fully a week heard this bird singing in a garden overlooking the Channel, situate in a locality which, lest I should convey information useful to the enemy, I will distantly allude to as "somewhere on the south coast." The melodious notes always have a plaintive undertone. Just now, probably subtly influenced by the carnage going on day and night across the water, I find in them a distinctly deeper sadness.

[Mr. Lucy is evidently one of the few bird-lovers who do not read CAGE BIRDS.—Ed.]

The Cat Thought It Out.

The most expert Sparrow catcher I ever knew, says a correspondent to the "Boston Guardian," was the cat domiciled in my home when I was a boy. She was very fond of stalking birds of every description, but seldom managed to secure a victim, at any rate, whilst I was watching her, for the birds generally managed to elude her when she sprang upon them, though sometimes they lost a few feathers. She was, however, very successful in catching Sparrows by another method. A large number of these birds roosted in holes in the thatch of a building, across the entrance of which was a large gate. Up this gate at dusk, when the birds had settled down for the night, pussy would stealthily climb, and standing on the top bar would calmly thrust a paw into one of the holes and pull out one of the wretched little inhabitants, and, quietly descending, proceed to make a meal of it. And yet there are some people who assert that animals have no reasoning faculties.

OBITUARY.

Mr. WM. HART (Paisley).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. A. M. Baird that I inform you of the death of Mr. William Hart, Paisley. He passed peacefully away on April 27, and was buried on May 1. Mr. Hart was one of the old brigade of Scotch Fancy breeders, and about 25 years ago he was right in the forefront of the winners, gaining leading honours at all the principal shows in the country. He was of a genial nature, and was highly respected in the fancy. Failing health caused him to give up the birds some years ago, although he was up till his death honorary president of the Scotch Fancy National Derby, a position he had filled since the society was started 20 years ago. Amongst the mourners who followed his remains to the grave were Messrs. Robert Wright, Greenock, Alex. Baird, John Kelly, and Arthur M. Baird, Paisley. I am sure the sympathy of all Scotch Fancy and other breeders, of whom not a few knew Mr. Hart, will be extended to his family of sons and daughters in their sad bereavement.

A Pretty Wood Picture.

In one of his inimitable despatches to the "Daily Telegraph," Mr. Phillip Gibbs writes: "So all through the night the battle of guns went on, and the sky was filled with the rush and tumult of shells, and the moon veiled his face from this horror, which made a hell on earth. But in a small wood a Nightingale sang through it all. It was a little wood in the curve of a crescent of the guns, and every shell-flash lit it up with a white light, so that the delicate tracery of the boughs and branches was ruffled, and its tiny green leaves were tremulous. And in the heart of that thicket the Nightingale sang with little trills and flutters of song, trying to reach richer notes, to rise higher in an ecstatic outpouring, then warbling little snatches of melody. It was the old song of love, old as the beauty of the world, holding in its tune a thousand centuries of spring-time and all the joy and love of youth in its mating. We listened very silent and held our breath, and wished for things that have been taken from us by devilry."

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Egg Foods and Egg Substitutes.

By F. COLE (East Dulwich).

In the following lecture, given before the members of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S., and the City and Suburban A.C.B., Mr. Cole shows how to economise on the food bill, and how hard-boiled egg may either be dispensed with altogether, or used in much smaller proportion than is generally deemed necessary.

WE are at the present time pairing our birds, and while we are asking ourselves, "What will the harvest be?" I think it behoves us seriously to consider the question of their food supply. For many years eggs in a hard-boiled state have been by many considered the most important ingredient for the rearing of young birds. This has doubtless been arrived at from the fact that they are a very concentrated food, and also probably bearing in mind that the yolk of egg contained in the shell with the chick forms its first meal.

Two General Misconceptions.

I think, however, if this last point be seriously considered we must admit that there is considerable difference between a fowl's egg hard boiled and the fresh yolk which has formed the pillow or bed upon which the chick has formed, and which has ultimately been used as its first meal. To suggest that they are even in a degree similar to my mind requires a fertile imagination, while to insist that the most concentrated food is best for the young chick is contrary to my experience.

By way of comparison it might be suggested that if you and I were to live on meat essence, tabloid vegetables, and other foods we should so conserve our digestive machinery that we should live for ever, whereas we know it would have a contrary effect. We have all read many times that for the first few days of a young bird's life it should be fed on pure yolk of egg. This, I have no hesitation in saying, is not only quite unnecessary, but is at the present time a wicked waste. If eggs must be used, every particle should be used up, and if the stock cannot do this then it is better to use some other food as a substitute.

Now some of you have had as long an experience as I have, and I am sure at times you have found a hen feeding on seed from the first day. I have several times found birds hatched and fed before I had given any soft food, yet without any ill effect. It is also well known that for the first day or two the food supplied to the young is in liquid form. The hen has no difficulty in converting seed into this state in a very short time, which to my mind is evidence that soft food is unnecessary. Whether it is expedient is another question.

Seed the Natural Food.

I have noticed my chicks sometimes, when about four days old, with whole canary seed in their crops. Of course, the yellow husk has been removed, but the brown inner skin of the seed has been plainly visible through the bird's skin at the neck. Now if this whole seed is watched it will have disappeared into the body in a few hours, and in a short time longer will have passed from the bird in a semi-liquid form. I say semi-liquid, because we know that the excreta is contained in a thin covering, or, as it were, skin, so as to enable the old bird to pick it up without dirtying the nest. It will only be necessary to remind you that the chick has itself digested that whole canary seed to convince you that the young chick has already a powerful digestive system.

I know seed reared chicks are sometimes badly nourished; so are egg food chicks, and it is quite likely that those seed reared chicks would have been just as badly nourished if they had been fed on, to our own minds, the most perfect foods. I would remind you of the nests of wild birds you have examined, of the healthy youngsters with their ever-ready mouths for food of any kind. I know how you have longed for your own pampered pets to look so well, and how you have envied that wild hen her bonny chicks.

"Natural environment," did some one say? Yes, my friend, it is; unchecked by man's vain endeavour to make Nature toe his line, to conform to his imperfect knowledge, and abide by his foolish whims and fancies. What is food for one may well be poison for the other, you say, but methinks it were well for us to get back to where we strayed from Nature's path.

Now the natural food consists of wild seed and fruits, vegetable or green food, and insects or meat food. Egg food as we understand it has no place at all.

We have no difficulty in providing seed in normal times, and we cannot go far wrong if we use as the principal seeds canary, rape, and hemp. Canary may be termed the bread of life for our pets. Rape, given either dry or soaked until it begins to germinate, or even boiled for a short while, forms an excellent food to assist in the rearing of our birds. Hemp is a food our birds are very partial to, and, given a good sample, some hens will feed on this almost exclusively.

For vegetable or green food we must be controlled by the place in which we live. If in the country we have access to chickweed, dandelion, shepherd's purse, green plantain stalks, all of which should take precedence over watercress or lettuce, which are almost the only foods the town man can supply.

The Value of Wild Seeds.

Some years ago I remember going into the room of a well-known breeder, and I was much struck with the quantity of chickweed in his cages. There was a good handful in each cage, which he had supplied every day fresh. It was well seeded, and, to show how much his birds appreciated it, they had even woven the driest parts into the nest itself. The birds were in an excellent condition, and the chicks were a sight to remember, which clearly demonstrated to me the need to feed on a natural food where possible.

In the supply of meat we have a more serious question to deal with. We cannot supply insects, and our Canaries, through our continued neglect, have ceased in a large measure to crave for them. They have not, however, quite lost the taste, as is evidenced by the delight a hen seems to get from nibbling the end of a partially formed feather she has plucked from the wing or tail of one of her own offspring.

This is to us a very annoying practice, but I submit it is a fault we ourselves are largely responsible for. It may to a large extent be prevented by supplying a small piece of suet or bacon fat with the rind attached for the birds to peek at, and we know that some fanciers recommend a piece of oven-dried liver or lean beef well grated up and mixed with the soft food.

The fault (I mean the plucking of the young) is a very serious one, and should receive our earnest attention; it is hardly necessary for me to remind you that you have never found it in any species of wild bird life. It is most unnatural, and is to my mind largely accounted for by our continued supply of the egg diet. The bird's system has become over-heated, and it has turned to the fresh juice and oil contained in the immature quill to supply a want we have encouraged to exist.

It will be gathered from what I have already said that I am no believer in the all-egg diet. I have used eggs as a food for many years, both for rearing and moulting, and the longer I do so the more I am convinced they are not absolutely necessary. If an egg be used in conjunction with a sufficient quantity of bisenit meal I do not think much harm will accrue, but a benefit may be obtained. It is from the fact that only small quantities of meal are used that the danger arises. An ordinary fowl's egg as used by me is added to to such an extent that it will give between 30 and 40 teaspoons of food. This is for rearing young birds (not colour feeding), and would be sufficient egg food for eight or ten pairs feeding healthy broods, and when compared with the pure yolk recommended by some would form an inexpensive food.

Chicken Meal a Cheap Substitute.

I have also been experimenting recently with chicken meal as a food for Canaries, and have been quite pleased with it. When soaked in warm water the birds eat it readily. I can assure you there is no need to take the seed off either, and when one considers what it is made of one is not surprised at their apparent enjoyment of it. The brand selected by me is made by Spratts, Ltd., and, of course, the principal ingredient is a biscuit meal. The food also contains seeds, wheat, oatmeal, maize, grit, and other ingredients, all broken up so that a small chicken could readily swallow them. It also contains a percentage of cod liver oil and also meat fibrine. Now none of these foods would harm a wild bird, and all would be readily accepted by the parent finch.

The conclusion I have therefore arrived at is that no harm can accrue to our stock by making a reasonable use of such a mixture. In fact, leaving out green food, this chicken meal forms a more natural food for the rearing of young Canaries than a hard-boiled egg does. I shall certainly use it in a moistened condition during the season as a change of diet, but I think that young birds being weaned on to seed should have it put through a mill first, so as to more thoroughly incorporate the ingredients and make it more easily picked up.

By way of comparison I have prepared several foods, and produce them for your inspection in order that those of you who care to experiment with them may have the opportunity to inspect them, and that they may be more readily discussed this evening.

No. 1 sample is composed of Spratt's chicken meal mixed at the rate of one dessertspoon of meal to 1½ spoons of warm water. This food, as I have said, consists of biscuit or flour, seeds, grit, oil and meat, and may be given as it is to adult birds. That they appreciate it will be seen by their quickly clearing the whole of it from the egg drawer and by the cock bird readily feeding his hen with it. I would suggest from this last fact that it is clearly evident that the birds would also readily feed their young with it, and it therefore forms a very cheap means of rearing.

The cost at the present time is a trifle less than 4d. a lb. in its dry state, and when we consider that its weight is more than three times increased by the mere addition of water we can appreciate the great saving at a time when food of all kinds is costly. Apart from the rearing of young, if this food be used as a substitute for canary seed two or three times a week a great saving of seed will be made.

Sample No. 2 is made of the same meal, but ground up as before stated, and egg added. The meal is used dry at the rate of four dessertspoons to four spoons of water and one egg, and the quantity obtained is about 40 teaspoons. When one considers that five or six spoonfuls are sufficient soft food for the rearing of a healthy brood for a day, allowing the cock and hen a fair proportion for themselves, the cost is small.

No. 3 is made from Spratt's Canary food in the proportion of four dessertspoons of dry food and four of water to one egg. I have reared a great number of chicks on this diet, and, except that it contains no meat or oil, I have no objection to it combined with the canary rape and hemp diet. It has the advantage of being cheap, the meal costing about 4½d. a lb. I have used this food, but without any egg, as a medium for colour-feeding birds, and have found it much more convenient than the usual egg preparation. The birds eat it readily, and the colour mixes freely in the food by the addition of water. The colour of the birds is, in my opinion, also as good.

(To be continued.)

HOW BRITISH BIRDS CHANGE THEIR PLUMAGE.

(Continued from page 789, Dec. 30 issue).

We are indebted to Mr. H. F. Witherby, the Editor of "British Birds," for permission to extract from an exhaustive article entitled: "The MOULTS OF THE BRITISH PASSERES, WITH NOTES ON THE SEQUENCE OF THEIR PLUMAGE," which is appearing in that magazine, the portions which refer to such birds as are generally kept in cages or aviaries. Readers are referred to the magazine mentioned for the complete account.

GENUS *Muscicapa*.

THE moults and sequence of plumages of the Flycatchers on the British list are very interesting in that they differ in the different species. As I have been unable, for want of material, to trace the moults of the Collared Flycatcher, the following summary refers only to the four remaining species.

The adults in late summer or early autumn have a complete moult in the Pied and Red-breasted Flycatchers, but only moult the body-feathers in the Spotted and Brown. The two latter, however, have a complete moult in winter or spring, while the Pied and Red-breasted have only a partial moult at this season. In the Pied this moult includes all the body-feathers and some of the inner secondaries and wing-coverts, while in the Red-breasted not even all the body-feathers moult and none of the secondaries or wing-coverts.

The moult from the juvenile to the first winter differs in detail in each species. Though all moult the body-feathers, the extent of the moult in the wing-coverts and secondaries varies. The first spring moult is like that of the adult except in the Brown Flycatcher which, instead of having at this time a complete moult as the adult, renews only its body-feathers and some wing-coverts as in its first autumn moult.

With regard to the sequence of plumages, the juveniles in all the species may be generally described as being spotted on the upper-parts. In the Spotted and Brown Flycatchers the sexes are alike in the adult both in summer and in winter, and the first winter birds can be distinguished by the pale tips to some of the wing-coverts, though this difference disappears in the summer in the case of the Spotted Flycatcher which has a complete moult in spring.

In the Pied Flycatcher the adults, male and female, are very much alike in winter though so different in summer. The first winter birds can be distinguished from the adults by the pale tips to some of the wing-coverts, and in the male by other small differences. In the first summer the female is practically indistinguishable from the adult female, but the male has small distinctions from the adult male.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER (*Muscicapa s. striata*).

ADULTS.—The body-feathers are moulted from July to September, but usually the wings, wing-coverts and tail are not moulted before the birds migrate, although occasionally some secondaries and wing-coverts and rarely the central pair of tail-feathers are moulted. From November to March, when the bird is in winter-quarters, a complete moult takes place, the wing and tail-feathers and wing-coverts being then moulted as well as the body-feathers. The sexes are alike, and the winter and summer plumages do not differ. The pale edgings to the wing-feathers and wing-coverts become much worn before the new feathers are acquired, and as summer advances the upper-parts become greyer-brown.

JUVENILE.—The upper-parts have a very spotted appearance owing to each feather having a pale buff centre with a narrow dark brown margin; the breast and flanks are also rather spotted than streaked as in the adult, each feather being buffish-white with a margin of dull brown; the median and inner greater wing-coverts have pale buff spots at the tips of the feathers. Sexes alike.

FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile body-feathers, lesser and median wing-coverts and innermost secondaries are moulted from July to September, but not the greater or primary coverts, nor the tail nor rest of the wing-feathers. After the moult the first winter bird can always be distinguished from the adult by the broader pale edgings to the secondaries, and by the spots at the tips of the inner greater coverts, while sometimes a few juvenile body-feathers are also retained.

FIRST SUMMER.—A complete moult takes place as in the adult, but rather later, extending until April (exceptionally May). The new plumage is indistinguishable from that of the adult.

PIED FLYCATCHER (*Muscicapa h. hypoleuca*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult in July and August. Early in the year (apparently January to March) most of the body-feathers, three (occasionally four) innermost secondaries, the inner greater wing-coverts (outer very seldom), and sometimes some median and lesser wing-coverts are moulted, but not the rest of the wings nor the tail.

The sexes are very much alike in winter plumage, the upper-parts being dark brown, but while the male has usually white or creamy bases to the feathers of the forehead the female has either brown or creamy bases and never white, the rump of the female is brown, but that of the male often (but not always) is a mixture of black and brown, the upper tail-coverts of the male are black with some of the shorter feathers with brown tips while those of the female are usually brown but sometimes black with brown tips. In the female also the tail-feathers are dark brown and never so black or blackish as in the male.

In summer the plumage of the female scarcely differs from that of winter, but there is a little more white on the secondaries—the under-parts are rather whiter. The male, however, differs strikingly, having a white forehead and glossy black upper-parts, though a varying number of brown winter feathers remain unmoulted especially on the back and rump, the under-parts become pure white, and the new secondaries and greater coverts black and white, the new median and lesser coverts black, the former occasionally with white tips.

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The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. H. A. Wilson, 14 West Bridge St., Bishop Auckland.

When to Gather Wild Seeds.

SIR,—In answer to further questions asked by "Novice," he will find the best times for gathering seeds mentioned as follows: Shepherd's-purse, June and July; knapweed, August; teazel and dock, late August and early September. In those months the seeds are quite ripe and easy to gather. Regarding the abstraction of the seed from the heads of the teazel, he will find that the seed when quite ripe will fall out quite clean by holding the head upside down and gently shaking it; in fact, it is one of the easiest of all to abstract. I shall be pleased at any time to answer any questions which are beneficial to the Fancy in general, as I am and have been for a good number of years a keen fancier of Canaries, Mules, and British birds. Of the latter I have caught many in my time, and consider it quite a fascinating pastime, providing one uses no cruel methods, looks well after his captures, and is not always looking at the monetary side of the business.

E. W. HUMPHREY.

Breeding Roller Canaries.

How to Make a Start.

SIR,—I am sending you the following short notes in the hope that they will be of some assistance to those about to start in keeping Roller Canaries.

The novice should purchase a few cock birds with good deep song, and some young hens of the same strain, for he will get far better results in this way than in pairing birds derived from different sources. He may either go to some reliable breeder or an exhibitor at a Roller singing contest, and ask him to fit him up with such birds as he requires, or he should go to a Roller singing contest where he will be able to get the opinion of the judge, which will, of course, help him materially.

When I started in the pleasant hobby of breeding Roller Canaries, that is, about twenty years ago, I knew nothing whatever about this bird or his song. I was living over fifty miles from any town in which there was a Roller Canary Club, and I did not know a single exhibitor of Roller Canaries. I was therefore, entirely on my own, and did not do any showing for the first season or two. Having started taking CAGE BIRDS, and gathered much information from its columns, I started exhibiting, and from that day to the present have had considerable success.

The novice will greatly be helped if he will join a club, and go to the monthly meetings, for there he will gather much valuable information which I myself was not able to obtain when I started in the hobby.

My own method of breeding Roller Canaries is as follows: I put up about twelve or fourteen hens, and half the number of cock birds, running two hens with each cock. I get half my hens down at the same time, so that if there are some of them which will not feed their young I am able to transfer them to any of the others.

If most of the first round eggs prove fertile I only take two nests from my hens during the season; but if not I allow them to go to nest the third time. It is of very great importance that the birds should be in good condition before a start is made: to hurry in this direction is only to lose valuable time instead of gaining it. This season birds are very backward owing to the long spell of cold weather, and will be a month or so later than any ordinary season. I would just say in my bird rooms I use no artificial heat whatever, but leave the birds to come into condition in an ordinary way.

W. H. MORRIS.

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Fifteen Years Old Linnet Dead.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. H. Norman's letter some time back in CAGE BIRDS, re birds living to a good age in captivity, I am sorry to say that my Linnet died last Sunday morning, aged 15 years. My method of feeding him was canary two parts, rape one part, and as titbits I gave him dandelion, thistle, inga, sesame, gold of pleasure equal parts. His green food was chickweed and watercress. He was in the best of health until the last six months. J. HUGHES.

The Value of Green Food.

A Canary Lives for Six Weeks on Brussels Sprouts.

SIR,—The bird mentioned in my lecture was a Roller Canary, which I took at first to be a hen and only worth 1s. 6d. at that time of the year, so I did not trouble about it. But I was very curious to see how it would fare in mid-winter at large; it was always in my patch of Brussels sprouts, and must have lived for six weeks on little else, as there was so little of anything else about.

I quoted this to show how important a food green food was for Canaries, when a bird could practically live for six weeks on it and then burst into full song. J. JEFFREY.

Is Tredegar C.B.S. Dead?

"One Interested" Gives His Name as Desired.

SIR,—In reply to the sec. of Tredegar C.B.S., I think the question asked could have been answered, as I have personally asked him the reason why there have been no meetings, and also why he sent a schedule for an unflighted show to all members, and then cancelled the same till a future date. That date has not yet arrived, and knowing that he travelled to all the leading shows of Wales, and has also followed up the meetings of another society, I think he could spare a little of his time to the society that he is holding office for. I think that an explanation is necessary, and I trust he can give a satisfactory reply to the question asked, as the space in CAGE BIRDS is too valuable to be wasted on such questions as these, for we in Tredegar have to rely on this valuable paper for all information on birdy matters.

G. O. THOMAS.

The Care of the Linnet.

The Forced Moult Cruel and Unnecessary

SIR,—I was very much interested in Mr. Porritt's article on the care of the Linnet, as I have always been a lover of British, and I consider Mr. Porritt's article of great merit. In my opinion, Mr. Editor, you acted perfectly correctly in not publishing "Rambler's" method of forcing the moult. I have myself moulted nearly one hundred for catching purposes, but I can only say with honesty that of 87 birds that I have force-moulted, I have only had one good one out of the lot, as they never make much after a forced moult; it takes the best blood out of them. I have given up this practice both with box moult and damp moult, and will never use it again. I notice Mr. Porritt mentions the bottle. I don't know the meaning of the bottle, but I can form conclusions as to the meaning. I have only sung once with Linnets, and got fourth prize, although the bird had only been caught three weeks, and I can assure anyone that this bird never had anything but canary, rape and linseed, and dandelion tea. I may say that I had one of the best Linnets in Lancashire for contest singing, but as I did not sing with them I sold it. Mr. Alec Donnelly, the owner of the bird, has won dozens of first prizes with it, and he is still one of the best, so I can only say that anyone starting with Linnets should take the advice of Mr. Porritt, and if they will keep to this method I feel sure success will reward them. I myself like giving my Linnets a little wild seed such as groundsel, chickweed, plantain, and shepherd's purse when in season, and they fully enjoy it. I would like to say a little more, but I will write a few notes on the Waxwing and the Nightingale for next week's paper if you think they will be worthy of publishing in your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS. May success attain Mr. Porritt and all such fanciers is the true wish of

W. LLOYD.

[We shall be pleased to receive the promised notes on the Waxwing and Nightingale.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

Breeding Winning Norwich.

On Making a Start.

SIR,—In reply to "Lover of a good Norwich" I may say that had he heard my lecture he would probably agree that the person whose success depends upon the advice of others is spoon fed. The individual who cultivates and backs his own intelligence becomes self reliant, and the better man and the better citizen. F. J. MARTIN.

The Colour of the Linnet's Beak

SIR,—I purchased recently from a well-known bird dealer in Edinburgh a very nice house-moulted Linnet for muling purposes. The bird is well shaped and in excellent health, but it seldom sings, and on looking at it carefully the other day I observed it has a remarkably white or light coloured bill. I wonder if Mr. W. Porritt or any other writer on the Linnet in recent issues of CAGE BIRDS can explain this. The last Linnet I kept for several years had a dark bill and was a splendid song bird.

JAMES HAY.

[The colour of the beak of the Linnet varies according to the season, and to the condition of the bird. When a Linnet is in breeding condition his beak his bluish-black. At other times it is flesh or horn-coloured.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

Why Members' Shows Fail.

The Misuse of Commendation Cards.

SIR,—"A Fancier" seems to have woefully misconstrued my letter on this subject. I should be the last to support a money-grabbing policy, either at members' or open shows. I fully recognise the wholesome influence upon the fancy which members' shows wield, indeed they seem to be almost the only shows held at all now. At the same time it must be borne in mind that where open shows are discontinued, or where, being held, they result in financial loss, it is absolutely necessary if the club is to keep above water that the members' shows should be made to well pay their way. "A Fancier" says he is "up against" my suggestion to charge higher entrance fees, but when one notices that he himself recommends the advancing of the entry fees to a flat rate of 7d. per bird, and the reduction of prize-money to a basis of 4½d. per bird, one may be pardoned for wondering where his opposition comes in, particularly as he also applauds a club which charged 3d. per bird and gave no prize-money whatever. At the best my critic's difference with me on this point is one of detail rather than principle, for we seem to agree that where a profit is desired the entry fees must bear a more generous relation to the prize-money than they do at present.

I cannot, moreover, see any improvement in the method "A Fancier" suggests of counting points for special prizes. Under this, as in the old system, an exhibitor who scores first and second in a class might be beaten by another exhibitor who merely filled the class with indifferent and worthless specimens, and scored third, fourth, vhc, and hc, just because there was no other competition. To be fair, more than one point must separate the various grades in the scale of awards, otherwise one is almost as well off with a second prize as with a first.

Why "A Fancier" should object to the judge withholding these commendation cards at his discretion passes my comprehension. It must be humiliating to say the least of it to compel a judge to affix his official commendation to a bird which offends all his fancier instincts. If it be necessary for competition purposes to issue seven cards, then issue them by all means, but call them what they really are, namely 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and then issue your vhc, etc. cards to any birds of outstanding merit—if such there be—which are not in the cards. But to call a really bad bird vhc is such an obvious misnomer that it makes the fancy look ridiculous.

What would "A Fancier" say if at a great chemical exhibition he heard one of the judges say: "I have given Jones' pills an order of merit. I know they are rubbish, made of soap and jalap, but I had the distinction to award, and there was no one else left to award it to." A. R. COE.

The Trouble of the Sweating Hen.

Is Nervousness the Cause?

SIR,—After reading Mr. L. Williams' letter on the trouble of the sweating hen in your issue of April 28, I would like to give my opinion on the subject. Although quite agreeing with Mr. Williams in some respects, yet I don't look at the matter altogether as he does. In the first place he attributes the trouble to the feeding. Now, it is a very good plan to look for the cause before trying to remedy any trouble, but I am afraid he has got on the wrong track in this case, if he will pardon me for saying so, as this is the main point where our opinions differ, and perhaps he will see as I do when I point out what I mean.

During my experience in the fancy, which is not very great, seeing it is just on twelve years this season since I started, I have found that surfeiting the hens with too much rich food after the young are just hatched brings on a trouble of another sort; not sweating, but the other extreme, starvation, as the hens eat so greedily at the mixtures given, after being on plain white seed during the fortnight of sitting, that they take more than is necessary to satisfy the needs of the newly hatched youngsters. This has a tendency to feed up the hens again, and make them forsake the young and go to nest again with a fresh clutch of eggs, and if it so happens that you have no more youngsters of the same age that you can put them in with it means "death from starvation."

Now the sweating hen is altogether different. After her eggs are hatched she seems to think so much of her young that she won't leave the nest either long enough or often enough to get sufficient food for her chicks, which means that if they live to leave the nest they seem to want a nurse with them always. But the biggest percentage die, not altogether for want of food, but also for want of air, which they cannot get when the mother is crouched down in the nest, and so seldom leaves it.

Now, my idea of the cause of sweating in any hen can be written in one word, and that is "nervousness," which is more often seen in unflighted hens than in older birds. You might naturally consider that young hens that you have bred yourself should be used to your knocking about the bird room. This is, perhaps, correct, and yet the first year's breeding is a new sphere of life for her, and she is so jealous and mindful of her babes that she will not even trust them to the care of the one who tended to her own needs from infancy, but as an over year hen she may prove to be an ideal mother.

So much for that; and now what can we do to alter all this? Before I proceed any further let it be understood that I do not wish to pose as an expert on the subject under discussion, nor do I wish anyone to follow my methods if he has a remedy of his own. The reason for my writing this is that I have at several times received a lot of help from the correspondence carried on in CAGE BIRDS weekly, and if only I write a sentence that will help any fancier in any way I shall be greatly pleased.

In the first place, the sweating hen is one of the hens that must be separated from the cock bird while feeding. If not, she will call for her food instead of leaving the nest for it, and, of course, that would be helping her to sit closer to the young.

One I cured of the habit in the following manner. After a few days I found she was not doing what she ought, so I took a stroll into the fields and returned with a nest of Greenfinches which appeared to be of about the same age as my young Canaries, and after giving the Canaries to a pair I had feeding at the same time I put the finches in the nest of the sweater. These, being much stronger, seemed to grow much faster than Canaries, and kept the hen going feeding, as they never appeared to be still in the nest. Anyhow, it had the desired effect, and, besides, it brought a cock bird on to feed that previously I had never seen feeding young. I am firmly convinced that anyone trying this method will prove that it will cure sweating hens or non-feeders.

Another method I have heard of, but have never tried, is making the egg food salty, which is supposed to make the hen leave the nest oftener for a drink, and this allows the youngsters more air.

Another point I believe in is giving whole hemp seed to the hens to feed with, for it entails a longer period off the nest, as it is hard for them to crack. I know many believe in crushing the hemp, but I do not; I give all seed in the whole state, and in separate vessels, and I might say with a certain amount of success, as I have bred Canaries, besides Mules from the Goldfinch, Greenfinch, and Linnet, and have got a nest of full eggs from a Hybrid pair, Goldie-Greenies, which I found had gone under just previous to chipping, all in one season. I attribute my success to the help of CAGE BIRDS, which I practically devour every Friday, and whenever I can I bring it to the notice of new fanciers. And now I would ask pardon for taking up so much valuable space, but I have felt that I would like to give a little of the help to others that you so kindly give us weekly, and I wish you continued success in your efforts for the fancier.

H. A. WILSON.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 260.)

Early Outdoor Canaries.

Sir,—As I am a regular reader of Cage Birds it may interest you to know that I have a nest of three young Canaries in an open outside aviary. They were hatched on April 25, and are going on well. Don't you think they are very early after the hard winter we have had? There is no heating stove of any kind in the aviary. I have not heard of any other young birds about here yet, and fanciers tell me I am the first to have them.

Hy. Wood.

Breeding Exhibition Norwich Canaries.

Use Only the Best in Trying for the Best.

Sir,—The breeding season is now here, and we are all on edge to get to business. We have to depend partly on the "Wait and see" principles, but as our methods are usually guided by our past experience, we will be trying our best to right the wrongs of last season. I have been struggling along in the fancy for a good number of years, trying year after year to improve my stock in head and neck, the much sought after properties in a winning Norwich. I find it a difficult task to master. However, my intention in penning these few remarks is to give my own personal opinion of the best way to obtain this.

I have found in my years of bird breeding that the male bird is always distinctly demonstrated in the extremities of the young, that is, the head, wings, and tail, and if we are to improve our birds in these directions we will have to discard all weak headed cocks when pairing up for the breeding season. It doesn't matter how good in head and neck your hen is, if you pair up to a cock decidedly weak in head, 75 per cent. of the progeny will also be weak in head. I have been disappointed on several occasions in the results of my pairing up when I have tried to counterbalance the defects in one bird by the introduction of good in the other, for when we look round our birds we usually have some difficulty in fixing up the same to produce us that "ideal" Norwich we are all hoping to obtain.

When pairing up my birds I look for the best exhibition cock birds I possess, then select the best exhibition hens, and then pair up the very best cock to the very best hen. I leave nothing to chance, and sometimes I am able to produce a decent bird or two. I always find that by the time I get one or two of my best pairs mated up I have become "buffered locked," to use a railway phrase. I am at a standstill. I have used up my best and am left with those which would have been good ones if they had been better in head and neck. Now to pair up those to produce winners is in my opinion a matter of chance, and the chances are limited, so I would recommend the beginner to pair up only his best, and at the end of the breeding season it will afford him a deal more satisfaction to find he has been able in this way to produce something decent than if he had bred a room full of wasters.

To prove that I am not entirely wrong in my suggestion as to the male birds being so dominant in the extremities of the progeny, we have only to look carefully at the Hybrid and Mule classes at any of our shows, and we are able to say with some certainty what has been the male bird. Take, for instance, the Goldfinch-Canary cross, and what do we find? The Goldie's head, wings, and tail; and all other crosses are known to me in this manner.

I am sure if the young fancier will just give this method a fair trial he will find it usually works out all right; don't try to breed a room full of winners, but be content with a few good ones. At some future time I will perhaps give my method of feeding, moulting, and staging an exhibition Norwich.

R. Colley.

Inbreeding.

No Credentials; But Believes He Has a Case.

Sir,—It is an old dodge in journalism and with politicians, when an opponent brings forth facts which can't be disproved, to confound the issue by attacking his personality or his reputation. As I glanced through my "skit of a cynic" as written for general consumption, I was struck afresh at the hopelessness of a frontal attack from the inbreeders, so an attack in the rear is the correct course to pursue. Because I have not produced Norwich to beat Sam Cook, or Yorkshires to beat Mr. Dykes, I am not a fit person to contest the theories of inbreeders. Did Mr. House ask Mr. Crawhall or "Beejay" and the other writers who were bolstering up his case for their credentials? No. But because he has no case he seeks the refuge of a beaten man and tries to confound the issue by trailing red herrings.

In that little fourpence a week school where a little anæmic teacher tried to force a little knowledge into my carcase, I was told that it was bad manners in conversation to talk of oneself, and that lesson seems to have had a certain dominance over all the others ever since. There is always safety in talking of other people's successes, and that is why I have mentioned the champions of others to prove my arguments.

If Mr. House had tried to convince your readers that the wonderful green hen, the champion buff cock, and the champion "Dreadnought" had been bred by inbreeding and not from unrelated stock, instead of writing a letter which doesn't further his arguments, he would have done some good to the cause of inbreeders.

When I was much younger—very much younger—I used to think it would be nice to be an Editor. It appeared to me that the height of one's ambition would be reached for one to be able to give everyone hell without any interference from outside. As was to be expected, my dream was never realised, so I became a bird fancier and studied Mr. House. He was my beau ideal of a fancier journalist. He had kept, and was an expert on, dogs, cats, cavies, fowls, rabbits, Canaries, white mice, and pigeons, and when I read his latest letter I don't know whether he wouldn't have made a good lion tamer. Anyhow, he seems to have crowded a good many hobbies into his life, and if he kept them all at once he must have had something approaching a menagerie. (By the way, did he never keep hedgehogs?)

But, as I said, I studied Mr. House. I studied his style, and particularly that truculent style which he confesses to. And then one time I sent a letter to a paper, a letter in which—I confess—someone was getting it in the neck, as the modern flapper would say. Two days later the Editor returned my manuscript, and said in a covering letter, with that urbanity of which he is a past master, and which should be a sine qua non in all journalists, that he hoped I would not press for its publication. That Editor has earned my undying gratitude. He taught me a lesson in a few short words that one might be sarcastic, one might be satirical, one might treat an opponent with ridicule, but personal abuse was the refuge of a beaten opponent. It is much wiser to turn the other cheek.

As I understand this controversy, two or three fanciers of high social standing were trying to convince breeders that by inbreeding their stock they would produce more winners and greater champions than by the ordinary methods of buying from different studs; and, going about the shows as I do, making notes of winners, and asking from the owners how they are bred, I knew that the advice was wrong—entirely wrong, and also, knowing the changes that have taken place in Norwich Canaries in my own time, I knew instinctively that those changes could only have come about by selection and by buying the right sort of stock. A man need not be a breeder of champions to know when he sees a good one, or to ask how it is bred. Now, does he?

If a fancier's stock is deficient in a certain point, can he remedy that defect by inbreeding? No, he fixes it. By inbreeding, you are revolving round and round like the earth on its axis. You can produce show birds, but your stock is likely always to be deficient in that point unless you introduce one or more birds excelling in that point, then you are on the road to success. But that, to my mind, is not inbreeding. Those are deductions made by a fancier without credentials.

I have seen it advocated by inbreeders that a man may start with three pairs of birds, and need not introduce fresh blood for many years. Sam Cook's buff cock and Mr. Green's hen were not produced that way. I do not think any man will cavil at the statement that Mr. Cook is our most consistent and successful Norwich producer. If they do, I will qualify the statement by saying he is one of the most successful. That will meet the argument. Well, what of it? Simply this. It is no secret that Sam introduces fresh blood every year—sometimes one bird, sometimes two, just as he requires them.

The same may be said of Mr. Crawshaw and many of our most successful breeders. Our friend Jack Houghton claimed Mr. Spillman's winning unflighted hen at Cardiff. If he is a great inbreeder, why introduce fresh blood? Surely no one will deny the success of Mr. Houghton? Mr. Dykes bought "Dreadnought." If he could produce as good by inbreeding, why did he buy it? These are questions asked by a fancier without credentials, and questions that cannot be answered by the inbreeders. They are brought to a dead stop. These are unanswerable facts, proving that the best in the land are produced from unrelated stock. It is Mr. House's turn to go one better, and when he proves that a champion as good as those I have mentioned has been produced by inbreeding methods he will find that I shall be the first to own up and shut up.

But I am not near finished yet. I have never kept dogs, or cats, or rabbits, or cavies, or white mice, or rats—intentionally, anyhow—but I keep pigeons. At present I have five varieties of pigeons, including one that Mr. House has suddenly become an expert on—with, I hope, credentials. I mentioned show homers in that "skit," but I only mentioned one case. I will give another.

Every show homer fancier knows Bob Cocker. He kept show homers when I was teething. Rumour has it that he was brought up on them; anyhow, he owns a wonderful chequer hen. Mr. House knows her, and Fred Denham, the well-known judge, says that she is the best blue chequer hen living. I asked Mr. Cocker her pedigree, and whether she was bred by inbreeding, i.e., from related parents. He gave me an emphatic "No." Two years ago he won the Northern Counties Trophy—a very high honour—with a mealy cock, bred from unrelated stock. I have no credentials beyond winning at Maindee in a limit class, but there are the facts. The fact is, if we were to wait until Bob Cocker or Sam Cook wrote a treatise against inbreeding, some of us would have grey hairs. Plenty of fanciers can produce winners, but they can't compete with Mr. House in journalism, while I—well, I am just a chronicler of other people's successes and methods.

Mr. House accuses me of prejudice. Why should I be prejudiced? I don't know him, nor does he know me, and if his name was introduced it was certainly without prejudice. Nay, I even paid him compliments. If he still thinks otherwise, he must put it down to my truculent style.

One of the principals in this controversy, who is such a believer in inbreeding, travelled from Plymouth to Newcastle, and from the East to the West coast, buying the best that could be bought. He paid £8 for the best hen that was bred two years ago. She was an ideal Norwich. Now, if he could produce the best from inbreeding, why was he buying all over the country? Was he a Daniel come to judgment? And do I need credentials to tell that story?

A fortnight ago I received a letter from one of England's greatest Norwich fanciers, and one of its most popular. I cannot give his name without his permission, but in his letter were these words: "I am glad to note the rabid inbreeders are now getting some corrective. At one time I inclined to the idea, thanks to C. A. N. (sic), but of late years have steered clear of it. For one thing the longevity, or period of reliable breeding operations, in Canaries is not long enough, and it is not possible to revert to certain sires or dams just when needed, because such would have joined their fathers long ago." That letter is from a fancier with credentials.

Do you know, I am fond of quoting Mr. House, and I have just been re-reading his book on Norwich Canaries. In his introductory remarks he says, speaking of the eighties and nineties: "The Norwich of that time was a very different bird to the Norwich of to-day. Times change, and birds, like men, change with them. In those days the Norwich Plainhead was a smart little fellow, not much larger than the Border of the present time. To give my readers some idea of the change which years have wrought, I may say that in size and shape the Norwich and the Lizard were at that time very much alike . . . in length about five and a half inches. Now we have a different stamp of bird altogether—stouter and fuller, deeper and wider, as well as longer." Further on he says: "These differences are so great that one can hardly credit that such changes would have been wrought in a quarter of a century by a body of men so conservative as cage bird fanciers."

I am not cavilling at the statement, but, if I may be allowed to ask without credentials, were these changes brought about by inbreeding? It is unbelievable. Quoting Mr. House again, he says: "It was in the year 1883 that we saw the first of the big birds in the south. He came from the stud of one who has turned out many a good Norwich—Mr. C. E. Silk. The bird was called 'The Wonder,' and he was well named, for he did indeed make the fancy wonder." Indeed, it makes me wonder if he was produced by inbreeding.

In the chapter devoted to selection of stud, Mr. House says: "No matter how much care is exercised in selecting birds, if they come from different studs they are not likely to mate satisfactorily, whereas if chosen from one stud they are almost certain to hit and breed decent stock the first season." Fanciers, note. It is rank heresy to say so, but the best Norwich buff hen ever staged, the green hen, was bred from two different studs at the first time of asking.

Speaking of the green hen, where Mr. House says I put words into his mouth, and where he says he would certainly not have advised Mr. Green to pair daughter back [illegible] ask unprejudiced fanciers to note that if the old original hen is of correct shape and size, possesses plenty of quality and good colour, he should pair her to the son most like his father, and the old sire should be mated to his daughter most like her mother." And this: "An experienced breeder knows this, and would pair sire to daughter and dam to son, the rest brother to sister, and find the next season's results approach the desire of his heart." Did I put those two sentences in Mr. House's mouth?

He asks for my credentials. Has he asked for the credentials of those fanciers who have taken the other side and have helped to bolster up his case? Ah! but that is another story. My credentials are those of the average fancier who visits shows, who visits fanciers, who knows their methods, who goes about with his eyes open, and, beyond winning a few firsts and seconds at such shows as Liverpool, Manchester, Bolton, Burnley, Accrington, Gt. Harwood, and Warrington, I have no credentials to offer except a clean conscience; but I would ask fanciers to examine the evidence which I have set down. I am speaking of birds which you all know, of fanciers whom you all know—present-day champions. Mr. House talks of fanciers and birds of 30 years ago, men whose credentials are forgotten.

In conclusion, I would repeat that I have never said that winners could not be produced by inbreeding, but when you know that champions of all the champions are produced the other way, well—what would you have?

T. Johnson.

Is Mr. Johnson Inconsistent?

Sir,—After reading the lecture on Inbreeding by Mr. Johnson and the correspondence from the pens of Mr. House and two other writers, I feel that I cannot allow the chance of saying what is in my thoughts at this time to slip. I am convinced that the lecturer cannot be really serious. He is, I believe, pulling the leg, as it were, of other fanciers just to draw out the dormant thoughts of men who will not put their thoughts in writing. If I am wrong I also am open to correction.

His lecture to me seems to be a mix up of this; he believes in inbreeding in the one sentence, and in the other he does not. For instance, the one time he would pair a hen which breeds and feeds well, and that lays a large clutch of eggs, to a cock that comes from a similarly free breeder, then pair back to their parents, and then introduce an outcross every second or third year. He calls this inbreeding according to the paragraph beginning with "you may have come to the conclusion," etc. Now I consider this a muddle up of alien blood, and not inbreeding at all. Inbreeding is, as Mr. House puts it, a system. I will go further and say it is a science; that is the reason it has so many opponents. Not being easy to grasp or master it is condemned by those that have not the patience to carry it out to the letter.

He also says it requires first class stock that is exhibition birds, if one must be successful. This is not the case, and I will give you a case in point. I paired together last breeding season father and daughter, neither of them was a show bird, but they were bred out of a pair that had won at one of our local shows, 3rd and vhc. They were not considered good enough to send out to the open, but from this pairing of father and daughter I reared the best that one could wish to look at, and if they had been in the hands of some of our leading Border Fancy breeders could have won without a doubt. I only exhibited two, both cocks, and in their respective classes they won for me first and second, and in good competition at that. I am not keen on exhibiting, or I might have won more, in fact I am sure I could, as all the cock birds were far ahead of their parents. I only got two hens from the pair and five cocks, so you see it can be done with mediocre stock. I may state they were a perfect match for one another.

I am taking up too much space, but I crave just a little more to ask our genial Sam, the one and only, a question re the buff cock mentioned, bred from related stock, that stood 2nd to his father so many times. Was he a young bird last year? If so, can he improve so as to be able to beat his father this year? I believe he will if still to the fore.

I do not think it fair to say that the son was not so good as his father when you consider that you are putting a first year bird against a matured one, especially with Norwich Plainheads, as they are reckoned to improve very much in the second moult. I hope I have made myself clear on this matter, for the subject of inbreeding is a very interesting one to me, and I am glad that we have good old Cage Birds to thrash out our views.

T. R. Wallace.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN

YOUNG DYING.

R. T.—As you appear to suspect that your bread may be partly the cause of your young birds dying in the manner you describe, I will say at once that if it is similar to what we get in the place where I live, it would be the very last thing that I should be inclined to suspect as a probable cause. Possibly, the sawdust on the floor of the cages in place of sand might be in some way a contributory cause, especially if the parents pick much about the floor after morsels of moist food that have been dropped, or green food which they give to the young. Clean, gritty, calcareous sand is far ahead of anything else for covering the floors of the cages during the breeding season, and although sawdust is of very good service at other times, I do not advise its use during the breeding season. Also I am not in favour of giving a free supply of dandelion as green food when young are being reared, and in your case I think you would do much better to give either chickweed, flowering heads of tender young groundsel, lettuce, or even watercress, giving preference to them in the order named. There is nothing whatever wrong with the seeds of which you send samples, which are all of fairly good quality, and the hemp in the mixture of excellent all-round quality, but the mixture is not a judicious one. It contains too much niger and teazle, and too little variety for a mixture. You would do better either to give a moderate supply of hemp alone daily after the young are about ten days old, or use the mixture which you will very often see advised in this column. For the present I would advise you to substitute sand for the sawdust on the floors of the cages, and when the next young are out start on the third day giving a little crisp young groundsel, which will be more easily getatable than chickweed, and I see no reason why you should not meet with your usual amount of success. If the young appear to falter at all, add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the drinking water of the parents for one day. I shall be glad to hear the result of the next brood, and if you will repeat particulars I will advise you further if it is necessary.

SAMPLE OF SEED MIXTURE.

F. O. D.—(1) A simple mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape is to be preferred to any more elaborate mixture as a staple diet during the breeding season, or at any other time for the matter of that, but if you prefer a more varied mixture the one of which you send a sample is a fairly reasonable one. It might be improved by at least doubling the proportion of rape and reducing that of linseed by two-thirds, and the proportion of niger would also bear a fair amount of reduction. (2) The mixture is composed of canary, the bulk, summer rape, niger, linseed, brown and Indian millet, and crumbs of egg bread. In addition, there are a few stray grains each of white millet, sesame, grass, dock and bindweed, possibly adventitious rather than intentional items.

LOSSES FROM EGG-BINDING.

T. S.—Seeing you have "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and also the "Manual," you can scarcely need a definite table for feeding the birds after they are mated. See, for instance, pages 32 and 33 of the former, which is practically what you wish. This system of feeding you can quite safely carry out from the time the birds are mated until the hen begins to sit. It is certainly very disappointing to lose so many hens from this trouble in so short a time. It is of very little use giving a little inga now and again as an item of the dietary at this season, with the hope of preventing egg-binding, neither is there much practical good to be expected from giving salad oil in the water, the effect of which is more likely to be a badly soiled and bedraggled appearance of the plumage than anything else. With regard to the inga seed, to get the proper benefit from this as a preventive of egg-binding it must be given all through the back end of winter and spring in quantities of about half a teaspoonful per hen twice a week. The salad oil would be of even less effect, and a drop of molasses about every second day for a week or so before the hens were expected to commence laying would have been far more effectual, supposing there was any real need for anything at all in the water. In a general way I would advise you to adopt these few hints at once, and meantime digest well the contents of the handbooks you have, and be guided in the details by what you find in those pages, and given normal and healthy stock you should find this trouble reduced to an event of rare occurrence. Stop all drugs and nostrums for the present, keep the cage floors strewn with clean gritty sand, and when the hens are going to nest get a little old mortar, sprinkle with common salt, and then smash it up to a coarse sand and strew a little of this on the top of the sand on the cage floors two or three times a week until the hens have laid their full clutches, also keep a piece of cuttlefish in each cage where the hens can gain easy access to it from the perch. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together, and in addition give every second day to each pair a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats, and twice a week on the alternate days give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Continue this also until the hens have again gone to nest. For green food, now that more variety is available, give either chickweed or the tender flowering tips of groundsel, but utterly avoid dandelion for these hens. See they are kept in a bright and healthy situation, free from direct cold draughts and damp. I shall be glad to hear result of the next attempt at nesting. Don't hesitate to write again and repeat full particulars if anything goes wrong, and I shall be pleased to help you further if possible.

AVIARY FOR YOUNGSTERS.

Beginner.—The space set apart for an aviary for the young seems to be very fairly arranged, and there is little alteration that I would suggest. On the sketch there is no protection for the window marked, so if this has been overlooked you should not fail to cover the window space with fine netting as a precaution against escapes in case the window should be broken or accidentally left open. String netting fixed taut to a light wood frame would answer the purpose. As a set off against the tree, which is, I take it, in a tub near the centre of the room, you should fix up a fair sized branch of Scotch fir on the wall opposite the door, and a little beyond the tree, but kept fairly well in the light from the window; you should fix up a feeding table on which to place the dishes, boxes, or whatever they may be, containing the foods for consumption and the drinking water. This may be quite a simple board, fixed on a single support for preference, around which, about a foot above the floor, should be securely and closely tacked a band of tin or zinc six inches wide. This is to prevent any stray mice that may find a way into the aviary from climbing on to the table and pillaging the seed. The bath may be given as required on the floor. If the floor is not covered with clean gritty sand, a supply of this should, of course, be given in a shallow box in any convenient corner of the room on the floor. For perches you might suspend one or two long swing perches from the ceiling, or as a variety from this kind of perch you could substitute a kind of gymnasium of swing perches, as you might have seen described in our columns recently. Across the corners you could fix perching similar to broom handles, but rather thinner than this material, which, with a number of small perches made of ordinary perching, about 18ins. long, fixed to the walls at intervals by means of small brackets, would make a good variety and very ample perching space for quite a large stock of youngsters.

SHELL-FORMING MATERIAL, ETC.

E. V.—(1) Undoubtedly the lime which collects on the bottom of kettles used for boiling very hard water would be a useful adjunct during the breeding season to help the hens to get material for shelling their eggs. At the same time, if a hen eats freely of cuttlefish there is exceedingly little need for any such worrying exertion as this, as it will supply all that is really necessary to assist nature to supply the demand. (2) Only time could prove whether the thorns of the rose would be any danger to the Canaries if left in the present condition. But, anyway, as there is only the one tree, why not leave no room for doubt by nipping the points off the thorns with scissors, which would not be a very big job, and the new crop, which would only appear on the new wood, could be blunted as soon as the new wood was grown. Either binding the branches of the creeper, as you suggest, or tacking over it to the wall on each side a strip of felt, should serve your object. The latter might be preferable, as the growth of the wood would inevitably burst the bandages. (3) "Aviaries, Birdrooms, and Cages," 2/3, post free, from our Manager, is doubtless the book you refer to. I think you will find that it fully explains how to prevent oats getting at the birds in aviaries, and also how to fix up double netting for the purpose.

HEN NOT SITTING.

Novice at Breeding.—The probability is that the hen had not completed her clutch with the third egg, but had an interrupted egg laying period, or what has been termed "a broken eggery," which is due to no fault in your management, but is one of those aberrations which cannot always be avoided. If this surmise is correct the hen has probably laid other eggs by the time this appears, and commenced to sit in the usual manner. In that case allow her to go on and sit her full time on both sections of the clutch—the three first eggs as well as the later ones laid—as there will be just a frail chance of some result accruing from the first eggs laid, though the chance is certainly small if she had not commenced to sit properly by the end of a week after the third was laid. If events have not turned out in this manner, you can do nothing to force the hen to settle down to sit in a normal way, but as she sits on the nest at night you might even then let her go on in her own way for the usual length of time necessary for the eggs to hatch, to see if she becomes more broody as time passes. Many surprises are obtained from the fickle behaviour of such hens as this, and I would not quite lose hope until a full fortnight had passed. Then you might test the eggs by a strong light and discard them only if they have the appearance of being unfertile, or if the hen has not settled down. If discarded, treat the hen as advised for backward hens in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and let her go to nest again with the Canary in the usual course, when she may do better, and there will still be plenty of time afterwards to mate her with the Linnet to try for a brood of Mules.

LUMPS ON BODY.

Novice.—Sorry I cannot be of more real assistance to you, but it is not possible to give any really satisfactory advice in such a case as yours without a personal examination of the bird. The smaller swellings about the sides may be a rather simple matter, but the larger one on the abdomen seems to point to some possible internal displacement, or if the hen was mated and coming forward for laying it is also quite possible that this is due to something having gone wrong with the ovary. Altogether, if it is a valuable hen your best course would be to show it to a veterinary and ask his advice. Otherwise, I will venture to advise only the following course of simple treatment for a fortnight to see its effect, which, even if it is not beneficial, is not in the least likely to prove harmful. Leave the large swelling on the abdomen severely alone, carefully prick the smaller ones on the sides that appear to contain fluid and gently press out the contents, and then just touch the spot with the tip of a small feather dipped in tincture of iodine. The others that are hard paint slightly with the feather dipped in the iodine every third day during the fortnight without any previous pricking. Give the bird a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. Report result at end of a fortnight, repeating full particulars of your feeding and treatment generally, and the symptoms shown by the bird, besides the appearance of those swellings.

ITEMS ON MANAGEMENT.

Beginner.—(1) I am afraid I do not quite follow your description of the proposed alterations to the aviary, or room you are converting into one. If you could manage to send a small sketch, no matter how rough, it would help to make things more clear and understandable, and I would do my best to assist you in any way I am able. In a general way I can only now say that it would be quite correct to set apart the one portion of the aviary for the accommodation of the youngsters after they were able to do for themselves, but prior to turning them into the aviary you would be well advised to let them have a week or fortnight in a large breeding cage or flight, so that they may get a little accustomed to the use of their wings before they go into the larger space, where the use of the wings would be more essential. The general principle of keeping the breeding pairs in breeding cages and drafting the young into the aviary as the season progresses is quite correct, but I could only enter into the details of the arrangement with a more clear knowledge of the matter than I am able to gather now. (2) It is quite possible to get the maximum of fertility and results from both methods, so that one can scarcely say that either cage or aviary breeding is quite the best in these points. In aviary breeding, where it is not advisable to have an equal number of sexes, one can use a smaller number of cocks and still get the maximum results from a given number of hens, so that in this way, perhaps, one would consider the results better than if a larger number of cocks had been employed. It is very much a question of individual management. (3) The time when the young are able to be taken away from the parents and put on their own will vary from about 21 to 30 days old. Much depends upon the attention the parents have given them. The only safe plan is to leave them with the parents until they can pick up the egg food quite freely, and are beginning to nibble at the summer rape and canary. In any case they should be able to support themselves at a pinch on the soft food, which must be continued regularly until they are cracking and eating canary seed quite easily. (4) Jeyes' Fluid, or Izal, or any similar carbolic preparation is about the best disinfectant you can use for general purposes about the room. Add a tablespoon to the water, using for scouring, etc., or washing out cages, as directed on the bottles, and if red mites should become troublesome you may touch the joints of doors, etc., with a small camel-hair brush dipped in the strong fluid once or twice a week. (5) There is no special form of feeding to prevent egg-binding in the hen, neither is such a course at all necessary if the hens are in a good healthy and normal condition. The best preparation for the season is to give the hens a pinch of niger seed twice a week all through the latter part of winter and early spring, and when they are mated keep the floor well strewn with a good calcareous grit, and see that they have access to a supply of cuttlefish to nibble at.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

BREEDING WITH DOVES.

Discharged Soldier.—In its nesting habits the Turtle Dove is somewhat different to the Wood Pigeon, frequently building in tall bushes and high hedgerows. It is mostly single-brooded, but will generally nest a second time if the first eggs are destroyed or prove unfertile. (1) They build their own nest, using thin twigs, which they weave together in a basket-work, neat and rather slight in structure. (2) They will only nest in the summer. (3) The eggs are two in number. (4) A cage or small aviary less than 6ft. in length would be useless, and if you can manage a larger one, so much the better. (5) The food should be small grain, such as peas, wheat, shelled oats, tares, etc. To be successful with them in captivity give them as much room as possible, with the cage or aviary so arranged that the floor can be easily cleaned or scraped out without frightening the birds too much. Fix a bundle of twigs in one corner and mat together a handful of the smaller ones into a rough resemblance of a nest to encourage them to build. They should be freely supplied with fresh water.

BREEDING WITH COCK BULLFINCH.

Bullfinch-Canary.—Your letter is particularly interesting because you appear to have accomplished what a good many fanciers have failed to do; that is, breed from a pair of Bullfinches in a cage. I do not gather from your letter that he was also the father of your Bullfinch-Goldfinch. If he was not and the Bullfinch parent of the Hybrid was a hen, then you are not quite correct in calling it a Bullfinch-Goldfinch—it should be Goldfinch-Bullfinch. I am somewhat surprised to hear that the cock Bullie feeds both a hen Canary and a hen Greenfinch. As a rule, the Bullfinch takes generally to one partner only. Now about your breeding with both hens. I should advise you to run him with the hen Canary first, because she will no doubt go to nest first, and then when she has laid you can put him in with the Greenfinch and shut them off by themselves. With a little luck you should succeed, although Hybrid breeding is full of surprises. But, personally, I think no reasonable cross impossible. We have now crosses that were never attempted years ago, and there are still more to follow. As regards your Hybrid, I am inclined to think it is a highly-coloured hen, and if you thought of trying to breed with it, a Goldfinch would be its proper partner. I say proper partner because Mules have been said to breed paired to one of the parents or a bird of the same species as one of the parents, but I never yet heard of a case of a Mule having fertile eggs when paired to another Mule. I hope you will succeed with both your attempts, and if so, I should like to hear later on the results.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Boulton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.) or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them" No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., 4.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

GREY PARROT IN INDIFFERENT PLUMAGE.

R. W.—Try your bird with a few oats mingled with the sunflower; give ripe fruit daily, also nuts. Keep cuttlebone, Parrot grit, and a chunk of wood (for mandible exercise) continually in the cage. It can also have dry toast, biscuit, bread, and a little plain cake; raisins and dates are also good. If it insists on having the toast, etc., moistened, then moisten it with a tepid solution of chemical food, and water, but not with tea, coffee, or milk. Lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food, and once a week, in lieu of the chemical food, put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the water. Do not give a bath till weather is warmer, but, choosing warmish days, spray it twice a week (use a Mist sprayer) with tepid water, containing a little Condy's Fluid. If you keep windows and door shut till its plumage is quite dry, there should be no risk of the bird taking a chill. About noon is a good time to spray it, as that is usually the warmest part of the day, but during any sunny period should be quite safe.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PANAMA AND BLUE-FRONTED AMAZONS.

A. Brandt.—The Panama Amazon (Chrysotis panamensis) is a yellow-crowned Parrot; body plumage mostly green, lighter on the underparts, and pencilled with black; flights blackish; wing shoulder and speculum red; tail green, broadly yellow-green at the tip with a red spot on the outer feathers; beak, yellowish, with leaden tip; total length, 12 inches, of which the tail measures four. I am not acquainted with the talking capacity of the Panama Amazon, but usually a bird should begin to give evidence of talking capacity within a few months of its having become tame and steady, though no hard and fast rule can be laid down in this respect. You will, of course, have to teach it, by talking soothingly to it when feeding it, etc., and also teach it by the constant repetition method. It should also pick up words, cries and calls it hears uttered in its vicinity. But you cannot look for any progress before it is thoroughly accustomed to you and fairly steady.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Warbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., 4.

SAMPLES OF GRIT.

K. K.—The sample of grit I consider a very good one, and quite safe; should have no hesitation in using it myself in either cage or aviary. If the sample sent is a fair sample, as to size, etc., of the bulk, it is a very satisfactory one.

OUTDOOR AVIARY AND WHAT TO KEEP.

Little Jap.—The fault of your aviary is its shallow depth; in consequence of which, I fear, in wet weather it will be very damp and wet from driving rain. The minimum depth really ought to be three feet. However, I have no wish to discourage you, and success with your Budgerigars is by no means improbable. I do not consider you ought to have more than four breeding pairs in it. (2 and 3) Cockatiels are certainly a striking contrast to Budgies, and though larger, usually agree well with them; they should breed, as also should Black-cheeked Lovebirds, if you got a pair of each as quickly as opportunity permits; you should then have a very attractive and interesting lot, all of which thrive on practically the same diet and treatment. All these should survive all the year round out of doors. You would do well to take the precaution of standing some kind of screen in front of such an aviary, during periods of driving rain; also at night a blind would be an advantage, or cats clinging to the front might very badly scare, if they did not succeed in maiming them.

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H. Lerafes, Romford.—Death arose from impaction of the bowels; the diarrhœa you mention was brought about by irritation of the bowel wall behind the impaction. The skin disease had no connection with its illness, nor is it contagious.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

MULES OR HYBRIDS.

Difficult.—The terms are merely fanciers' expressions. Mules are Hybrids, of course, being bred between two distinct species, but all Hybrids are not Mules. In fact, the dictionary meaning of the word Mule is the offspring of a horse and an ass, whereas Hybrid means any animal or plant produced from two different species. By long usage, however, a Mule is understood by fanciers to be a bird one of whose parents is a Canary, and a Hybrid is a bird which has not a Canary on either side of its parentage.

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Club Reports.

MOUNTAIN ASH F. & F.S.

Meeting May 12. Decided several important matters in connection with open show Aug. 2. Any fancier wishing to guarantee classes please communicate with sec. Next meeting May 19, Napier Hotel, at 6.30.—Geo. H. Rowlands. Hon. Sec., 9, North-road, Cardiff.

ALFRETON C.B.S.

Meeting, Red Lion Hotel, May 12; Mr. Adnitt, chair, and a fair attendance. Classes for P.N. show drawn up as follows:—Champ. Nor. yell., ditto buff, Yorkshire yell., ditto buff. Novices, same classes; also two British classes. Birds to be staged by 5.30 instead of 4.30. 1/3 on first cage; 1/- spl. on each class. Mr. B. Simpson to judge. Fanciers are not having very good results over first round.—Geo. Sawer.

WALLSEND (Mid-Tyne) C.B.A.

Owing to my working overtime on May 9, our meeting was not held. I sent the books to our chairman, but he also was working. On behalf of our chairman and myself, I wish to express regret that so many of our members came down and there was no meeting. I am calling a meeting for May 23 at 7 to elect judge for nest feather show, and to draw up schedule, and also to hear the breeding results up till now.—Geo. Greenwell.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting May 3, Wentworth Cafe, Mr. Hemming chair. Unfortunately, Mr. Waters was not present, but had forwarded his paper on "Size, and How to Produce it," which was read by the secretary. The paper was well prepared, and contained beneficial information. A general discussion ensued, and a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Waters. Messrs. Blaney, Hewitt, and Parkin elected members. Next meeting June 7; table show of young birds; fixed prize-money.—E. Sisson, Assist.-Sec.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

Meeting May 12, Prince of Wales Hotel, Mr. Wm. Cooper presiding over a very good attendance. New members elected: Messrs. G. Fowler, R. Thomas, and Wm. Clothier. It was good to see old members turn up, but there are other old members we should be pleased to see attend more meetings. There are specials for every class in F.F. show July 7, Mr. H. H. Mortimer's to be an extra special. A very pleasant evening was spent. New members will receive a hearty welcome. The society is open to Monmouthshire.—J. Webber, Hon. Sec.

NORTH-WEST GLASGOW C.B.C.

Meeting Unionist Rooms, 308, New City-road, May 8, Mr. W. Lonn, V.P., presiding over a fair turn-out. New members admitted: Messrs. J. Hamilton, A. Maxwell, and J. Park. Decided to hold a ramble on Saturday, June 16, to notify the members when arrangements are completed. Judges for annual show were elected, and their names will be published on receipt of acceptance. Sec. read a paper (written by a friend), entitled "Breeding for Colour," which proved very interesting and instructive, and which was followed very attentively by the members present. A vote of thanks to the writer of paper, and to the chairman for presiding, brought a pleasant meeting to a close.—P. Houston.

SPRINGBURN, POSSIL PARK.

Meeting and show of British, Reid Hall, Queen's-hill-street, Mr. J. Swan (pres.) in the chair. Classes were fixed for F.F. show, and judge elected. New member admitted, D. Fyfe. There was a good turn-out of British. Mr. Jas. G. Adams, Maryhill, judged, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Light Mule or Hybrid: 1, sp., Fyfe; 2, sp., Brooks. Dark: 1, Fyfe; 2, Brooks. Bramblefinch: 1, sp., Swan; 2, sp.. 3, Crawford; 4, Hamilton. Chaffinch: 1, 2, Crawford; 3, Hamilton. Bunting: 1, sp., 5, Hamilton; 2, sp., 4, Crawford; 3, Swan. Large or Small British: 1, sp., sp. best bird, Crawford. For.: 1, Swan. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—A. Hamilton, Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Meeting, smoke room, Wesleyan Chapel, May 5. Mr. P. Lynn presided over a good attendance to hear Mr. G. Dobson lecture on the feeding of his birds throughout the year. After the lecture questions were asked, and he answered them to the satisfaction of all. Decided to hold a Nest Feather show June 30, classification to be made at the next meeting; it was left in the hands of Mr. G. Dobson to elect a judge; also decided that G. Dobson and G. Simpson look for a room in the meantime, and report at next meeting. New member elected, Mr. Eagle. Sec. was instructed to get rules printed, and these will be forwarded to all members as soon as received. Mr. J. Carr was elected auditor.—J. J. Walker, Sec.

WELSH C.B.C.

The annual general meeting will be held at Great George Hotel, Cross Street, Abergavenny, June 9, at 3 p.m prompt, when the accounts for the year will be presented and the election of new members, of which there are eleven, will take place. Who will make up the round twelve? Officers and committee for the year will be elected, and presentation of cups and medals to successful members will be made. Patronage to the various shows will be considered. Societies please send in their applications before June 5. Notice of protest against the winning of one of the cups has also been received; also it will be proposed that when a novice has won his championship the points obtained in novice classes should count for champion section. As it appears to be an important and interesting meeting, it is hoped that all possible will be present. Will members send on their subscriptions, which are now due.—D. H. Tedstone, Hon. Sec., 5, Struet, Brecon.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting May 7, Victoria Hotel; the turn-up of members was a true reflex of the business of the evening. The fixing of date, judge, and classification of N.F. show. It transpired that members had experienced a poor first round, and it was thought advisable to postpone the fixing of date until June meeting. Last year's classification was adopted with the addition of two old-bird classes. The matter of special prizes was discussed, and sec. reported that as requested he had made enquiry at the office of CAGE BIRDS re diplomas, and was informed that the issue of these had been withdrawn probably until after the cessation of hostilities. Decided that the society shall offer two gold-centre silver medals for competition provided the members subscribe sufficient to provide two further silver medals. Chairman criticised members for lack of interest; let his remarks stimulate members to further efforts so that a good muster may accrue at the June meeting.—J. Glover.

PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH.

Meeting, May 8, Trinity Schools, Borgastead Street, Woolwich, Mr. Newnham in chair. Mr. Robson gave his lecture on Mules and Hybrids, which was well received. Questions were asked and answered. A vote of thanks to Mr. Robson brought an enjoyable evening to a close. Decided to hold young stock show, July meeting night.—G. H. Macmillan, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM CITY C.B.S.

Meeting, May 5, Grapes Inn, Mr. Robson presiding. Decided that owing to the poor report of young ones among our members, that our Nest Feather show be postponed until August 11, with Mr. Notley, of Hetton, as judge. Sec. was instructed to write Mr. A. E. Priest, who has been seriously ill in Newcastle Infirmary, expressing the sympathy of the members and wishing him a speedy recovery.—H. Briggs.

STOCKTON C.B.S.

Meeting, May 4, "Little Regent," J. Yeates, chair, and only a poor attendance. Still we are progressing as favourably as can be expected. Three new members enrolled: Messrs. Price, Watts, and Jordan. Our secretary, T. Carlisle, having joined the colours, his place is ably taken by F. Stothard. We regret to announce the death of one of our members in Mr. Clarke, and a vote of sympathy with his family was passed. In future meetings the officials would like to see more members take an active interest in the work, and not leave all to two or three.—Wm. Kitching.

CRYSTAL PALACE AND PENGE.

Meeting May 9, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, Mr. Last chair. Members supplied with 30lbs. of Ramsden's pepper; there will be two specials, given by Mr. Ramsden under printed conditions, for best-coloured bird. An interesting lecture was given by Mr. J. Robson, "Rearing of the Young." He took us through the whole routine from his own personal experience, and then asked for questions, which were showered upon him by very nearly every member owing to the bad season we are experiencing. A vote of thanks to the lecturer closed an instructive evening.—W. D. Fryett.

NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

Meeting, Headquarters, May 2, Mr. E. Battersby, chair. After a discussion re classification for forthcoming shows, it was decided that the usual classifications be adopted, with additional classes for foul varieties, and a section for junior champions. It was contended that a good foul bird had not an equal chance with a good self in mixed classes. Decided to invite Mr. Bell to judge the first N.F. show, June 6, along with Mr. Mallinson, in place of Mr. F. Handley, who has left the City. Mr. Worral (Bootle) enquired if the night shows could not be concluded earlier, and it was decided to complete benching birds at 7. Nomination of new members approved, Mr. Bunner nominating another for next meeting.—H. Holden.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting, May 5, Griffin Hotel, Mr. T. Baldwinson chair. Decided to ask Mr. F. King to judge October table show, and Mr. W. Hall the June F.F. show. The advisability of holding open show was discussed, and it was decided to leave the matter over till next meeting for settlement. Messrs. H. Walker and A. Jackson were elected members. Table show of British was held. Special best bird, Mr. G. Colborn, with a topping Greenfinch. Most points, Dr. Cummings. Mr. J. Burnell judged, and gave general satisfaction. Linnet (9): 1, Dr. Cummings; 2, 4, Mennard; 3, Smith; vhc, Colborn; hc, Saul; c, Fisher. Redpoll, etc. (12): 1, 2, hc, Dr. Cummings; 3, vhc, Mennard; 4, Colborn; c, Fisher. Goldf. or Bullf. (11): 1, 4, Dr. Cummings; 2, 3, Smith; vhc, Sanderson; hc, Fisher; c, Colborn. A.O. Hardbill (12): 1, sp, Colborn; 2, Sanderson; 3, vhc, Fisher; 4, Mennard; hc, Dr. Cummings; c, Saul.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Aberbargoed F. and F.S.—May 19, Quarry Arms, 7. Report of audit of books and other important business.—J. T. Hobby.

Barrow C.B.A.—May 19, Weight and Measure Office, 7.30. Business important.—McFarlane and Tranter.

Doncaster C.B.S.—May 19, Black Bull, 7. Special meeting.—H. Lumby.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—May 21, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., 8. Topical discussion opened by F. C. Knight. Egg-food making competition; useful specials for competitors and onlookers.—F. C. Knight.

Laisterdyke, Bowling and Tong Combination.—May 21, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.30. General meeting, election of officers, classification for shows, and judges.—J. E. Hudson.

Larkhall C.B.A.—May 26, Y.M.C.A., 7. Business urgent.—A. Kerr.

Lochgelly and Dis. C.B.S.—May 19, Ante-room, Drill Hall, 6. First Feather show.—W. Grewar.

Maesteg C.B.S.—May 26, Bird-in-Hand Hotel, 7.30. Business in connection with open show, and fixing of dates of rambles.—C. Williams.

Middlesbro' and Tees-side C.B.S.—May 19, Crown Hotel, 7. Special, to discuss a series of week-end rambles.—T. C. Deans.

Pen-y-graig C.B.S.—May 20, Butchers' Arms, 6. Decide date for open show, and to have an understanding as to joining the S. Wales and Monmouth Federation The sec., Mr. C. Richards, will attend to give full information.—W. Hollinshead.

Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A.—June 23. N.F. show.—W. Stafford.

S. London Col. and F.A.—May 24. Druid's Head, Broadway, 7.30. Special general meeting; important.—F. Tottle.

Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.—"Saturday" (date not stated.—Ed.), Elysium, High Street, 8. Business of vital importance.—J. H. Ford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—May 19, Station St. Cafe, 7.30.—F. Riseborough.

West Bromwich and Handsworth.—May 19, Ivy House, 7.30. Nest Feather show.—P. T. Cowley.

West Stanley F.F. and C.B.S.—May 19, Victoria Club Hall, 6.30. Selection of judges for Young Stock show.—J. Armitage. (Notices must be sent in duplicate if they are to appear in "The Poultry World" as well as in CAGE BIRDS.—Ed.)

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—May 19, Oddfellows' Hall, Thornton Road, 6.45. To hear sub-committee's recommendation re standards, etc.; ballot for judges; and other business.—S. Midgley.

FEEDING AND WEANING YOUNG CANARIES.

By W. JONES.

Some notes taken by the hon. secretary of the Birkenhead B.B.A., Mr. H. Wakem, upon the occasion of a lecture by Mr. Wm. Jones to the members of the Society.

THERE are so many books published upon the breeding of Canaries that the various methods are apt to be confusing to the novice, so I will tell you just how I breed, feed, and wean them. Get your birds well fed and in good condition. Then pair them up. I use one cock for two hens, pairing him to the first hen until she has laid the third egg, and then turning him in with the second hen.

When the hen lays her first egg take it away and place a dummy one in its place, also a second dummy for her second egg. When she has laid her third egg take the cock away, clean out the cage, and give the nest a good dusting with insect powder. Feed the hen on nothing but good canary seed until the day before hatching, when you should give a little egg food. Start with the egg food as you intend to finish, not too rich, about two to three handfuls of biscuit food to one egg. I do not believe in only giving the yolk, I always use the whole egg.

When the young are four days old start with the green food. Dandelion is my favourite of all, and I give it daily, also hemp seed, whole, not crushed. Giving the seed whole keeps the hen off the nest longer, and gives the young ones a good airing which means life to them. At nine days old the young open their eyes. Don't give a clean nest unless the old one is very dirty, the insect powder will keep it free from red mite, and there is always the danger of the hen deserting her nest.

To Prevent Feather Plucking.

When the young are standing on the edge of the nest pan look out for the hen plucking. I don't say all hens do this, but many do to form their second nest. At this age I put rings on, placing the chicks in a nursery cage.

I use an old show cage, hanging it end-ways on to the breeder, door end outside, which makes it easy for feeding the young birds. You can either keep the hen's cage door open or shut, the nursery filling the space, but if the hen is inclined to pluck keep the door shut, the hen will still be able to feed her offspring.

Give the chicks plenty of egg food, and when you see them eating it, place them in a larger cage, a small flight or double breeder, away from the mother, and give crushed hemp, egg food, plenty of grit, dandelion, and a bath daily. On the bottom of the flight put chopped hay, chaff, or clean sawdust, but mind that no mice have been on the latter; mice dirt is poison to birds. Hang bits of string on the top of their cage, it helps to make them stand up and take exercise. Put the seed trough, filled with canary seed, on to their cage with a sprinkling of maw seed on top, this will induce the birds to crack the seed.

To finish my leeture I will give a few don'ts: Don't forget plenty of grit, soft egg food, green food, crushed hemp, bath, and drinking water daily. Never kill a spider in the bird room; he will help to kill the red mite for you, these are a great trouble if not kept down.

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Egg Foods and Egg Substitutes.

By F. Cole (East Dulwich).

(Continued from page 259.)

In the following lecture, given before the members of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S., and the City and Suburban A.C.B., Mr. Cole shows how to economise on the food bill, and how hard-boiled egg may either be dispensed with altogether, or used in much smaller proportion than is generally deemed necessary.

THE firm I have mentioned also make a cod liver oil food which has an additional advantage. This food is claimed to rear Canaries without egg, and it seems to me quite feasible if used in conjunction with plenty of wild seeded weeds. I know it has been said that this oil will produce feather, but I have not found it so, nor do I see any reason why it should.

War Bread all the Better.

As a change of diet fresh breadcrumbs can be used instead of Spratt's food. This I have used with advantage, and in my opinion the introduction of the foreign matter into the flour now officially allowed will have a beneficial effect. The only question that occurs to me is that the baker may add to the bread some ingredient to make the bread rise more readily. However, I do not see much danger to our birds in this, because I have always held that what will not harm man will not harm animal. This also is not over-expensive, as the bread is always at hand, and pieces dried in the oven and ground can be used up. The fault, however, in this oven-dried bread is that it is difficult to add the water, and consequently less bread must be added to the egg, or we shall find that the food is what I term dusty.

The last sample No. 4, is made from lunch biscuits and egg. This, while being more pleasant in smell, is in my opinion too rich and costly. It will also be found to dry up quickly in the summer time, a serious disadvantage. While deprecating it, however, I must admit that the food when prepared in this way keeps sweet better in very hot weather, and some may for this reason consider it better for those who have to leave their birds for a long time unattended. Most of us, however, have someone who will look to the birds in the middle of the day. I have placed this sample last because it seems to me to be the most unnatural. Further, I have failed to obtain from it any particular benefit.

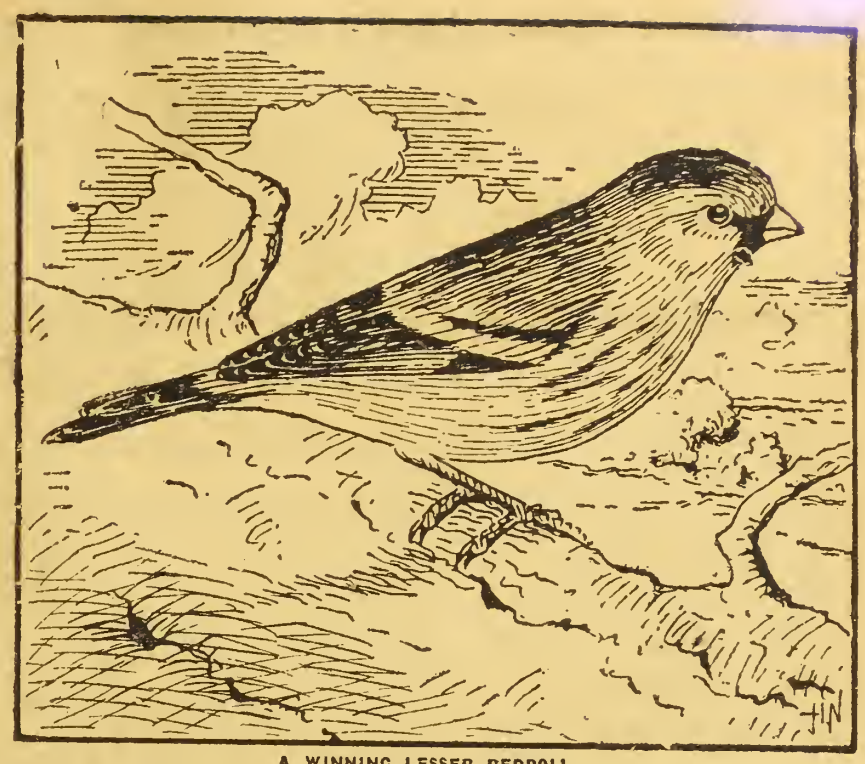
Egg Cake Too Expensive.

We have also often been told to use egg bread or cake for rearing in place of the fresh-boiled egg. I have been told this costs practically a farthing a teaspoonful. This is, in my opinion, too costly, and I cannot see that it is at all natural for our birds. Certainly they appreciate a small piece of sponge cake, and this forms a welcome change to soed for them in the winter time.

There is one more rearing material, and that is bread and milk. I usually prepare this by cutting the crumb of bread into cubes, slightly dusting them with sugar, and then pouring over boiling milk. When well soaked the surplus milk should be drained off and the bread distributed just as it is to the birds. I have used this at all seasons of the year, and I find the hens feed readily with it.

In conclusion, allow me to remind you that all the foods I have mentioned are good, but I find some are better. I am not going to tell you to choose the one that suits you best, but ask you to give them all a chance. Remember bread and meat are good for us, but we should tire of that. We like a change, so do the birds, and as we are on war diet so must they be. We shall not keep them short of food, but there must be no waste. If we bear this in mind during the season, and remember that there are other foods than egg and biscuit, just as nutritious, and just as readily sought for and fed to the chicks, then we shall have made one step forward in our hobby for the benefit of our birds and to our own material advantage.

It is the question of expense that hinders our hobby; the egg diet has many drawbacks, and I cannot help thinking it has been the cause of many breaking with the fancy. Bird seed is expensive, biscuits are almost prohibitive, eggs are difficult to obtain, and even they are, like the lodger's breakfast egg, only good in places. It does seem to me that, if we can find a substitute for eggs, we shall be doing our hobby a very great service. Let us endeavour, therefore, to eliminate them as far as possible from the bird's bill of fare, and by the judicious use of less stimulating foods we shall produce a more hardy and healthy bird and be troubled less with the sickly, non-feeding hen.



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A Linnet Hunt in the Snow.

By A. G. SHAND.

FOR four days it had been hard frost, and all that was wanted now for a successful day with the Linnets was a fall of snow. Then it came. Thirty-six hours of it, without wind, so that it was about eighteen inches deep when we set out, two of us, with our carrying box, which held the double nets, 36 square yards, pegs, pins, hammer and chisel to make holes, etc. Quite a load when one has to make his own road for three miles through virgin snow a foot and a half deep.

In Forres we are about four miles from the Moray Firth, and right along the shore the whins grow in great profusion, "the hunting ground" of the Brown Linnet, or, as he is called locally, "The Whinnock" and "Whin Lintie."

Where the Linnets Feed.

We are bound for a clear space we know about amongst the whins—a piece of waste ground where two farmers put the skelloch and other wild seeds from their threshing mills, to be away from their farms, and out of harm's way of their land. Here the Linnet feeds when the ground is hard with frost, and here we arrived at last, and set to work to clear the snow away sufficiently to set our nets, and show the wild seeds and earth. It is warm work making holes for the pegs in this iron ground, but it is done at last.

During the time we are doing it, the Linnets are flying about us, hunger making them very tame, landing almost at our feet, and flying up again as we move, the cocks calling and chirping all the time. The pull-line is adjusted, a trial pull given to see that everything is in working order, and we retire about fifty yards to give the birds a chance to get at the seed, which our nets will cover.

Others are coming up, and soon there is a big flock of different birds about. In about half an hour they have got accustomed to everything, and settled down to feed, and it is time for a pull, the birds are swarming on the ground. A strong, quick pull and the nets have worked like a dream.

We take out the Linnets first, and as quickly put the pick of the cocks into the carrying box. The others and hens we do not want, so they go free. Then the Greenfinches, about two dozen of them. We take three beautiful cocks, and let the rest away. Three Starlings also go; two cock Blackbirds follow. We keep two Skylarks and let five go. We shake the Chaffinches out of the nets—they are of no use to us—and try to count the catch placed in the box. We have thirty cock Linnets at the very least, all beauties.

We are satisfied, so pull up the nets, pack up, and again face a three miles walk through that beautiful snow, almost up to our knees, carrying a heavier but more interesting load than we came there with.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

BLACKBURN.

Open quality Linnet contest will be held May 26, at Empire Hotel, Bolton-road, Blackburn; several prizes will be given.—T. Hayhurst, Sec.—(Advt.)

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet sing, Sportsman Inn, Paternoster-row, May 13; 21 birds entered for three prizes; three minutes' time singing. Cutts broke all records, doing 156sec.; 2, Parlett, 128; 3, Jackson, 110.—Phillipson, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Woodman Inn Linnet sing, May 12. 1, W. Nelson; 2, Scotson; 3, Wilson. Also sing May 13. 1, Skidmore; 2, Scotson; 3, Foster; 4, Jones.—A. Wingham, Sec.

Woodman Inn, Pontefract.—All club sings will be on Saturdays; first pair up at four in the future.—A. Wingham, Sec.—(Advt.)

CASTLEFORD.

Castleford Potteries, Grey Horse Inn, May 14. Singing contest, 35 birds; 1, Watkiss; 2, Watson; 3, Nicholls.—J. H. Nicholls, Sec.

Linnet singing contest, George and Dragon, Bridge-street, May 13; 30 birds entered for three prizes, but there was only some poor singing. 1, Wainwright; 2, 3, W. Nelson.—A. Watkiss, Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Lark and Linnet Club Linnet sing May 13; 14 birds entered for four prizes; four minutes' time sing. 1, Jones, 3min. 25sec.; 2, Hardman, 3.16; 3, Norman, 3.6; 4, Fishwick, 3.4. Lark sing same date; 7min. time sing. 1, Hardman, 6min. 16sec.; 2, D. Fish, 2.53; 3, Coles, 2.42. Dunk, timer; Dickinson, chalker.—J. Hardman, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax Linnet Club, headquarters, Commercial Hotel. Members sing May 12; 35 birds entered for four minutes' sing, and some of the best singing was heard that has ever been done at Kippax. 1, Cooper, 149sec.; 2, Plows, 107; 3, Potter and Collinson tied, 71. At sing off for 3rd prize Potter won. Timekeepers, O. Potter, R. Collinson; tappers, J. Liversedge, H. Collinson. 1, Cooper; 2, Plows; 3, Potter.—R. Plows, Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club open contest May 5; 55 birds entered for time and quality singing. Quality: 1, Peet; 2 and 3, dead heat Statham and Rigby; 4, Bates. Time: 1, Alex. Donnelly, 143; 2, Brooks, 102; 3, 4, Peet and Aspey, dead heat, 51. Timers, J. Statham, I. Fairhurst; minutes, W. Meadows; judges, J. W. Jones, S. Rigby. Next open contest June 2, King's Head Hotel, Market-place, Leigh. Commence 3.30.—R. Disley, Sec.

LEEDS.

Contest Old Bird House, Albion Hotel, Saville Green; 43 Linnets sang for five good prizes May 13. 1 and 2 shared by "Bluche" Appleyard and Jarrow Robinson; 3, Ward; 4, Chippendale; 5, Towers. Judges, Grant, Hardcastle, Crane. Also evening contest; 23 birds sang for four prizes. 1, Butler; 2, Richardson; 3 and 4, O'Brien. Judges, Hayes and Crane.—T. Crane, Sec.

Open contest Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound-place, York-road; 46 birds. 1, Marshall; 2, Richardson; 3, Hurst; 4, Richardson. Night, 22 birds. 1, Marshall; 2, Jarrer; 3, Hurst. Judges, Dearlove, Biss, Bomfield.—G. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, May 13; 46 birds sang for four prizes. 1, Binns; 2, Summers; 3, Brown; 4, shared Binns and Hodgson. Judges, A. Butterfield, F. Wells. Timekeeper, C. Ward.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

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England.

Nov. 1.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(Geo. Broome, 82, King St.)

Nov. 3-5.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.**—(E. H. Hulse, 23, Hartington Rd.) J.R., C.H.

Nov. 9-10.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.S.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.) J.R., H.W.B., J.B.

Nov. 14.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Kent, 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.)

Dec. 7-8.—**Barrow C.B.A.**—(D. McFarlane and M. Franter, 26, Lord Roberts St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.) J.R., H.W.B., J.B., J.M.

Wales.

Oct. 24.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(J. Webber, Nant-y-Graig, East Side, Cwmtillery, Abertillery).

Oct. 27.—**Landore Plasmore C.B.S.**—(H. Fry, 22, Plasmarl Terrace, Plasmarl, Swansea.)

Nov. 10.—**Skewen C.B.S.**—(T. Pattinson, 177, New Rd., Skewen, nr. Neath, S. Wales.)

Nov. 15.—**Swansea C.B.A.**—(J. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk St.) D.J., S.J.N.

Nov. 21.—**Maesteg C.B.S.**—(C. Williams, 247, Bridgend Rd.)

Dec. 5.—**Nantymoel, Ogmore Vale and Dist C.B.S.**—(T. Davis, 29, Clifton House, Oakfield Terrace, Nantymoel, Glam.).

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Twitterings.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Tong and District C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Walker, and all communications must be addressed to the chairman, Mr. A. Gledhill, 51, Bertie St., Sticker Lane, Bradford.

The rule Book of the Halifax O.S. to hand, contains, besides a list of members' names and addresses, a full syllabus for 1917, comprising some interesting lectures and rambles. The full classifications for the Nest Feather shows and the four members' shows are also given.

We have received the syllabus for 1917 of the Leeds C.B.S. Besides the full programme for the year, it gives a list and particulars of the many specials that are to be won at the shows of the season, and the complete classification for each show. The balance sheet shows £10 19s. 5d. cash in hand, a slight decrease from 1916. A list of members and their addresses is included, and it is noticeable that quite a number of the names have the letters "O.H.M.S." (On His Majesty's Service)

We have received the rule book of the Midland Roller C.C. Besides the rules and list of members' names and addresses it contains the balance sheet for 1916, names of officers of committee, and the rules governing the winning of the challenge cup and novice cup. The balance sheet shows an increase in cash in hand [illegible] at end of 1915 to £14. 5d. at end of 1916. The increase is mainly due to profit of £11 7s 10d, made on [illegible], a very satisfactory result in these times.

[illegible] thanks on behalf of Plum[illegible] C.B.S. for reporting Mr. [illegible] which was given [illegible] writes Mr. Geo. [illegible] read by those who did [illegible] some idea of [illegible] the Fancy going till bet-

Birdy Rambles Arranged.

Members of the Halifax O.S., writes Mr. J. J. Dunn, sec., are having their first ramble on Saturday next, May 19, to Harden Woods. Members and friends are cordially invited. Train leaves Halifax at 1.50, and North Bridge 1.53; book to Wilsden. The leader, Mr. W. Parker, is one of the best; and, given fine weather, a treat is in store for all.

Members of the Halifax and District C.B.S. will ramble to Harden Woods, conducted by Mr. C. Pickup, on Saturday, May 26. Meet Halifax Old Station 2.40 p.m.; train leaves G.N. 2.50. Members and friends invited.

The first ramble of the Glasgow and Western Counties Norwich Canary Club for the season will be on Saturday, May 19, to Bridge of Weir. Train leaves St. Enoch's Station at 3.5. Members and friends to meet at corner of Argyle and Dunlop Streets at 2.45.

A Whitsuntide Ramble in the New Forest.

The Field Section of the National British Bird and Mule Club rambled on Sunday, May 15, from Harold Wood to Havering-Atte-Bower, the party leaving Liverpool Street Station by the 10.42 train. The return journey was from Gidea Park Station. About 32 specimens were noted, and some nests and eggs, the most prominent among them being the Tree Pipit, Yellow Bunting, Willow Wren, Jays, Turtle Doves, Spotted Flycatcher, Goldfinch, Tree-creeper, etc. This district seemed to abound with a large proportion of Chaffinches, and is also noted for its fine singing specimens of this species. Gentlemen desirous of joining the Whitsuntide ramble through the New Forest, leaving London Saturday afternoon, May 26, should send their names not later than Monday next to Mr. T. R. Trower, hon. treasurer, 442, Caledonian Road, London, N. The annual outing will take place on Saturday, June 2, to Gomshall and Shere. Fanciers and friends will be welcome.

I was pleased, writes Mr. E. Godley, Rishton, to see my Buff Norwich hen on the front of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, which I have taken from its start and know its worth. For advertising there is nothing like it; I noticed one night when I was taking a few boxes to the station they were addressed to places as far apart as Aberdeen and Falmouth. I would like to thank Mr. Norman for the life-like drawing of my hen, but a little error crept in regarding her wins. She was first at Burton-on-Trent and Birmingham and second at Coventry and Gateshead as an unflighted bird, 1915, and first Birmingham and third West Bromwich 1916.

What a Reader Thinks

I feel I am voicing the sentiments of many, writes Mr. A. Gomersal, Brixton, when I thank you for keeping CAGE BIRDS going in these difficult times.

More Welsh Show Dates Fixed.

Abertillery C.B.S. will hold its annual show on Oct. 24, Skewen C.B.S., on Nov. 10, and Aberdare C.B.S. on Dec. 12. Secretaries should kindly note these and other dates in our "Show Dates Fixed" columns, in order to avoid clashing.

Seasonable Hints on Useful Weeds.

By RICHARD MORSE, F.R.H.S.

A weekly feature which will be found of the highest value to all who keep seed-eating birds, and of interest also to all who appreciate the beauty and usefulness of the flowers of our waysides and meadows. The first of the series appeared in our issue dated March 17.

ONE of the commonest of the weeds that will soon be attracting notice in all our cultivated land is the wild mustard or charlock (Brassica Sinapis Vis.), a weed which has long been amongst the most troublesome with which the farmer has to deal. It springs up about his fields in the most unexpected places, and unless a relentless warfare is immediately carried on against it, it quickly establishes itself in the most dangerous profusion, and causes untold damage to the surrounding crops.

It is, therefore, chiefly in neglected arable land that one should search for this weed, always abhorred by the farmer, but ever welcome to the bird-keeper, and in most country districts it is easy to find large areas painted bright yellow by its abundant blossoms.

It is a rapid-growing plant, quickly running from its seedling stage up to eighteen inches or two feet in height, and sending out numerous branches topped with its not inelegant flowers; but its life is a short one, and after producing its plentiful crop of seeds, it dies completely away.

The illustration shows a small flowering branch of the charlock, with the seed-pods already lengthening below. It will be noticed that the flowers have four petals arranged crosswise; and the internal structure of the flower is very similar to that of the winter-cress described last week. The small drawing marked B shows, much enlarged, the characteristic four long and two short stamens after the petals have been removed, and at A and C are figured two seed-pods about natural size.

It should be observed that these pods are crowned by a sort of beak, which is as a rule quite empty, and does not split when the pod bursts to [illegible] the seeds. Intending gatherers should, of course, never allow their specimens to reach the advanced stage shown in C, before collecting the plants, or a large percentage of the valuable dark brown seed will be lost.

Charlock (called also kedlock and kilk in some parts of the country) is a very coarse, rough plant, and closely resembles two other species, cultivated and known respectively as rape and white mustard (Brassica [illegible] and Brassica alba Boisc).

The seeds of the former of these yield the [illegible] oil, while the latter plant [illegible] in its seedling stage with [illegible] of our earliest spring [illegible] and cress, but is much cultivated by agriculturists for various uses on the farm.

The leaves and flowers of all three species are very similar in shape to those shown in the sketch, and the plants differ principally from one another in the varying formation of the seed pods.

No fancier should be without a plentiful supply of the valuable seeds of this much despised weed. If properly dried and harvested, they may be safely stored for very long periods, and in the cold months of winter they are amongst the most useful of all our wild seeds, if used in moderation.

CHARLOCK.

A, Unripe Pod; B, Inner Part of Flower; C, Ripe Pod.

It would indeed be difficult to find any seed, either wild or cultivated, which possesses more pronounced heating properties than this of the common charlock. It is rich in valuable nitrogenous and oily matter, which is of the greatest value as a food in the cold weather, and consequently has long been recommended as highly beneficial to Canaries or British birds suffering from asthma, or any of the other troubles arising from a chill.

It is interesting to note here that it is an established fact in the science of pathology that not only we ourselves, but birds also, contract diseases when our temperature is below the normal which would otherwise have no effect upon the system, and in the prevention of disease, therefore, it is of the greatest importance to see that sufficient heat-giving matter is contained in the diet provided.

Readers are invited to send any botanical specimens which they have difficulty in identifying. The whole plant, including fruits, should be sent whenever possible. Packages should be addressed, "The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, and must be accompanied by a P.O. for sixpence. Answers will appear in this column.

A Subscriber from the First.

I was unable to get my CAGE BIRDS for April 21, but this is the only copy I have missed since its first number, writes Mr. D. H. Tedstone, Brecon. I have the copies for 13 years tied up in separate parcels, and I expect this is a record.

Money Waiting for Return.

Would those who enclosed Postal Orders and not stamp, in reply to my advt. of British birds in CAGE BIRDS of May 5, writes Mr. W. Leeson, Rushden, please do so at once, as the letters were so numerous that it is impossible otherwise to return the money orders.

OBITUARY.

MR. LEVI BUTTERWORTH (Rochdale).

Another good old fancier, Mr. Levi Butterworth, has passed away at the age of 70, writes Mr. R. Blincoe. As you know, he was a well known breeder of Lizard Canaries, and articles on the subject by him have appeared in your columns, and he was very popular as a judge in this and neighbouring towns. As a real good straightforward fancier, ever ready to give the benefit of his wide experience to anyone who desired his help, he will be much missed by the wide circle of friends whom he had amongst all who had any interest in the hobby.

MR. JOSEPH HIGGINS (Meikle Earnock).

It is with deep feelings of regret, writes Mr. J. Young, sec., City of Glasgow O.A., that I inform you of the death of Mr. Joseph Higgins, Meikle Earnock, near Hamilton, N.B., and whose remains were laid to rest on Friday, May 11. "Joe," as he was familarly called, was a born fancier, having bred and exhibited in his time some of the finest specimens, especially Scotch Fancies, that ever graced the show bench. Having a "keen eye" he was often requisitioned as a judge at prominent fixtures, and was an active member of the City of Glasgow O.A. for upwards of 40 years. The deceased was naturally of a genial and cheery temperament, and will be missed by his many friends of the "Old Brigade." He was always anxious and ready to assist the novice fancier, and no one could "stage" a show bird from the Scotch Fancy to the dapper little Border better than our departed friend. I am sure the sympathy of the entire Fancy will go out to the sorrowing widow and family in their bereavement.

Mr. W. S. Wilson, sec., Hamilton O.S., also sends a sympathetic reference to the death of Mr. Higgins. (Editor, CAGE BIRDS.)

"CAGE BIRDS" ROLL OF HONOUR.

Pte. R. Muir, Lochgelly.

It is with very deep regret, writes Mr. W. Grewar, that I inform you of the death in action of Pte. R. Muir, the late esteemed and energetic secretary of the Lochgelly C.B.S. He was killed on April 25, after being at the front since November. A keen student of nature in its wild state, he kept British Birds and Mules, and was getting together nice stock when called up. Although it is only a few years ago since he entered the ranks of the Fancy, he was well known, and being of a cheery and obliging nature he was greatly liked and esteemed by all who came into contact with him, and will be sadly missed. As a member of the clerical staff of the local Co-operative Society, he was well known and popular with the members. Great sympathy is felt for his relatives and wife, while I know that the Fancy will join with the members of the Lochgelly C.B.S. in their most sincere expressions of sympathy and condolence with them in their sad loss.

Pte. John Wetherall, Wigan.

I am sorry to inform you, writes Mr. P. Greenall, Pemberton, of the death of Pte. John Wetherall, who has died of wounds in France. He has left behind a sorrowing wife and one child, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy. He was an enthusiastic Roller fancier, just beginning to reap a few prizes, and his untimely death will be deeply regretted by his fellow members of the Wigan Roller Club.

A Roller Fancier Interned.

Writing from Brandenberg, Mr. J. A. Ives, of Grimsby, says: "Please inform your numerous readers and Roller fanciers especially, that I have been made prisoner. I left Grimsby on Jan. 20, and was brought here by submarine. I have no doubt that Mr. Whiteley will attend to all seed orders; my presence here will explain any delay with the rape seed. I shall be pleased to hear from any fancier friends, and shall be much happier when I can meet them once again. I am a member of the following clubs, B.R.C.C., P.R.C.C., and Leeds R.C. The address is: Capt. J. A. Ives, S. T. Alexandra, British Prisoner of War, 81 Camp, Brandenberg (Havel), Deutschland.

British Finches for Exhibition

By S. J. NICHOLAS, Swansea.

In this lecture, given before the members of the Swansea C.B.A., an experienced keeper of British Hardbills tells how to select them as freshly-caught birds, how to bring them through the moult, and how to prepare them for the show bench.

IT gives me great pleasure to give you a short lecture on selecting, moulting, and preparing British Hardbills for exhibition. At the outset I may tell you I do not wish it to be inferred that the methods I am going to put before you are infallible, yet I can assure you that after an experience closely approaching 20 years I have proved them at least to be effective.

In the selection of your birds there are four dominant features you must keep before you if your specimens are to turn out really first class exhibits, namely, size, type, colour, and markings. I have placed size first, as this is undoubtedly one of the chief features that at least nine-tenths of the present-day judges are looking for, and you can readily understand that a good big bird naturally commands attention, but for the benefit of the younger fanciers, to whom I hope my remarks will be some little help, I should like to make myself clearly understood.

Our Essential Qualifications.

Whilst I place size first, you must please understand that I do not wish you to infer that should you come across a bird with plenty of substance and nothing much else to commend him you are going to moult him into a champion. Such is not the case; in addition to size he must have type and colour and markings.

Type is a very important point, and in this item I am going to include head. See that your bird has a good bold head, with a bright eye, for one of the greatest drawbacks in an exhibition specimen is a weak head, especially when it comes to keen competition. Your bird must be nicely moulded, that is, proportionate all round, with well braced wings, and above all must have a good position on the perch, with no inclination to crouch.

Then he must have colour. As you are aware, in every variety there are yellows and buffs, the former being the richest colour. The yellows are the ones we are on the look out for, as likely to make the most successful exhibits. The buffs are easily distinguishable, as, in addition to being paler in colour, they carry a mealing right through them, usually very noticeable on the cheeks.

Your bird must also have markings, and by markings I mean lacing on the breast, etc., in a Linnet; blaze, tannings, etc., in the Goldfinch, and such like essential characteristics of the different varieties, some of which I will endeavour to describe a little more fully later.

Some one may say you have mentioned nothing about quality. Yes, I will admit you must have quality of feather also, but I did not worry you with this, as after handling hundreds, if not thousands, of wild birds I have yet to find one of really bad quality that could not be improved with judicious feeding. Rightly or wrongly I have come to the conclusion that coarseness of feather as we understand it to-day is rather a product of man than of nature.

Having given you the essential features to be looked for in every variety of British hardbill I propose to give you as briefly as possible some of the chief points that go to make up a really first class specimen of a few of the most popular varieties.

The Points of Exhibition Finches.

A Goldfinch should have an expansive, rich coloured blaze (free from any suspicion of bronziness) extending well back behind the eye and down the throat. The blaze should be as squarely cut as possible, and free from gutters, the breast nicely tanned, wing-bars a rich golden yellow, the buttons well defined, and the back a sound colour. He should also have a well filled chest.

Another very popular exhibition bird is the Linnet. Now in this species there are two types that are shown successfully. The one we will call the Norwich type, and the other can best be described as between a Norwich and a Yorkshire. For preference give me the latter, as this bird is far more stylish, and has a better position on the perch. Still, to be successful, you must keep both types.

The markings should be well broken up, covering as much of the breast as possible, and extending well down the flanks. The whites in wings and tail as prominent as possible, and the throat, cheek and back markings well defined. The back should be a rich, nutty brown, and the throat, chest, and flanks a good rich colour, paling a trifle to centre of breast.

Another type of Linnet very popular some few years ago, was a bird with long, very regular and distinct markings, in fact what many judges term "hen laced," but of late years most of the leading judges pass them, though a few still stick to their old love, and should you come across the bird I describe, and watch the judges who are keen on these markings you will do very well with him. The latter birds are usually of medium size.

A Common Bird, but Pretty.

Now let us take the Greenfinch. Both yellows and buffs of this variety are shown successfully. The Jonques are naturally much richer in colour than the buffs, but in very few instances are they the size of the latter. Both varieties should be as clear in colour as possible, and those in field feather that show a smokiness about the back seldom, if ever, make show specimens. The wing-bars and outside tail feathers should be rich yellow, and in a good specimen you will find the lower part of breast and right down to the vent a rich yellow, also your bird should have a bold appearance and stand rather erect.

Another popular variety is the Bullfinch and a cock of this species with his rich scarlet breast, deep black cap, and, may I say, aesthetic lavender back is indeed a handsome bird. A show specimen should be as cobby as possible, with good deep chest, well cut cap and bars, and short flights and tail.

The Lesser Redpoll is another great favourite with exhibitors. A good show specimen should be thick set, with a distinct bib, and a wealth of lacing at sides. The throat and breast a rich brown colour, gradually getting paler towards the vent. The back wings and tail should be a rich mahogany.

The Siskin is of similar shape to the Redpoll, and a really good specimen should be a rich yellow with distinct eye markings, the cap nicely laced, prominent wing bars, and neatly laced thighs.

The Bramblefinch should have a well cut hood or mantle. The ground colour of head and back black with even rich brown lacing. The throat, breast and flanks also should be a rich red brown, the wings have good pear shaped markings, and the thighs carry plenty of distinct lacing.

Latterly the Yellowhammer has been greatly boomed, and I will endeavour to describe to you the chief points in this variety. The head, throat, and under portion of breast should be a rich yellow, the top of head as clear as possible, with a distinct black line on either side running from the beak to the back of head, forming a V. Level with the eye and beak on each side he should have two more distinct black marks. The back and wings should be rich brown interspersed with dark markings. The sides and thighs should carry a profusion of lacing extending right across the top of breast in a half circle, making the head and throat stand out very prominently.

About Stock Cages.

Having selected the birds you intend to keep for moulting out, your first business is to see that they are suitably housed. I find for British not larger than a Bramblefinch, a box pattern cage, that is, all wood except the front, 13 inches long, 6 inches deep, and 10½ inches high, with door at end, and fitted with loose wire front, makes an admirable stock cage. The feeder and water bottle should be on the outside, and perhaps it would not be out of place to mention that you would be well advised to use a china or glass drinker, and not a metal one, as there is a certain amount of risk in giving medicine in metal drinkers should you have occasion to do so. You can either have a drawboard at bottom or simply a movable strip of wood large enough to allow for cleaning out purposes. The latter I prefer, as it does not harbour the red mite as a drawboard does.

The inside of cage should be either painted or enamelled with at least two coats of good colour, and the outside painted black or varnished. Any painter will mix you up a good flat, hard drying paint very cheaply. After the first coat well putty up all the cracks and joints, both inside and outside, before giving the final coat. To some this may seem a lot of unnecessary trouble, but I can assure you that it will well repay you later on, when the season for the red mite is with you. These little pests will have no crevices to hide in, and though careful as you have been you will still get them, they will only have the ends of the perches and the door to swarm in, and directly they appear you can make short shrift of them by scrubbing the cage well with a good disinfectant, and by painting the ends of the perches and the door crevices with a mixture of camphor and paraffin.

The Importance of Steadying.

The steadying down process will try your patience a little. One of the easiest ways to steady freshly-caught birds is to hang them in the living room on a level with you in a position where someone or other is continually passing. If the position is not too light, so much the better. Whenever you come in take hold of the seed-hopper gently, put some little tit-bit or other in, and talk coaxingly to the bird.

When cleaning the cage, run your bird into a spare cage, and if the weather is suitable give him a spray with warm water. Don't rush like a bull at a gate, but just gently spray him; then have a look at his feet, and if they are the least inclined to be clogged take him out and sponge it off with a damp cloth; if very dirty you will have to soak them in a little warm water. Do not pick the dirt off dry with your fingers. Never forget that one little slip and off comes one of the toes, and your bird is ruined for ever. Some may ask why I advise spraying them before handling. My reason is that wild caught birds are more easily handled, and with less risk of damaging them just after being sprayed.

Always remember to be as gentle as possible when handling freshly-caught birds. You will do more in a short time to gain their confidence by the method I have described than in twelve months by rough handling, and you will be really surprised how quickly they will steady down. Many, should you not happen to notice them when you come in, will call to you, and I have at present a Yellowhammer that was as wild as the heather, a short time ago, who will watch me all round the room and keep on calling until I give him a mealworm, which he will take from my fingers.

Some Useful Stock Foods.

A good stock food for Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, and Bramblefinches, is a mixture of canary, hemp, linseed, teazle, and rape, with a liberal supply of sunflower daily. The latter is better given cracked, and in the case of the Chaffinch and Bramble, a couple of mealworms each day will be very beneficial.

Linnets, Siskins, Redpolls, and Twites do well on canary, rape, and linseed with the addition of a little teazle and niga occasionally. The Bunting family care little or nothing for any seed except plain canary, though I have had a few specimens that would eat hemp and oats. They should be given two or three mealworms daily, and if they can be got to eat a little insectivorous food about twice a week it will save a lot of trouble when the moulting season arrives.

Enough Epsom salts to cover sixpence, given in the drinking water once a week and allowed to remain for 24 hours, will help to keep the birds cool, especially during the breeding season when many field-moulted birds go wrong.

(To be continued.)

AN IDEAL BIRD ROOM.

Two papers read at a meeting of the Sheffield C.B.S. and kindly forwarded by the Hon. Sec., Mr. E. Sisson.

By E. SISSON.

I SUPPOSE in selecting an ideal bird room the first thing to take into consideration is the position of the room. If any fancier is fortunate enough to be able to have a bird room over the living room, such room is generally free from damp, warm in the winter, and can be easily ventilated during the summer months without causing draught. I think most fanciers, however, have to be satisfied with the attic, but provided it is a dry room, with a good supply of light, it is better than no room at all. I would rather have an attic that did not face the sun, or it becomes a veritable bakehouse in the summer, although the winter, especially such a one as we have just had, turns the room into a refrigerator. It is understood that the less birds are coddled the more robust they are, but they certainly require more attention in a bird room that goes to six or eight degrees below freezing point.

The Cages and the Fittings.

With regard to cages, some prefer single breeders, others double. The latter certainly have advantages over the single, but whichever a fancier has it is well to have them of a uniform length, height, and colour, so as to give a more pleasing appearance to the room. It also adds to the neatness of the room if the cages are fitted with seed hoppers of one description and drinkers of one size, which should be put in the cages one over the other so as not to have a water pot over a seed hopper, or else you will get the seed wet.

Racks are very useful, as it is possible you may have to remove a cage during the breeding season for cleaning purposes, and to be able to take one cage away without disturbing the others saves a lot of time, but the less wood you have about the better, as there is always the possibility of breeding that infernal pest, "red mite." I have screws in some of my cage bottoms, and under others little bits of hard wood, but when I have the cages ready for breeding I drop the bits of wood into carbolic, and this makes them stick, and there is very little chance of anything breeding round them.

I distemper my cages, as I think it is easier to use, is a good disinfectant, gets well into the crevices, and is a chief agent in subduing red mite. Even if your cages are enamelled or painted, when washed they generally dry before the lurking places for the pest have been touched; not so with distemper.

Some prefer sand to sawdust, but I think the latter is the cleaner, and keeps a room sweeter, especially if you can secure pitch pine. A word to the would-be fancier. Commence with cages you can either make or get hold of and then frame for the future. I wish all fanciers unbounded success during the coming breeding season.

By "RIGHTABOUT."

A Paper in Lighter Vein.

THE subject of this paper is a very important one, especially to the novice who has had no experience. To help in the choice and furnishing of a bird room, it is essential first of all to decide what variety we are going to keep, as all breeds do not require the same treatment.

In the first place, an ideal bird room is the means to produce the ideal bird, and to commence with you must make a point of having a room with plenty of ventilation, as all fanciers know the benefits of fresh air. I would suggest any outhouse or stable, one with a northern aspect for preference, as then in winter the birds get the full benefit of the north winds, and any frost at these times is good for keeping down disease.

After we have got the room, we will suppose the variety chosen are Yorkshires. Now these want a room furnished altogether different from the Norwich. To begin with, if the walls of the room are papered, let the pattern of the paper be one with long upright lines as straight as possible. This variety is very vain and proud, so a small looking glass placed high up in the cage pleases the bird's vanity, and he will be constantly standing on his toes to see himself in the glass; this is called style or swagger.

No Need for Inbreeding (?)

Another very important article to procure if you keep Yorkshires is a number of 12-inch rules; these require marking with red ink at the 7½-inch line, and each one making secure to the front of the breeding cages. This is a great incentive for the birds to breed length. I understand the Bradford fanciers use these largely, but when prospective buyers arrive they are all put away so as to preserve the secret.

Everything in the room must be in keeping with the bird, so the cages I prefer for Yorkshires are 20in. high, 7in. wide, and 6in. deep. For instance, I should never recommend anyone like our friend Mr. Drabble to go in for Yorkshires; he would be more of a success with Norwich. Again, Mr. Furniss is a typical Yorkshire. I merely mention this just to show how important it is to have a good beginning.

The cages, furniture, etc., for a Norwich should be just the opposite. I like a nice fat cage for them, one 10in. by 10in. by 8in. deep, and one inch wire netting is preferable for the fronts. This gives the bird the idea of roundness; he will constantly be trying his head through this to see if it is nice and round, hence the term, "Head nice and round." Other things must be in keeping; a special cage must be placed quite opposite the breeders, and in this it is advisable to keep a pair of pigeons; this gives the idea of size to the old birds, as well as the young ones in the nest.

The colour of the room is very important. Everything must be of a rich red colour, then during the moulting season a nice sum can be saved on the colour food. My space is nearly done. There are other improvements I should like to have mentioned that go to make an ideal bird room, but these must be left for some future occasion.

Correspondence.

EVERY WEEK A PRIZE OF TEN SHILLINGS IS GIVEN FOR WHAT, IN THE OPINION OF THE EDITOR OF "CAGE BIRDS," IS THE BEST LETTER PUBLISHED UNDER THIS HEADING. THE LETTER MAY BE ON ANY SUBJECT. IT MAY BE A COMMENT, FOR OR AGAINST, ON ANYTHING WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN OUR PAGES, AN OPINION ON THE POLICY OF OUR PAPER, OR MAY HAVE NO REFERENCE WHATEVER TO ANYTHING WHICH HAS ALREADY APPEARED. SO LONG AS IT IS ON A "BIRDY" SUBJECT, AND IS ORIGINAL, IT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR THE PRIZE.

The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. J. H. Whelan, 14, Leigham St., Plymouth.

The Red Mite Pest.

A Hot-air Cure.

SIR,—As a novice I would like to give my method of keeping free of the company of the red mite. Before giving any fresh seed I take a week's supply, put it on an ordinary newspaper laid flat on the table, and work it well about with my fingers. Then I empty off and examine the paper carefully. It is better for the eyes to use a good glass, as they are then more easily seen. They are of a grey colour when in the seed, and alter colour as they come in contact with our birds. Next put your paper two-fold in or on the oven, empty on your seed, to be not more than three deep, and work seed well about with your fingers for two or three minutes, seeing that the heat is not so great as to damage the seed (about 80 degrees). Mr. Mite will soon be on the paper. When putting the seed back into the vessel don't put in the dust from off the paper, or in goes the mite. If this is done carefully, and your birds kept clean, you need have no fear of mites. Three years back I was over-ridden with mites, and I tried all sorts of spirits, but to no purpose, so I broke the cages up and made a few more. I have used the above method for two years, and am pleased to say I am clear of them. My birds or cages could be examined at any time in reason by any one who has any doubt.

SAM J. PUGH.

On Making a Start.

The Value of Expert Advice.

SIR,—Mr. Martin surprised me by his statement in his lecture at the City and Suburban that the novice should trust no one, but use his own judgment. This is an insult, and degarding to the fancy. It gives one the impression that in the opinion of the lecturer experienced fanciers are a lot of thieves and rogues. I have found as many honest and honourable men among bird-keepers as in any other fancy, trade, or calling. I claim to be one of those individuals, and am pleased to say that I have never stooped so low as to catch a novice, or starter, on account of his ignorance. I have supplied Yorkshires and Norwich, singles and pairs, to a number of novices (who have left themselves in my hands), which, when shown, have been first and second in fairly big classes and good company, and winners have also been bred from them. Reports of the shows have appeared at various times in CAGE BIRDS, which will verify my statement. At any meeting of the Crystal Palace and Penge Society, of which Mr. Martin, myself, and several novices are members, Mr. Martin can have names of members of the above and other societies as proof, and no doubt there will be some members present to give him an idea whether I have caught them with "spoon-feeding." The price well suited their pocket as working men, so that they have not done so badly with the spoon-fed treatment. My advice to the man making a start is to find an honest, reliable man—there are plenty in the fancy—and take the "spoon-feeding" until he has gained knowledge and can feed himself. Don't be fed by a shovel, and don't listen to bogey and bluff. I wonder if Mr. M. has always backed his own intelligence without seeking the advice of others.

A. HUTTON.

Penge.

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Early Outdoor Canaries.

Wales Goes One Better.

SIR,—I have read with interest the letter in CAGE BIRDS of May 12, under the heading "Early Outdoor Canaries." Mr. Hy. Wood may be pleased to know that I have two Norwich Canaries hatched on April 23 under exactly the same conditions as stated by him.

Taff's Well. T. C. BAKER.

Plymouth a Long Way in Front.

SIR,—Seeing Mr. Wood's letter re early young Canaries, I write to tell you that I have six young Canaries, hatched on Easter Monday, April 9. In an outside aviary, with no heating whatever, in fact, I have had to break ice three and four times a day during the past winter. I am a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS, and I get all my information from it. The birds are all doing well, so I think I can crow a bit about early outside young Canaries. I have reared these six on the recipe of egg cake found in the columns of your paper, CAGE BIRDS.

CHAS. H. LEY.

Plymouth.

Goldfinches in Scotland.

Are They Decreasing in Number?

SIR,—Kindly grant me space in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to call the attention of bird-lovers to the extinction with which that beautiful bird the Goldfinch is threatened.

In Scotland this bird is only found in the extreme south, and even there it is very scarce. Yet I wonder how many of your readers know that it was once quite common as a breeding species here (Bathgate), and was known to our ancestors as the Gowdie or Gold Spink. Even as far back as the fifteenth century it was a well-known bird, and Bellenden mentions it in the following lines:—

"The Green serene sang sweet when
The Gold Spink chantit."

Now all is changed, and I think I can safely say that there is not a Goldie to be found to the north of, or in, the Rift Valley. The only reason I can see for this is that the ravages of catchers among birds in the South leave so few at large that the survivors have abundance of food in the Southern counties, without coming our length.

The present manner of catching and caging this bird lays itself open to censure. First, birdlime is extensively used: this is a cruel method, as if a bird gets well covered with it it has a poor chance of living. The lime is often clogged on their toes, and must cause them great pain, and helps to raise the death rate, which must be about 75 per cent.

What is even more cruel is the catching of "Greypates" which are hardly able to feed themselves when at large, far less on hard seed in a cage, and about 50 per cent. of which die in the first few days of captivity.

Even as early as the first week in August I have seen these birds for sale at 1s. 9d. each, crammed into tiny cages, and being fed on crushed hemp. Can we wonder that the death rate is high?

If catchers would only leave these birds until November, the birds would be more able to stand cage life, and it would save the old birds from being caught while they have still young in the nest.

I can never understand why, when naturalists are lamenting the scarcity of this bird, we allow hundreds of cocks to be exported to America every year. America does not allow any of her native birds to be exported to us, and, although I am a supporter of British birds as pets, I fail to see why we should supply a huge continent like America with song birds at the expense of the bird life of our own countryside.

J. B. LAW.

[We are inserting the above letter as received, but would point out that so far as we know the Goldfinch is protected throughout the whole year in every county in Scotland. It was always, we understand, a scarce bird in the North of Scotland, and was never very plentiful beyond the Tweed. Further, we believe it to be increasing in nearly every county in which it is to be found at all.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

The Care of the Linnet.

To Help in the Moult.

SIR,—With reference to my note on the care of the Linnet and the forced moult, I wrote with no disrespect to "Rambler." No doubt he thought he was doing the Fancy a good turn. Now before my few notes appeared in CAGE BIRDS I was speaking with my old friend Mr. Donnelly upon the subject and he asked me how it would be if any of your birds was stuck in the moult. Well, you must relieve them if you know how. I told him the way I relieve mine if they get stuck, and neither of these two articles has ever failed me, but care must be taken to keep the birds covered up awhile, say for a week. You have only to give it once or twice if very bad. Take 3 or 4 drops of sweet nitre, drop them in the water and leave on for two days; this will have the best of results. The other is a small piece of soda, the size of a pea, dissolved in drinking water. These are the two best remedies I know, and of the two I much prefer the former. Birds get fast in the moult through catching a chill when moulting, as they are at their worst during that time.

W. LLOYD.

Early Mule Breeding.

SIR,—Seeing in last week's CAGE BIRDS that young Canaries were hatched outside on April 25 by Mr. Woods, I think I can beat him for being early. I have an outdoor aviary in which I have bred birds for over six years, and I find it far better than breeding in cages. Last season I cleared all out of the aviary but a cage moulted Goldfinch and a hen Canary which I reared myself. The hen is a very good one of Norwich-Yorks. cross, which make the best feeders I have had.

The first season she reared 15 Canaries, last season I paired her to a Goldfinch, and she laid 14 eggs in three nests. All hatched out, one died at a day old, and she reared 13. The first nest hatched out during the third week in May. This year the same pair have been together all the winter, outside. She laid her first egg March 16, and was sitting while the snow was about, and the water pot froze; they hatched out on April 3, and are doing well on seed, and she now has five more eggs, due to hatch May 15. How is this for mule breeding, which is more difficult to get than Canaries? I should like to know if anyone has beaten this or if it is a record.

I find from experience that in mule breeding birds should not be parted, and then run together for a week, and so on, but if you keep them together through the winter, you will get earlier and better results if outside. Feed on good mixed Finch seed all the winter and part the birds for a fortnight while you are feeding the Finch up. They can run together the rest part of the season. Give an unlimited supply of green food, and the young will thrive and do well.

R. J. ROWE.

Why Members' Shows Fail.

Too Many Small Independent Societies.

SIR,—Having read Mr. Coe's letter in CAGE BIRDS of May 12, I agree with him in the point system. For instance, say two members show two birds each in one class and their awards turn out 1st and 7th and 2nd and 6th. Where is the deciding point to come from for a special, if any? At members' shows there are some classes that do not get patronised, and I think the small classes in members' shows are a great grievance with members who have birds in a class that is fully patronised. I have been at many members' shows and have seen classes with one and two entries; still these members get the same amount of prize money as a member who is 1st in a class of sixteen entries. My idea would be to run all members' shows on the sliding scale system according to the entries; this I think would give a little more encouragement to the member successful in a good class.

I am also of the opinion that members' shows should never be a failure where there is no opposition, if the officials appointed take a real live interest in the work taken on by them.

What injures members' shows? I think it is too many clubs in one district, for this causes a grievance between the members of the different societies. In Falkirk there are three separate societies, and the members of these societies are all within the same radius. Last year one of these societies amalgamated with Bannockburn and Grangemouth; what is the matter with the other two Falkirk societies that they cannot amalgamate with these societies and be as one?

I would be delighted if these three Falkirk Societies would come together and amalgamate. I am of the opinion that if this takes place Falkirk will be able to boast of having the best turn-out in Scotland for a members' show.

There also could be some entertainment at the meetings to help the novices, such as judging, washing, and lecturing on different species. I think it would entice the novices and cause more friendliness amongst members. I am of the opinion that all the members of the three societies will heartily come forward if properly approached and will be highly pleased at the uniting of the societies. I am afraid failing in this attempt will mean missing our only chance to keep the Fancy up and if Falkirk fanciers mean to maintain their position in the Fancy they will have to come along, otherwise our three poor societies will all be to the wind this year. Members should be alive to the fact that their three societies are in a decline through opposition to one another, and I would suggest that the secretaries of these societies each call a members' meeting and decide what to do. The secretaries, I understand, are acquainted with each other, and it would be no difficulty for them to communicate the results and fix up for a meeting of all the societies. I trust this will meet the eyes of members and fanciers in Falkirk and the surrounding districts.

NOVICE CAMELON.

More Than One Reason.

SIR,—I quite agree with Mr. Coe on the point of not having so many cards at shows, but I do not agree with raising all fees. I think if the first entry was 1s. 6d., and 6d. a cage after, it should clear all expenses if the sec. is any good at keeping them down.

With regard to points, I should like to see all points after third done away with, as they only encourage dock sweepers and pot hunters to crowd a class with, perhaps, one good bird and four or five duffers. I have seen it on several occasions, and it is generally these sort of fanciers, so called, that make most noise about points. I myself would rather win a shilling ornament outright than compete for a ten-guinea cup or vase. I like free competition with one or two birds of my own, if good enough, in a class. If these points for cups, etc., are necessary to the well-being of a club, restrict them to the one who gets most in the first four birds. I think a judge should act up to his knowledge, and refrain from giving cards to duffers; at big shows I notice there are often blanks in the awards, and if it be right for big shows why not for members' shows?

One reason why members' shows fail is, I think, largely through the odd appearances of the cages; you know the owner's name, and you can pick out all his birds by the colour of the cages. I noticed it particularly at two or three shows in South London which I visited in the autumn and spring.

I think it is high time all British fanciers had a standard size cage and colour. If Scottish fanciers can fix rules for size and colour for British birds, why not English fanciers?

I am rather inclined to think that some of the judges prefer unnatural sized British instead of keeping to the standard and having birds as near natural size as possible, not birds twice the ordinary size, and wild things at that. I am not one of the disappointed exhibitors, as I have done fairly well with the few birds I have shown, having been in the money each time, but the money is not the consideration I look at, it is the sport and satisfaction of having a few fairly good birds to attend to and look after.

One other thing; it would do members' shows more good if there were not so much jealousy among members. Some will go to a lot of trouble to buy a bird to beat other members, especially where points are concerned. We know it is quite lawful to buy birds a few days before shows and sell them again directly, but it is not sportsmanlike.

FAIRPLAY.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 272.)

Is Tredegar C.B.S. Dead?

Sir,—I thank Mr. G. O. Thomas for his open letter in the last issue of Cage Birds, but Mr. Thomas must know that he is not now a member of the Tredegar Society. At the annual meeting held March 17, it was decided not to hold another meeting until June 2. If Mr. Thomas will kindly send me his entrance fees and subscription, 2s., for 1917, I shall have pleasure in proposing him as a new member; he can then attend the following meeting, and all questions which have been asked through the press will be fully dealt with. W. B. Watkins, Sec.

Birds To and From Shows.

The Prepayment of Return Carriage.

Sir,—I have been expecting to see in your columns what steps are being taken with regards to the payment of the railway rates on birds returning from shows this next season, seeing that all parcels sent per passenger trains have to be prepaid. In the past railway companies would not accept the double carriage on birds sent to shows. If this matter has not been taken up now is the time to do so, and not leave it to the last moment. I have simply brought the subject forward in case it has been overlooked for the time being. D. H. Tedstone.

Sir,—As a constant reader of Cage Birds I am very fond of reading club reports. I see that there are a few shows being already fixed for the coming season, and judges have been already selected for various shows. But I have not seen anything about a point which puzzles me very much. How are show committees going to manage under the new railway act, when every parcel and package must be prepaid? It is all right for an exhibitor sending his birds on an outward journey, but what about the return journey? I have been thinking of an idea if railway companies would accept it. It is that when an exhibitor sends birds to a show the railway company should allow him to pay carriage both ways when booking his birds, and the railway companies should have printed labels ready to put on the cases, "Carriage paid both ways," "Carriage paid for return journey," or something similar. Bird shows have done a lot of good for our wounded soldiers and prisoners of war, so I think that railway companies should meet show committees in this matter, if they have not already done so. I hope something will be done and that nothing will be in the way of show committees holding their shows for charities, when our country is in need.

E.E.

(We shall be glad to have suggestions from our readers as to the best means of overcoming the difficulty of paying the return carriage. One way would be for the exhibitor to enclose, either with his entry fees or with the birds in the packing crate, an amount sufficient to prepay the return carriage. It must not be forgotten that railway companies are not likely to do anything to encourage traffic. They are subsidised by the Government for the period of the war, and the less they carry the better are they pleased —Editor, Cage Birds.]

Breeding Roller Canaries.

The Importance of Joining a Club.

Sir,—Under the above heading a letter from Mr. W. H. Morris appears in Cage Birds of May 12. There are one or two points in that letter that, with your kind indulgence, I would elaborate.

We are told that when the writer started breeding Rollers 20 years ago, he was living some 50 miles from any town in which there was a Roller Canary club, and that consequently, "being entirely on my own," he "knew nothing whatever about the bird or his song." After paying a well-deserved compliment to Cage Birds for the information he has obtained from its columns, he goes on to say that "the novice will greatly be helped if he will join a club and go to the monthly meetings, for there he will gather much valuable information which I myself was not able to obtain when I started the hobby."

Now it is this point that I wish to dilate upon for the benefit of those who have taken up the breeding of Rollers. The conditions under which Mr. Morris took up the hobby were, indeed, anything but encouraging. But, thanks to the ever-increasing popularity of the Roller Canary, these adverse conditions do not apply to-day. Some scores of Roller clubs are now established in this country, the great majority of them in the northern counties. Strange though it may seem, until quite recently only one—the British Roller Canary Club—was situated in the south. I say strange, because the Roller was first imported into London from the Continent. Yet in spite of this, and also the fact that London has always been the great emporium for this type of bird, it seems to have become a greater favourite amongst the Northerners. In any case, until quite recently the B.R.C.C. was the only Roller club in the south, but its activities being somewhat restricted to matters that are more or less technical and administrative, it was considered necessary to start a new club, which, although affiliated to the B.R.C.C., might prove of more interest and service to the novice and amateur members of the fancy. The Southern Roller Canary Club, with headquarters at the Imperial Restaurant, Old Bailey, was founded last month in accordance with this idea:—

There must be some hundreds of Roller fanciers who are not members of a club. Now I maintain that it is absolutely essential for a Roller fancier to join a Roller club. With other types of cage birds, although certainly advisable, it is not exactly necessary, for articles and illustrations will often suffice to guide the breeder, whose aim is entirely that of improving the size, shape, or colour of his birds. But with Rollers it is the song, and the song only, that matters. And no amount of reading, correspondence, diagrams, or explanations will enlighten the fancier who wishes to master the science of Roller Canary breeding and training. He must hear, and hear frequently, the tours of the bird, and have them explained at the same time by some more experienced fancier. At the monthly meetings, therefore, after the usual club business has been disposed of, a lecture is generally given, and an explanation of the song of the birds present is given. The distinction between the various Gluckes, the variations of the Hollow Roll, the elusive Koller Tour, and the charm of the low, deep sung phases of the bird's song are all explained, and the faults connected with these tours, such, for instance, as the high pitched Bell Tour, the sharp and nasal Flute Notes, or the objectionable Aufzug, are pointed out as they occur. I well remember the first meeting that I attended, for some half dozen well-trained birds present kept the lecturer very busy for over an hour explaining the different tours as each bird brought them. I can safely say that in that brief hour I learnt more of the birds and their song than I had tried to pick up from books for months previously.

To become a member of a club, then, is absolutely essential for every Roller breeder who wishes to become successful, or even to understand the birds with which he is dealing. There are, of course, other advantages to be gained by membership, as, for example, the exchange of views and instruction in matters of breeding, and the very important privilege in being able to purchase the acknowledged rings from the club. These rings serve not only as a means of tracing pedigree, but also as a qualification to enter the birds at the various contests held throughout the country. An un-rung bird is disqualified—ipso facto—from certain classes in these contests. Moreover, as the advertisement columns in Cage Birds clearly indicate, those birds wearing an acknowledged ring command higher prices. Candidly, if only on account of this last fact alone, it would be an advantage to belong to a club. And certainly the membership subscription of a club—generally 3s. 6d. per annum—is in itself insignificant considering the many advantages gained.

And now, Mr. Editor, whilst I tender you my thanks in anticipation of your finding space for this letter in your invaluable paper, I will take this opportunity to urge all Roller fanciers in their own interest to join a club, where they would, in the words of Mr. Morris, "gather much valuable information and be greatly helped." R. Dugdill.

Rearing Young Canaries.

Hemp Stops a Hen From Feeding.

Sir,—Being a regular reader of Cage Birds, which I could not do without, I thought I would like to give you my experience with an unflighted hen. She laid five eggs, and brought out five chicks. She fed them beautifully for seven days on egg food and green food; on the seventh day I gave her crushed hemp, but after giving the hemp seed I noticed that she would not touch the egg food, so I removed the hemp seed again, but she did not go back to her egg food which I give four times a day. I noticed the young in the nest had changed, and had gone so weak that they would not open their mouths, so I got a small stick and took them out one by one and forced them with egg food made up with a drop of water, every hour. The following day I did not want to take them out of the nest, as I could not feed them fast enough. Now the hen will sit on the side of the nest and pop in a bit of green food while I am giving the egg food. I expect them to be on the sticks any time, as they are three weeks old to-morrow, so I would like to know if any other fanciers have had the same experience. A Novice.

Bird-keeping a Profitable Hobby.

How it May be Fostered and Encouraged.

Sir,—No doubt most of your readers will remember that just before the commencement of this great war there was a powerful movement on the part of municipalities and narrow-minded faddists to compel the workers living in tenements to abstain from bird-keeping, and others in towns, suburban districts, and even in rural parts from keeping pigs, poultry, and rabbits.

The authorities backed up by their idealistic Medical Officers of Health and sanitary officers seemed bent on representing our cities and towns as an Augean stable, and our streets as paved with gold. But every sanitary reform catered for the whims of the rich who were capable of getting their pleasures out of town when they chose, forgetting that the workers, who were generally tied to the district in which they lived and slaved, could only amuse themselves with some of the smaller animals in their back garden, shed, or house.

The man of means and leisure could spend his energy on unprofitable pleasure on a golf course, which should have been tilled by those who could have provided for their own and even their neighbour's table.

In the past the bulk of our legislation was made in the interest of the rich, and thus the workers were restricted in the keeping of some of the smaller domestic economic animals, which form a not inconsiderable part of the wealth of the nation. These animals could have been maintained most economically on the wasted food daily put into the dustbin, manure-heap, or behind the fire.

People tending to animals are far healthier than the majority living in luxurious surroundings—they don't suffer from "nerves," dyspepsia, and anæmia. Even the sewermen and slaughter-men are much healthier than the park-keeper or the house-maid of the basement flat.

Working people keeping pigs, poultry, rabbits, or cage birds, are generally healthier, steadier, more moral, more law-abiding, and happier than those who have no hobby to occupy their mind in their spare time. Even if the keeping of animals is not always profitable, which it generally is, it gives those who possess them an immense deal of pleasure.

Bird-keeping and bird-catching give a working man as much, if not more, pleasure than hunting the fox, coursing the hare, or shooting the semi-domesticated partridge or pheasant does the rich man with great leisure, who is considered a sportsman because he kills for pleasure. And surely the working man's hobby does not rob his country of food as the rich man's sport, which puts out of cultivation immense tracts of land that could be put to better use in food production.

Bird-keeping and bird-catching are considered by many prejudiced and sentimental people to be cruel, and many a poor devil of a bird-catcher has been fined or sent to prison for alleged cruelty on the evidence of a policeman who often lies, or is absolutely ignorant of animals. Bird-catching is not a cruel sport. Fishing is, but did anybody yet condemn it as such?

Bird-keeping has a very great moral influence on those who go in for it; it makes one take an intelligent interest in bird life and, in fact, in nature in general. It is educative, and exercises and occupies the mind. Even if only for these reasons, it should be encouraged and fostered, so that in every village or hamlet in this country there should be a certain number of its inhabitants who keep birds for profit as well as for pleasure. Such a work should be undertaken after the war by a National Bird-keepers' Society with local branches stretching from towns into rural districts.

The villager or cottager, if he could only be interested in bird-keeping and breeding, would form a valuable asset in supplying the demand of the general public for cage birds, and thus enable us to keep the British bird trade in our own hands. Nobody could keep birds so cheaply as the villager, because he has around him all the material for their maintenance; he has not any need to purchase a single seed, egg, or other agent with which to sustain them.

He could always find time to attend their wants much better than the town dweller, and after the breeding season he could sell his surplus stock to the dealer. There are many village industries besides agriculture in this country: there are the weaver, and the frame-work knitter, all probable candidates for the bird industry.

Local societies should be far more numerous after than before this war. Such should undertake to spread information on bird-keeping by free popular lectures or conferences, so as to induce the villagers, especially the young, to take an interest in the craft, if not merely for pleasure then also for profit.

A word of warning to those who run bird societies. Run them for the love of the work, not as a means of "pot-boiling." Cater for the majority and not for the few. I feel certain that if a propaganda in bird-keeping were seriously undertaken after this war there would be numerous adherents gained. Now is the time to plan for the future.

H. G.

Remarks on the Breeding of a Pair of Nondescript Canaries.

The Grey Mare the Better Horse.

Sir,—About seven years ago a friend presented a delightful singing Yorkshire cock Canary to me. We had him for six years or thereabouts when he made such a fuss about his celibacy that I thought it only fair to procure for him a mate. I therefore interviewed a local small dealer, and bought from him an old experienced hen for 3s. 6d. She was a quaint old thing of the suffragette persuasion, and kept "Richard," my cock, in strict order and discipline. When he tried showing off or any uppishness she, in a matter of fact way, simply knocked him off the perch, and let him understand she would stand no nonsense, and that he was to confine himself strictly to business.

I never saw a bird so nonplussed and surprised as was Richard. On many occasions in the midst of a passionate love ditty he found himself suddenly sprawling on his back at the bottom of the cage. She scratched her sides and poll frequently like a monkey, though she was not verminous, and took her bath regularly. She was no spring chicken, far from it, for the scales on her claws were like those on an armadillo's back, large and heavy.

Of their first clutch of five, three birds died of fits, and before they departed nearly screamed their heads off, and gave us the equivalent of shell-shock by the squeaking noises they made, but of the two that survived one has turned out a beautiful singer.

This clutch was fed on what the dealer recommended, powdered Osborne biscuit, hard-boiled yolk of egg, and green stuff. He recommended giving a small percentage of the white of egg, and I fear I exceeded his instructions with sorry results. I pondered over the cause of the mortality, and after much cogitation, as I had previously noticed that my friend Richard rejected the white of egg, I concluded that therein possibly lay the causa mori.

White of egg is hard of digestion, easy of decomposition into poisonous albuminoids, ptomaines, and other toxins in the digestive tract, and an excellent cultivation medium for many pathogenic bacteria. I determined to eschew it in the future, and did so with the happiest results. Of the succeeding three clutches of six, six, and five, only one bird died. All the others lived and thrived, and were a credit to their parents and up-bringing.

Richard is a pure yellow bird, and the old hen was a pure dun, yet about three-fourths of their progeny were more or less marked. Two had black caps, two neck rings, two spectacles, and the others were irregularly flaked, except five, which were of pure plumage.

I know nothing of the geneaology of the two old birds, and wondered where the Mendelian law came in. Was the marking a recessive or a dominant characteristic? Judging from the origin of domestic Canaries, and from what I have seen of the original bird in the Canary Islands, I think one may safely conclude it was dominant. I had no space to carry on unlimited experiments in breeding, and so had to dispose of the progeny, but this year I am interbreeding two pairs of the marked birds, and am curious as to what the results may be.

The old hen, I am sorry to say, came to an untimely end. Before the last brood was half fledged she went through the greenhouse skylight seeking insect food for the brood, and never returned. She fell a victim to a prowling cat. But Richard rose superior to his bereavement, fed the youngsters most attentively and religiously, and successfully brought them all up.

As to food. From a very limited experience I believe yolk of egg and powdered biscuit and seedling cress, lettuce and mustard are the best food for young birds. The latter are easily grown in boxes. Scalded rape seed theoretically I think dangerous, from its liability to decomposition. I am inclined to think that Canaries, like pigeons and doves, at the breeding season manufacture an analogue of milk in their crops, a mixture of partially digested food plus a secretion from the mucous membrane of the crop. I noticed that the parents never gave any food direct from the feeding troughs to the very young, but only that which they regurgitated after the lapse of a certain time after feeding, the time lessening as the young grew older.

J. H. Whelan.

Queries Answered

For Rules, see last week's issue.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST JOHN

SPARENESS OF FEATHER.

Early Reply.—This is not infrequently a congenital defect in Rollers, and in that case the prospects of any very material improvement being effected are rather remote. In any case it is not very likely that much improvement will be effected before the natural moulting season. The following treatment will be the best preparation for the next moult, and will bring about as much immediate improvement as can be expected. In addition to the staple seed diet give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and then sprinkled with soft sugar every third day. On the intervening days give first half-a-teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, with just a sprinkling of linseed in the bulk, and next add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. Continue this for a fortnight, then miss a week, and repeat treatment for another fortnight, and repeat it again for a third course. Give a morsel of green food freshly gathered, if possible, daily, and allow the bird to bathe as freely as it likes.

ALWAYS GAPING.

W. F. R. (Worksop).—The hen seems to be in an advanced stage of bronchial disease, and if this is of any long standing the chances of cure are exceedingly slight. Alleviation is all that can be expected in such cases. The first step should be to remove as far as possible, all the exciting causes of the condition, such as direct cold draughts, sudden extremes of temperature, or irritating, dusty and impure air. Keep the bird in a bright healthy place, well aired, and an equable and comfortable, but not necessarily overheated, temperature, which is free from the above-named causes. In addition to the staple seed diet, give every third day a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the intervening days give first a morsel of some seasonable green food, and next a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure seed. In the drinking water add every second day for one week six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give instead 20 drops of the following mixture, which any chemist will mix for you, in the drinking water every second day for a fortnight, then miss a week, and repeat treatment for another fortnight. Mixture: 2 drs. syrup of squills, 1 dr. each of sweet spirit of nitre, tincture of lobelia and ipecacuanha wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium.

FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.

A Novice.—Possibly your feeding is too stimulating, which may he to some extent the cause of the hen attending to her young so satisfactorily for one week and then deserting them to begin nesting again. A diet of hemp, rape and canary, as you say you give, may be either a suitable one or quite the reverse. It all depends on the proportions, of which you give no details. You only say you have tried leaving the cock with her without success, which is only what might be expected, as the presence of the cock with such a hen as this is simply an additional incitement to start nesting again too soon, and you omit to say whether you have tried taking him away and leaving her to hatch out and rear the young by herself, taking the cock, if possible, out of sight and earshot of her until the young are ready to leave the nest; if, indeed, she stuck to her duties so long as that. The wisest plan when you have a hen known to be of this disposition is to try to get one or two other hens nesting at the same time, so that it other methods of management fail you may have a chance of transferring the young to more normal parents to be reared. Apart from this, when she is going to nest again, take away the cock on the evening of the third or fourth day. At once cut out all hemp from the staple diet, and do not give the hen any hemp until the young are ten or twelve days old and do not give any dandelion at all as a green food. Give a staple of plain canary seed only whilst sitting, and limit the supply of egg food to one or two half-teaspoonful allowances at intervals during the period of incubation, and stop any other seed mixture you may have been giving. On the fourth day after hatching, and again on the sixth, add a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, to the drinking water from early morning to mid-afternoon. In all other respects treat in the usual manner, and if this has no effect, I am afraid there is no other remedy available except getting the young transferred to foster-parents for rearing.

SEEDS AND SLOW HEN.

A. J. A.—(1) The sample of hemp is just a trifle lacking in its natural oil, but it is quite sound and sweet in the kernel and perfectly safe and wholesome to feed to Canaries which are rearing young. The rape is a nice, clean, sweet and mild sample of summer rape of very good quality. This also is a perfectly safe and wholesome food for birds. I can detect no trace of mustiness in either. (2) I think this hen only needs a little time to get to business. If she has not got to work by the time this reply appears, give her and her mate between them a small teaspoonful of egg food with about a third of the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it every second day for a fortnight or so, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazel, and broken groats. Give three or four leaves of dandelion daily.

IS HE TOO OLD?

Old Cock.—Considering the character of the late spring and winter, the age of the cock, and the fact that you have already had two nests of eggs from the pair, it is quite evident that you mated them up much too soon, and this, I am inclined to think, is the sole explanation of the eggs being clear. A cock six years old that is apparently in perfect health and condition is certainly not too old to fertilise eggs, but it is not unusual for them to be rather late in coming into full vigour, so that instead of being mated exceptionally early, it is much better to wait until the season is well under way. Leave the birds together, feed for a fortnight or so as advised to "A.J.A." in this issue, and it is quite likely that you will find the next clutch of eggs fertile, more or less.

MEAGRE RESULTS.

Will Pill.—You omit to say how or when the young die, or whether they are deserted by the hens or not, and it would have been better had you gone more into details of your method of feeding from the time the young are hatched. As the fresh stock of hens appear to be addicted to the same trouble, it certainly looks as if the cause lay somewhere in your treatment or the conditions under which the birds are kept. I rather doubt the wisdom of getting rid of all the hens of last season, as by so doing you might very easily have relinquished an important link in the making of your strain. However, this cannot be avoided now, so if you have any more broods due immediately, I can only advise you to try the following method, and if it is not at once more of a success write again and give all the details of your management and the conditions under which the birds are kept you can. You have, I suppose, already tried both leaving the cocks with the hens to assist in the rearing, and also removing them. If not, do so; that is, try the method you have not been using hitherto. When the young are hatched make your egg food of equal parts egg, yolk only, and bread crumbs, until the young are three or four days old, then gradually reduce the proportion of egg yolk to a third part of the whole, or you might add instead an equal part of crushed biscuit, making it equal parts egg, biscuit, and bread crumb, and if the biscuit is unsweetened add a very slight dusting of soft sugar. Avoid dandelion as green food, and begin on the fourth day to give a little freshly gathered (if possible) flowering tips of groundsel, lettuce, or watercress, twice daily, giving preference to them in the order named. If the hens show any signs of flagging towards the end of the first week, add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the drinking water for the greater part of the day on two successive days, and give a little soaked rape in a separate vessel, and if this fails to tempt them try instead a teaspoonful daily of lightly cracked hemp, but see that the latter is sound and sweet in the kernel. This may hold you out whilst you are awaiting a more definite reply when I have more particulars.

SAMPLE OF HEMP.

Novice, D.D.—The sample of hemp sent has just about passed the border line of safety. Some of it is still quite sound and usable, but a quite appreciable proportion is stale and rancid. I should consider it a risky food for Canaries feeding young, especially if it was given crushed. The best plan would be to eliminate the risk by discarding it altogether.

INSECTICIDES.

I. O. K.—(1) If you smash up the chips quite small and steep a heaped tablespoonful of them in a pint of water overnight, and pour off the liquid next morning, it should be quite strong enough for spraying on birds trombled with grey lice. Spraying the birds for red mites is quite a useless proceeding, as in this case it is the cages that need attention, not the birds. The above quantity of quassia chips may or may not weight an ounce, as they are very light. The same chips will serve for a second time if a fresh supply of water is put on them after first supply is poured off, and allowed to stand until the next morning. (2) If the paraffin will dissolve the camphor I should consider it preferable to the turpentine as an application to the cages. The turpentine, if used often or freely, would have just the same effect of damaging varnishes with an oil base or paint on the cages, as spirit has on spirit varnishes. (3) Permanganate of potash is generally reputed a disinfectant, but its powers in this direction are very slight, I believe. It is a very good and cheap deodorant—a very different thing, for removing any trace of bad smell without leaving a strong odour of its own, and is therefore useful for keeping the air of a bird-room or the cages fresh and sweet. I am not aware that it has any material effect upon red mites, though I must confess I have not made any special experiments in this direction with it.

HENS DYING.

E. E. H.—Considering all the points I am strongly inclined to think that the real cause of the deaths was a chill owing to the climatic conditions which would be prevalent about that time, and to which hens are particularly suseeptible just at the time they are going to nest. At the same time, I would advise you to treat the rest of your hens as follows until they have gone to nest, and to quite avoid giving dandelion as green food. Give the usual staple of canary and summer rape, and in addition give separately for each pair a teaspoonful of egg food or an equivalent quantity of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed with it, every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp (see that it is quite sound and sweet in the kernel), niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats. Do not give any linseed. Give a morsel of green food daily—preferably chickweed, flowering tips of groundsel, or watercress, in the order named. Keep the hens well supplied with cuttlefish. In the drinking water add four drops each of tincture of gentian and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for one week, to tone them up a little. After this I think you will find better success attend their next attempts.

SHOW CAGE FOR YORKSHIRE.

Bullie.—The proper type of show cage for the Yorkshire as recognised by exhibitors is an open wire cage all over, with an arched top, which is also of wire. The standard size is 9ins. long, 6ins. wide, 14ins. to centre of arch from base, and 11ins. from base to eaves. The outside and wires should be done in black enamel or paint, and the inside of bottom part to which wires are attached may be painted or enamelled light green or blue. You would doubtless find an illustration of the cage in the handbook "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages," which our Manager could send you for 2/3, post free.

DRIED YOLK OF EGGS.

Constant Reader.—If the evaporation were skilfully carried out, so that no moisture remained in the boiled yolks, they would keep good indefinitely if stored in a cool, dry place, in an air-tight receptacle. Whether the result would be equal to dried yolk which had not been subjected to boiling I am not prepared to say, but, frankly, I do not see the need for boiling. There are several good brands of dried or desiccated egg yolk on the market, which are practically the same thing—that is, yolks from which the moisture has been evaporated, but I do not think these are boiled prior to evaporation.

BRITISH BIRDS. MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

HYBRID WITH STIFF CLAWS.

M. A. S.—Foot trouble of some kind is one of the most common ailments cage birds are subject to, and although it may arise from several causes, I am inclined to think digestive trouble has as much to do with it as anything. Therefore I would advise you first of all to be very particular as to diet. Offer a spoonful of soaked rape and teazle two or three times a week, and gather wild food from the open. Many kinds can be procured just now, and others are coming along daily, dandelions are in flower, and in a few days the seed heads can be plucked; seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse, and groundsel are plentiful. I would also advise just a little Glauber's salts in the drinking water to stimulate the liver, the dose would be ten grains in four tablespoonfuls of water, given, say, twice a week. Keep the bird in the box cage and see that the perches are placed low, so that he does not have a decided drop from them to the floor of the cage. Remove the flat perches and replace them with round ones no thicker than a lead pencil, cut them from a tree if you can, so that they are a bit rough, affording them a surface that the bird can grip. Local treatment should consist of placing the feet in a saucer of fairly warm water, and then gently massaging the claws between the finger and thumb, using a little oily embrocation. This treatment, if persevered in, should effect a cure. Let the bird bathe on bright days, giving the bath in the early morning. Give him a couple of mealworms daily, or other insect life, sprays of vegetation infested with green fly are particularly useful.

MAKING NO PROGRESS.

Bullie.—In all Hybrid breeding, it is the rule for the birds to put off nesting as long as possible, so yours may be only deferring the happy day, but I may tell you that the Bullfinch cock is not a reliable breeder, although occasionally one is fertile; of such we had an example in our query columns of last week. Look it up, it may interest you. If you are particularly desirous of trying to breed with the Bullfinch, then keep them together a little longer; if not, try the Goldfinch, as this cross is not nearly so difficult. Evidently the hen is quite ready to go to nest, and if you have any difficulty in getting your Goldfinch ready you could have a nest of Canaries from her first, by running a cock Canary in with her about three nights in succession, and then removing him entirely, or she may not take to the Goldie for the second nest. The best show cage for a Bullfinch is one measuring 12 ins. in length, 10 ins. high, and 5 ins. deep, the bottom rail about 2 ins. high, not more, and the top partly open to allow the judge to look down on the back of the bird. You can buy specially made wire fronts for this purpose that are shaped at the top. The best colour is a fairly rich green: get a fully developed laurel leaf and try to match it.

BREEDING WITH BULLFINCH COCK.

Bullfinch-Greenfinch.—Your breeding affairs appear to be going on very nicely, and I should think your chances of getting something from your Bullfinch and Greenfinch particularly rosy. You may not have the trouble you anticipate with the Greenfinch; hens are generally much more steady when incubating, and I think your arrangements are quite the thing. I would suggest that you never go suddenly into the room, just let the birds know you are about, and when feeding them take as little notice of the nesting birds as possible. In the open Greenfinches nest from now onward, and I have found young ones as late as September. (3) I fancy you you will be more likely to be successful by pairing the Siberian Finch with the Hybrid should it prove to be a hen; this you can soon find out by running them together.

THE REARING OF HYBRIDS.

First Venture.—The cost and scarcity of hens' eggs will no doubt prevent many fanciers from using them as freely as in other years, and many substitutes will be tried. In the rearing of hybrids you should have no difficulty about them, because many crosses have been successfully reared without egg, the food used for the purpose being a good brand of insectile food, as given to Nightingales and Warblers. It consists mostly of ants' eggs, dried flies, meat meal, biscuit, etc. The Canary hens should be given the food some time before they are required to feed the young ones; they soon get used to it, and, in fact, become fond of it. It should be slightly moistened with mild or warm water, although I know one successful fancier who uses it in a dry state. Soaked seeds and green food should also be given regularly, and all kind of seeding wild plants, particularly the various grasses, and vegetation infested with green fly. If the hens will not take these, the young can be fed with them by hand. Scrape the fly off on to a piece of paper, and then offer them to the young ones on the end of a feeding stick; they are grand food for them, and help them along wonderfully.

HAND-REARING SKYLARKS.

Laverock.—Handreared Skylarks certainly have advantages over the wild caught birds. In the first place they are delightfully tame, and the cocks are mostly good singers; against this one has the difficulty that they must have an old bird to sing under, one that has the pure wild note, or they will learn anything they hear. The young should be taken fairly early, say about ten days old, just before they begin to run from the nest. Keep them in a basket or box with plenty of ventilation, and make a hay nest for them, which should be changed frequently. Feed every hour at first, and later on every two hours. Do not cram them; give just a nice meal, so that they are ready for the next one when the time arrives. They can be reared on almost any good Lark food, but the better the food the less liable they are to cramp. I have reared them successfully on the following: Insectile food, to which has been added hard boiled egg and an extra quantity of biscuit powder, or stale bread, soaked in cold water. The mixture should be made moist with milk, not sloppy, but just in that moist condition so that it leaves the feeding stick easily. Cage them off separately as soon as they can feed themselves.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PARROT WITH DIARRHŒA.

Tim.—It is not possible for me to give you a helpful answer for you do not even tell me what kind of Parrot it is; you say it will not eat hard seed, yet give me no hint how you are feeding. You can do this even though you can't speak for the past; but surely you never bought the bird without an enquiry as to how to feed? The looseness of the bowels may not be ordinary diarrhœa, but in a newly-imported bird may be evidence of some even more serious trouble. For one day only make its drinking water quite saline with Glauber salts, then prepare the following: one teaspoonful of cornflour, one teaspoonful of condensed milk, five drops of brandy, mix these into a pasle, then add sufficient boiling water to make it liquid enough for the bird to drink. Give this for one week, but prepare it fresh daily. In the matter of food, as it will not eat hard seed I can only suggest either boiled maize, or the following sop: pieces of bread or biscuit, ten drops cod liver oil emulsion, and as much hot water as the bread or biscuit will absorb. It can have shelled nuts and ripe fruit (apple is very wholesome), also dry biscuit if it will eat them. If you give me further particulars I will try and give you a more helpful reply.

HARD BREATHING.

Mrs. E. B.—Continue the treatment already advised, but with this alteration: one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the water every fourth day, and on the other days continue the mixture. Continue this for a week or ten days, then substitute chemical food for the mixture. It would be better for it if you could give it a little honey and borax; most Parrots will bite at a small stick if you tap the beak with it, and if the end of the stick were smeared with the honey and borax some would be sure to be taken, or if you smeared the joint of the beak (the margins of the upper and lower mandibles) with same, by means of the stick, some of it would be sure to be sucked in. As regards the shedding of the down, this is quite natural and need cause you no anxiety at all, so long as the bird is not pulling its feathers. If you continue the treatment as above it should only be a matter of time for its condition to become gradually normal. Now we are getting such fine, warm weather, a little outdoor treatment would be beneficial, but do not place it in any direct current of air, nor yet in the full glare of the sun. It will not be well to continue the mixture longer than the state of its breathing calls for.

AVADAVATS IN CAGE.

Avadavat.—These birds are rather shy breeders, even in large aviaries, though some few are reared annually in garden aviaries. To make success probable in a cage, this should be roomy—a large Crystal Palace type, with the partitions removed, would be as good as any. Fit it up with twiggy branches as perches, and hang up a rush nest in the most retired corner, well screening it with sprays of heather or broom, or both. These wee mites are very fond of picking the millet seed from millet sprays. Give a mixture of canary seed (not giant, but a medium-sized plump seed), and Indian millet, with the seeding and flowering heads of any of our indigenous grasses as greenfood. Also, of course, grit, cuttlebone and water regularly.

SONG OF PEKIN ROBINS, ETC.

Musicus.—The individual merit of these lovely birds varies greatly, some equal and even surpass the English Blackcap, but others have little more than a call note; a few sing more or less continuously, others only in spring and summer. The best way to procure a good one is to wait till you can have one under observation for a little time, or, at any rate, long enough to hear it sing—not easy in these times—then you are likely to get hold of, at any rate, a songster of average merit. Their diet is simple, providing their quarters allow them room for exercise. Any good make of insectile mixture (soft food), made crumbly moist with boiling water—they are fond of grated cheese, and about a teaspoonful stirred into the soft food after it has been moistened, is good for them. In addition, you must supply ripe fruit and a few insects. A little milksop is a good, wholesome change for them. Some individuals are fond of white millet, and a teaspoonful once a week will do them no harm.

QUAKER PARRAKEETS.

Psittaci.—These are handsome, if somewhat noisy birds, very suitable for a roomy aviary, and also very accommodating, too, in confined quarters, for I have seen broods reared in a cage about 2ft. square by 3ft. high, and the young fully reared to maturity before being parted with. They will need a good heap of twiggy branches, similar to those from which birch brooms are made; these they will ent up into suitable lengths and build themselves quite a huge nest, attaching it to any stout bough that is suitably placed for them; a corner position is a good one, and the bough should possess one or more forks. As regards diet, they require a pan of canary seed and white millet in equal parts,, also a pan of oats, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds in equal parts, greenfood in variety, such as grass in flower, dandelion, shelled green peas, lettuce, and ripe fruit. Grit and cuttlebone are important items in the diet of all Parrots and Parrakeets, and with water must be continuously supplied. The nests of these birds are really interesting structures, strongly woven together, and in a Surrey aviary I know of a pair which for the past three years have reared two broods annually.

BIRDS FOR AVIARIES.

Aviculturist.—An aviary 16ft. by 14ft. is a nice size, and would supply nice accommodation for about 30 pairs of birds, if planted with evergreen and deciduous trees and bushes, sufficiently close to supply good natural cover. Eight feet is a good height, as this leaves a space above your head when in the aviary. In such an aviary, with a suitable shelter attached, you could keep:—Finches: Gouldian, Bib, Long and Rufous-tailed Grass, Zebra, Olive, Diamond, Ribbon, Cuban, Grey and Green Singing, Alario, Spice, Parson, Fire, and others. Waxbills: Grey, Gold-breasted, St. Helena, Violet-eared, Sydney, Black-faced, Cordon Bleus, etc. Mannikins: Black-headed, White-headed, Tricolor, Rufous-backed, Yellow-rumped, Magpie, Bronze, Chestnut-breasted, Silverbills, Bengalese, Java Sparrows, etc. Etceteras: Pekin Robins, Diamond Doves, Green-wing Doves, Chinese Quail, White-eyes (Zosterops), Yellow-wing Sugarbirds, Blue Tanagers, Orange-headed Ground Thrushes. It should be noted that the intention is to include only one pair of each; a few odd Weavers for the sake of their gorgeous summer dress could be included, though some individuals are a disturbing feature in the aviary, but they are more obstreperous than quarrelsome. They certainly make a grand show, and if a really quarrelsome individual be acquired, it can easily be got rid of. I have kept all the above together in a similar-sized avairy to yours.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. The Post Office regulation is that bodies of birds must be sent at the letter rate of postage, and must be packed in hermetically-sealed receptacles which must themselves be enclosed in strong wooden, leather, or metal cases. If this regulation be infringed the packets may be destroyed by the authorities. **Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and** if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

REDPOLL OR LINNET?

Bolton.—The birds you describe are Lesser Redpolls. The Redpoll is a smaller bird than the Linnet, and the red on the rump is a certain identification. A picture of a Redpoll appears in this week's issue.

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HENS

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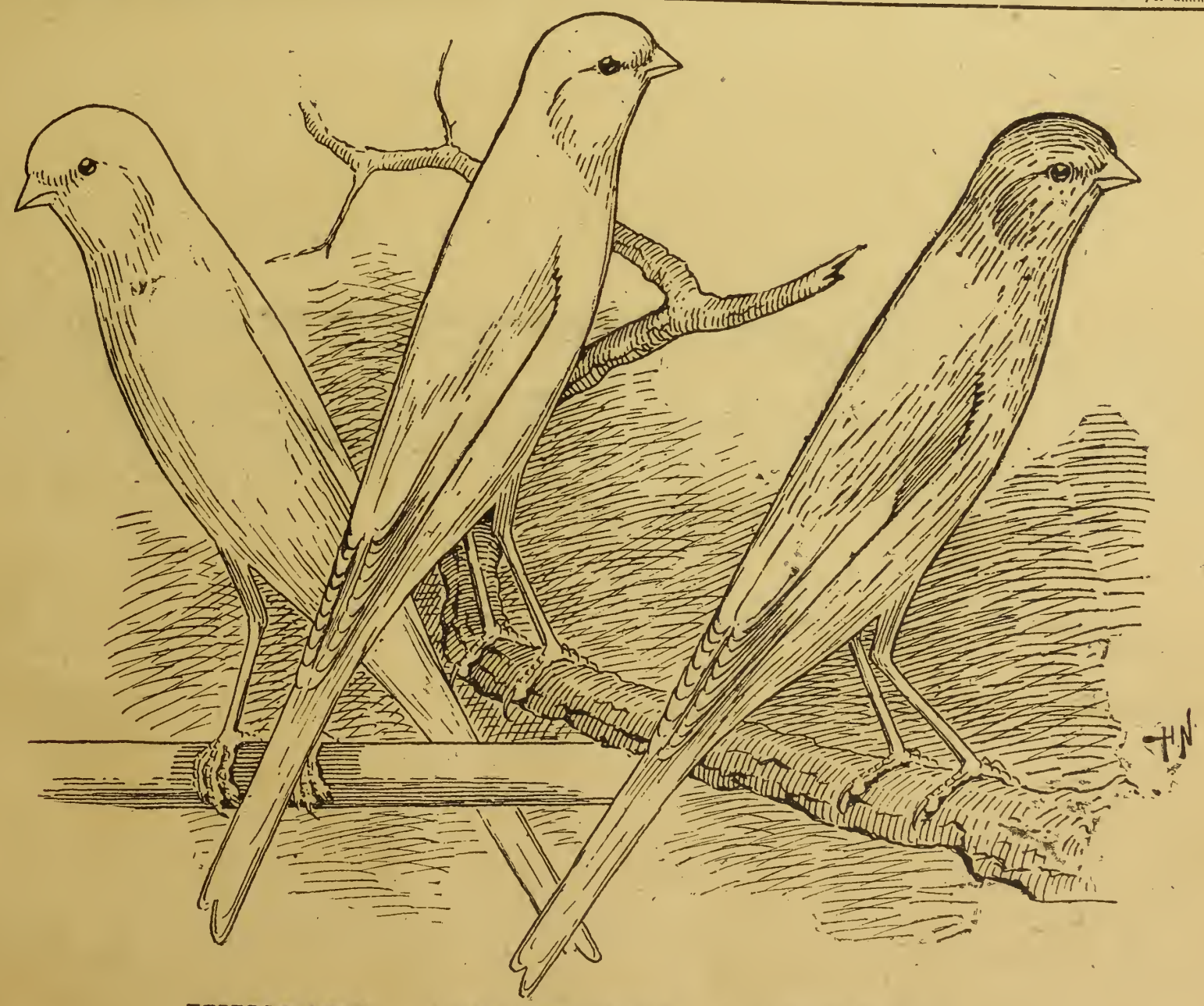

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PURE yellow green Yorkshire cock, fine songster, proved breeder this season, 12/6: Beedleston, Primrose-terrace, Shrewsbury. (964)

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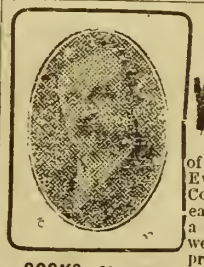

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Club Reports.

FIFE C.B.L.

Meeting, Bay Horse Tavern, Lochgelly, May 12. The Lochgelly delegates stated that Lochgelly society was not in favour of combining with other societies in the League in running shows under the name of Fife Cago Birds League. As only Lochgelly delegates were present, it was agreed to let business stand over till next meeting at Coaltown of Wemyss, at the end of July. A vote of thanks to the chair ended the meeting.—Joe Sneddon, Sec.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

Meeting May 10, Town Hall, Mr. H. J. Kybert chair. Owing to the late season it was agreed to postpone annual ramble until June 17. Schedule for first feather show, June 23, was arranged. Several specials were promised. Judge, Mr. H. Dewhurst. Arrangements are being made to hold a series of monthly table shows for Canaries and British, commencing on July 12. Mr. A. Fleet will judge the first show. Members are asked to give these fixtures their hearty support. Next meeting June 14, when Mr. W. L. Taylor has kindly promised to give a demonstration on mixing colour-food, and it is hoped that a good number of members will endeavour to be present.—H. J. Kybert.

PLYMOUTH AND W. COUNTIES.

Meeting, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, May 15, Mr. Finch chair. Election of judges for first nest feather show, May 30, was the principal business, and the following were elected: Yorkshires, Mr. Large; Norwich, Mr. Gill; Crests, Mr. French; Cinnamons and A.O.V. Canaries, Mr. Spillman; British and Foreign, Mr. Pope. Decided that admission to the hall for nest feather shows shall be free, and we hope to have a record attendance. A hearty welcome will be given to non-members, or anyone interested in the hobby, and members will be pleased to give their advice free on any subject. Next meeting, June 19, when the deferred discussion on our annual show will take place, and we hope to have the advice of all those interested.—O. Moffitt, hon. sec.

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEYS

General meeting May 17, at headquarters, Mr. Hollingshead chair. Several letters were read, and we were sorry to hear that Mr. T. James had decided to sell all his birds. We trust he may soon take up the hobby again. Sec. was instructed to write several gentlemen re judging First Feather show, June 9, which will be held at the Llwyncelyn Hotel, Porth; birds to be staged by 5 p.m. There will be 13 classes for Canaries—two for Mules and Hybrids, one Selling, and seven British. Mr. Richard Gilbert and J. Russell were elected members. There have been a few slight alterations to the rules, and new rule cards have been printed. It is very important that every member should attend the next meeting, May 31, at 7. Those who have promised to join kindly attend, and a hearty welcome is extended to any fancier in the Rhondda Valleys.—A. H. C. Legg, Hon. Sec.

S. WALES AND MON. FED.

Meeting, Elysium, Swansea, April 28, Mr. J. E. Jeffreys presiding, with a fairly good attendance of delegates. Election of officers for 1917: Chair, J. E. Jeffreys; vice, D. Evans; treas., Tom Lack; sec., C. Richards, on retirement of A. A. Gordon McLucas. Resolved to invite all S. Wales and Mon. societies to join the Federation, and try and improve our Welsh shows in the coming show season. Last year we had a few shows in Wales which clashed, and I am sure that most societies will agree that when two shows clash neither are likely to be a great success. The Federation have five cups to be competed for, and the annual fee is 5s. Will Welsh societies send along their fee for 1917 and the date for their next show? Our next meeting is at Neath, June 30. Time and place will appear in these columns. All correspondence should be addressed to the sec., C. Richards, 7, Gilfach Road, Penygraig, Rhondda.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Annual general meeting headquarters, May 8, Mr. F. A Lester (president) in the chair, and a splendid muster present. Election of three new members, also confirmation of ten new members. The result of election of officers was announced:—Pres., Mr. F. A. Lester; vice-pres., Mr. F. E. Fisher; hon. sec. and treas., Mr. J. W. Norris; committee, Messrs. Attewell, Aspinall, Bloomfield, Buffin, Dughill, Goodyng, Gutierrez, Hocking, Nicholls, Peters, Robinson, and Webb. Messrs. Attewell and Buffin were elected auditors for the year, and scrutineers of the voting papers. Mr. Attewell read the report of the balance-sheet, which showed a balance of £11 16s. 5d., and was considered very satisfactory. The following gentlemen were elected Vice-presidents: Messrs. Buffin, Gutierrez, Hocking, Ives, Netherwood, Shepley, Whittlestone, and Willows. Letters were read re holding a conference for holding shows, and a new system for the young bird competition, and the question of allowing federated rings to compete in the young bird classes, this matter to be brought up at the conference. Decided that Messrs. Lester and Norris be the delegates for same. Suggestions on the voting papers were gone into, and will be acted on where practicable. A hearty vote of thanks to the auditors was carried unanimously, also to Mr. Lester for presiding over the meeting.—J. W. Norris, Sec.

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HULL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, headquarters, Aigle House, Anlaby Rd., Hull, Mr. Burns chair, before a good muster. Items of interest were discussed and a pleasant evening was passed. More new members were enrolled, and a committee was formed for the judging standard. Several birds will be present at our next meeting and tours explained by one of our members.—A. Baggaley, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (E. End).

Meeting, Blue Bell Inn, Shield Road, May 10. Chair, Mr. Geo. MacPartling. To consider whether it would be advisable to carry on the business of the society until the end of the war. After a good deal of discussion it was decided to hold no more meetings during the summer months, and the Sec. was to inform the members through CAGE BIRDS when the meetings were again resumed, probably at the August meeting. Members please note.—Ed. Coltman, Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting, May 2, Mr. A. Broadhurst, chair, and only seven members present, owing to stress of war work, etc. Mr. de Maillet reported that he had received a letter from the Hon. Sec., Mr. A. C. Shirley, resigning his position as he had now joined up in the Army Service Corps. The resignation was accepted with regret, and a vote of thanks passed for the valuable services he had rendered to the Society in building up the membership and placing the society in a sound financial position. No one present would accept office, and the meeting agreed to postpone the monthly meetings until the first Wednesday in September, the committee to arrange classes and judges for Nest Feather show, the members to be advised by post of same, also date. Mr. W. Wilson was elected a member. Correspondence for the present should be sent to the chairman, at 85, Hockley Hill, Birmingham, who will deal with same.—J. H. de Maillet, Vice-pres.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting, Club Room, May 15, the Rev. C. B. Jolliffe presided, and the meeting was well attended. The first half hour was taken up by the Thrift Club; members who wish to join the Thrift Club please communicate with the Rev. C. B. Jolliffe, who has undertaken the secretarial duties. Resolved that the first young bird show be held in June. Judges, Mr. T. H. Mellnish, Yorks.; Mr. H. C. Smith, British, Mules and Borders; Rev. C. B. Jolliffe, Norwich. Entry fee 3d., no prize-money, only cards. Members wishing to give a special kindly send on as soon as possible. Mr. H. C. Smith read a paper giving his practical experience as a breeder and exhibitor. Mr. Smith, being in the seed trade, was able to give us the chemical properties of the different seeds; he handled his subject in masterly style, and answered all questions satisfactorily. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Smith for his excellent paper, which was agreed by all as the most instructive and interesting paper that had been read at our meetings. Absent members missed a treat.—E. Thomas, Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting May 11, Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, Mr. P. Allan presiding over a good attendance. It was intimated by the secretary that one of our members, Mr. John McGarry, had won the Military Medal for bravery on the field, but unfortunately had been wounded since, and was now lying in hospital in Kent. The members were all very pleased to hear of his decoration, and hoped he would soon be restored to his usual health. New members were enrolled: W. Shields, R. Dee, A. Shanks, and J. Atkinson. Members present were treated to a very interesting paper on "Canary-keeping as a Hobby," by the sec., Mr. J. Campbell, who gave his personal experiences in the buying, pairing, and rearing of Canaries extending over a period of 20 years. After the reading a discussion took place which was of great interest to the young fanciers present. The lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and with the usual vote of thanks to the chair the meeting was brought to a close. Next meeting June 8, Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, at 8, when we hope to have another pleasant evening.—J. Campbell, Sec. and Treas.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

The first meeting of the newly-elected Council took place on May 19. The incoming President (Mr. H. J. Chittenden) took the chair, and thanked the delegates for the position they had placed him in. It was rather a difficult time, and it would require all our efforts to keep the cage bird fancy rolling. Our best wishes, he said, go out to all the fanciers that have answered the call of King and Country, and he felt sure that if they were good fanciers they would be good fighters. The disappointments of the cage bird fancy bring out our best qualities, and these will stand him in good stead and fit him for meeting the enemy. Finally, he would like to ask the delegates for their valued support and assistance during the time he was in the chair.

Mr. F. Hammond was re-elected treasurer and thanked the Council for their continued confidence. The following gentlemen were elected to form the sub-committee: Messrs. J. R. Cox, W. B. Atkinson, A. Sutcliffe, G. White, W. Chapman, A. Gledhill, and J. W. Kaberry, along with the President, Treasurer, and Secretary. A letter was read from the Huddersfield society asking to be allowed to withdraw their resignation, and Mr. Hammond, one of the deputation who waited upon the society, expressed his satisfaction at Huddersfield deciding to remain in membership, and said he felt he was voicing the wishes of the whole Council. The Bingley O.S. sent in their resignation, as only six members of the society remained, the others having been called up. This was accepted with regret. The full patronage of the Union was again granted to the Sheffield O.S. open show, Nov. 2 and 3, on the same terms as last year. Mr. Errington again offered two valuable specials in each section for birds moulted on his XL Red Feed, which were accepted with thanks. Decided to offer six gold medals in the novice competition—5 for Yorkshires and 1 for Norwich. In the amateur section three gold medals were put up for competition. Members' fees were fixed at 8d. The sliding scale to continue in force as last year. Decided that we invite tenders for the printing of the Union handbook from the following firms: L. Hodgson, White, and J. C. Southwart.

The result of the ballot for judges for next season resulted as follows:—Oct. 13, Tong, H. W. Battye; Oct. 20, Huddersfield, A. Hirst; Oct. 27, Laisterdyke, A. Radley; Nov. 10, Windhill, M. Peel; Nov. 17, Great Horton, H. J. Chittenden; Nov. 24, Bradford East, F. Self; Dec. 1, Halifax, W. A. Cowgill; Dec. 8, Keighley, J. Greaves; Dec. 15, Shipley, P. Mason; Jan. 5, Skelmanthorpe, Dr. Craig; Jan. 12, Bradford West, W. Mundell; Dec. 19, City of Bradford, T. Bennett.—S. Midgley, Hon. Sec.

PONTYPOOL C.B.S.

Meeting, May 12, with a poor attendance through members being on allotments. Decided to hold Nest Feather show on or about July 21, at Three Cranes Hotel, if obtainable; Sec. to make arrangements. Mr. J. Hillman (Abertillery) was given preference for judge. Decided to hold open show, Dec. 14. Carried that Sec. notify all members of next meeting by post. It is hoped there will be a good response and that members will take a more active interest.—W. D. Lewis.

MIDDLESBRO' AND TEES-SIDE.

Meeting, May 19, Crown Hotel. Mr. Dodsworth presided. Decided to hold weekly rambles with the idea of bringing members together and getting in closer touch with one another. Our first outing will be to Great Ayton and Kildale by 'bus, leaving G.P.O., Middlesbro', at 2 by special car. As our President is familiar with the district, he has kindly consented to escort the party on the journey, and we hope as many members and friends will turn up as possible. A hearty welcome is extended to any and all lovers of the feathered tribe.—F. Stothard, Reporter.

BARROW C.B.S.

Special meeting, May 19, Mr. S. Smith presiding over a good turn-out of members. Open show classification was thoroughly dealt with with a view of making a good schedule to suit the Fancy in general, as it is our desire to make our show one worth patronising and to bring it back to its former place in the Fancy—the once Palace of the North. With the following classification I think it will suit all: Fifteen champion Yorks. classes, seven novice, nine champ. Norwich, seven novice, four Scotch Fancy, seventeen champ. Border, seven novice, one A.O.V. Bord., five Mule or Hybrid, fourteen British, four selling, one gift, one Foreign, four champion Cinnamon Norwich, two Green—93 classes in all, and four of the most popular judges of the day. There are a good number of guaranteed classes and more to follow. Specials in galore, so keep your eye on Barrow.—McFarlane and Tranter, Joint Sec.

COUNTRY RAMBLES.

GLASGOW AND WEST COUNTIES NORWICH CANARY CLUB.

The weather clerk was on his worst behaviour on the occasion of the first ramble of the season to Bridge of Weir, May 19, and this had a telling effect on the turn-out, a small but select party making the journey. President Dinwoodie had made arrangements with a local fancier, Mr. W. Kidd, to act as guide for the day, but Mr. Kidd, not feeling up to concert pitch, handed us over to two local egg collectors, Messrs. J. Keir and T. Howie, and right well did they perform their duty.

Making our way to Barcraig Wood, the first glimpse of bird life we espied was a Pied Wagtail sitting on the coppice of the water works. Flitting about were a goodly number of Chaffinches and Greenfinches, looking very fit and busy over their domestic duties. Once in Barcraig Wood, the ravages of recent storms were clearly demonstrated. Mr. T. Howie was the first to see a nest, that of a Chaffinch, with four eggs, that had all the appearance of being hatched in a day or so. The next nest to come under observation was that of a Mavis with eggs, which was placed to the credit of Mr. J. Keir, and nests of the Blackbird, Mavis, Chaffinch, and Greenfinch were not uncommon. Prior to leaving Barcraig, Mr. Howie gave us a lesson on tree climbing, when he notified the party that he saw a Magpie with four young, possibly a week old; this exhibition was both instructive and amusing.

We now found ourselves on the moor, when the plaintive call of the Curlew was heard. Missel Thrushes and Magpies were seen on the wing, and we also had a grand sight of the Redshank strutting about at his leisure. The Melody of the Skylark was heard, whilst the call of the Cuckoo and the Peewit lent a tone to the surroundings. Our guides next took us along the banks of the Locher Burn, where Wagtails abound in variety. We saw the Grey, the Pied, and the Yellow, and one of our guides, Mr. Keir, assured us that he had seen the Blueheaded Wagtail repeatedly in the vicinity.

After we had strolled along the banks of the burn we got nearer civilisation, and reached the roadway, which, by the milestone, placed us 2⅝ miles from our destination, the Bridge of Weir. The season being very backward, and the hedgerows bare of foliage, very little amusement was provided on our way home, the only noticeable item being a Chaffinch's nest in active preparation.

The Gryffe flows slowly past, and the disciples of Isaac Walton were to all appearance having a good time. The Orphan Homes of Scotland were seen in the distance, an imposing structure with beautifully laid-out grounds. As it is over 40 years since the writer saw this palatial edifice, he missed the "Old Ship," which was used as a training ground for the boys, but was acquainted by Mr. Keir that it was removed several years ago.

We now found ourselves in Bridge of Weir, and at once proceeded to inspect Mr. Kidd's stock. He is an out-and-out Plainhead fancier, and, being a native of Forfar, he cannot do without his Bantams. His Norwich are a pretty level lot, the outstanding pair being a yellow cock and a buff hen, winners of 1st at Paisley Club. He holds one of the Society's cups, and, given a slice of luck, he should retain this, and possibly add to his laurels. We now find ourselves in Mr. Kidd's cosy parlour, enjoying the cup that cheers, and which was highly acceptable and thoroughly appreciated.

Time was getting on, and we had another call to make, on Mr. Emmerson, another noted egg collector. His collection is a large and varied one, consisting mostly of the rarer birds, and birds of prey such as Golden Eagles, Kestrels, Hawks, Sparrow Hawks, Merlins, Horned and Tawny Owls, Hooded Crows, Wheatears, Stone and Whin Chats, the Wagtail family, etc. He has also a Hooded Crow and a Magpie; the former can say "Maggie" very plainly.

Train time was now approaching, and our newly found friends saw us off and wished us an early return to Bridge of Weir, when they would be delighted to show us another route, where the smaller birds are more abundant, and by that time nests would be more plentiful. I take this opportunity of again thanking Mr. and Mrs. Kidd for their hospitality, and Messrs. Keir and Howie for kindly showing us round. We arrived in the city before 10 o'clock, after having thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing.—J. H. Adam, Sec.

Many Miles; No Nests.

Sunday, May 6, will be long remembered by those members of the North Liverpool C.B.S. and their friends who were fortunate enough to attend the Wallasey ramble. From 8.30 a.m. till 8.30 p.m. was one continuous feast of fresh air, but the ramblers searched the hedgerows and hillsides, the copse and common, for many miles without discovering a new nest. Building operations had not yet begun, owing to the prolonged winter, and during the entire ramble not more than a score of birds were seen or heard, though the jovial party were all eyes and ears. Several well-known members were conspicuous by their absence, Jack Metcalfe (now in the Army and at Preston, together with ex-President McCoy) being greatly missed. The invitation extended to the Wallasey C.B.S. proved abortive, though the new Birkenhead Club was represented.

Starting from Bidston Church, the party headed by A. E. Wilkins and H. Holden, made tracks for the noted woods about a quarter of a mile away, and here they roamed in quest of bird life. A beautiful Jay was sighted with the aid of the field glasses. Emerging from the woods, and following the well-kept road, they came upon a few more members and friends who had preceded them, and the increased party went merrily forward. Woodchurch Post Office, a converted cottage of some official dignity, was soon passed, and no little amusement was derived from occasional spells of road hockey, one of the most appetising and exhilarating forms of travel sport.

Lunch was partaken of at the "Horse and Jockey," Irby (and none too soon), after which the footpath over the hill was followed. A fairly large copse hereabouts was diligently explored without success, the trees being almost naked. Two miles further on a densely furze clothed disused quarry was passed through, and after crossing the valley the extensive Thurstaston Common was traversed. The only excitement was the chase and capture of a land lizard. Half an hour's loll on the tinder-dry bracken and off again. More lanes, more hockey, and then a bird! This time a hen Reed Bunting. Later a Flycatcher was seen at work. More miles, and then tea at the Farmers' Inn. The sun was sinking as the now semi-tired ramblers proceeded towards Frankby and Greasby, thence to Upton Rly. Station, and as the train was not due for an hour or so the journey was continued on foot to Bidston, thence per electric car to Woodside Ferry, and across to Liverpool by boat. All arrived home safely, including the lizard, after a twelve hours' ramble, having walked some sixteen miles.

Halifax O.S.

On May 19 members and friends of the Halifax O.S. spent a pleasant afternoon and evening in the woods and fields around Harden, near Bingley. The weather was moist, but at times the rain held up, and the saunter by Goit Stock Waterfall, through Woolly Rings Glades, and the woodlands surrounding, was keenly enjoyed. Nature was at her best, and bird song was plentiful, but rain came again after tea, and the intended route to Cottingley and Saltaire was abandoned, home being reached by way of Cullingworth Station, Denholme, and Causeway Foot. The nests found were mostly those of the Blackbird and Hedge Sparrow, all with eggs. Among the birds seen were Willow Wrens, Sandpipers, Pied Wagtails, Waterhens, Titlarks, Skylarks, Plovers, Blue Tits, and Robins, while the call of the Cuckoo was many times heard. From Causeway Foot Halifax was reached by tramcar after a ramble which, despite unfavourable weather at times, was enjoyed by all.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 30/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Oct. 19-20.—**Newcastle C.B.S.**—(F. W. Laidlow, 55, Colston St., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.)

Nov. 1.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(Geo. Broome, 82, King St.)

Nov. 3 5.—**Leicester Hand-in Hand C.B.S.**—(E. H. Hulse, 23, Hartington Rd.) J.R., C.H.

Nov. 9-10.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.S.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.) J.R., H.W.B., J.B.

Nov. 14.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Kent. 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.)

Dec. 7-8.—**Barrow C.B.A.**—(D. McFarlane and M. Franter, 26, Lord Roberts St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.) J.R., H.W.B., J.B., J.M.

Wales.

Oct. 24.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(J. Webber, Nant-y-Graig, East Side, Cwmtillery, Abertillery).

Oct. 27.—**Landore Plasmore C.B.S.**—(H. Fry, 22, Plasmarl Terrace, Plasmarl, Swansea.)

Nov. 10.—**Skewen C.B.S.**—(T. Pattinson, 177, New Rd., Skewen, nr. Neath, S. Wales.)

Nov. 15.—**Swansea C.B.A.**—(J. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk St.) D.J., S.J.N.

Nov. 21.—**Maesteg C.B.S.**—(C. Williams, 247, Bridgend Rd.)

Dec. 5.—**Nantymoel, Ogmore Vale and Dist C.B.S.**—(T. Davis, 29, Clifton House, Oakfield Terrace, Nantymoel, Glam.).

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Twitterings.

Mr. E. Hughes, of Penygraig, is down to judge the cage birds at the Mid-Rhondda Show, July 7, writes C. Dinham, Hon. Sec.

At the last meeting of the South West London C.B.S., writes Mr. Lilley, the date for the autumn show was fixed for Nov. 21, and the young bird show July 18. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

Mr. E. Whitman, chairman of Penygraig C.B.S. writes that Mr. Ellis Hughes, Penygraig, has been elected as judge for the First Feather show June 16.

Keeping the Flag Flying.

As will be seen by the report in another column of the meeting of the Barrow C.B.A., a grand schedule of 98 classes has been arranged for the open show of the Society, Dec. 7-8.

Spring is Here!

There is song to-day in satiety out on the marshland, in the broad reed-bed beside the stream; for the restless little Sedge-Warblers are back in their summer haunts, singing away the sunny hours as they flit among the stems and search for their food. The cool, brisk wind bends the reeds and roughs the water. It drives the Swallows to the cattle grounds and the lee of the woods and the tree belts. It slows down the march of the flowers of spring and discourages the opening leaves. But when the Sedge-Warblers once begin their season of song it must be harsh weather indeed that will silence them.

When this songster of the waterside first fills his white throat it is much as when the Cuckoo first calls across the fields and the Swallow darts twittering down the village street. You feel that it is a definite mark of the season. Then let the cool wind bustle the reeds and the water and the laggard kingcups. It will not be for long. The sun is fervid above, and in the bleak world of the marsh, where last she enters, Spring is walking.

P. W. D. I., in "The Daily Mail."

A Correction.

The announcement of our Ramble on Saturday next, writes Mr. A. Sutcliffe, Sec., Halifax C.B.S., gives the time of meeting at Halifax Station 2.40, and the departure of train 2.50. I am sorry, but I must have made a mistake, as it should read 1.40 and 1.50.

Bird Show in New Zealand.

The Dominion Canary Specialist Club are holding a show at Wellington, New Zealand, on May 25 and 26, and a schedule has been arranged that should be gratifying to all Canary sections affiliated with the North and South Island Associations. The D.C.S. Club expect to make a distribution of £60 or £70 in cash prizes, and several cups. Mr. W. H. Lindley, of Gisborne (late of England), will judge.

[Mr. Lindley, the judge, says that CAGE BIRDS is eagerly looked for each week in New Zealand, and his son, Mr. E. Lindley, promises a report of the show for our columns.]

A Secretary Wanted.

Mr. J. H. de Maillet, Vice-President of the City of Birmingham C.B.S., wishes us to say that a secretary is needed to carry on this old-established Society, and keep it in its present sound financial condition in the absence of Mr. A. C. Shirley, who has joined the Army Service Corps. One alive with enthusiasm, tactful, and prepared to sacrifice an amount of time, will meet with a hearty reception by the Society (see Club Reports).

Wrong Address in Advertisement.

In my advert. in CAGE BIRDS dated May 19, page 267, column 1, writes Mr. A. Thomas, you gave my address as No. 1, Ardrigh Road, instead of 10. As No. 1 is an empty house, in all probability some of the letters will be sent back through the dead letter branch of the G.P.O. I should be glad if you will kindly give the correct number, viz., 10.

Seasonable Hints on Useful Weeds.

By RICHARD MORSE, F.R.H.S.

A weekly feature which will be found of the highest value to all who keep seed-eating birds, and of interest also to all who appreciate the beauty and usefulness of the flowers of our waysides and meadows. The first of the series appeared in our issue dated March 17.

Two Useful Grasses.

THE English countryside is never perhaps more beautiful than in the month of May, and just now the meadows in particular, with their beautiful and restful shade of green, are worthy of the greatest admiration. From amongst the myriad blades of grass everywhere, attractive spikes of blossom are pushing forth, and some are already dangling their quivering purple anthers in every passing breeze.

One cannot help reflecting in these times how much we are indebted to the grass family for our sustenance, for no other order can rival this in its utility to man. Not only our own cultivated cereals, however, and the maize and rice of warmer climes, possess these valuable nutritive properties, but also many of our common wild grasses produce seeds of considerable merit in this respect, and since they are to be found in any quantity in all parts of our land, I propose to describe from time to time a few varieties which have long been used by those bird-keepers who are sufficiently interested and enterprising to devote their attention to such matters.

Grass seeds, of course, will not be ripe enough for gathering and harvesting for some time to come, but it is always an advantage in this hobby to know your specimens at all stages of their life, for very often it happens that at the most useful periods of their life-history they are not only inconspicuous, but difficult to identify with any degree of certainty by amateurs.

When Found, Make a Note of it.

It is also a great advantage to make a note of certain areas in one's locality where useful plants have been observed. One often sees in a country ramble large masses of bird-plants in their early stages of growth, and mentally determines to revisit the spot at a later date, but too frequently nothing unfortunately comes of the good intentions, in this as as in other walks of life.

A small note book is an invaluable aid in this direction, and one should never pass a dazzling clump of coltsfoot blossoms, or dandelions, or even hawthorn and hosts of other flowers without jotting down the locality, date, stage of plant, and perhaps also an estimate as to the probable date of the "harvest." A book of this kind becomes in the course of a year or so an indispensable companion to the wild seed collector, and will be the means of sparing him many a profitless tramp by field and hedgerow.

One of our earliest grasses to burst into flower is a variety known as sweet vernal grass (Anthoxanthum odoratum L.), which occurs plentifully in meadows and pastures throughout the whole of Great Britain, and even ascends to some 3,000 or 4,000 feet in the Highlands.

Both its popular and specific names are derived from its possessing an aromatic principle known as coumarin, which imparts the well known and characteristic fragrance to new-mown hay. A bunch of it, if suspended in one's room will bring memories of the countryside into the heart of a busy city, and it is often used in this way by those who are able to identify the plant.

The general appearance of the flowering spike is shown at B in the sketch. An average plant attains the height of about fifteen inches, and the flower-spike varies in length from one to four or five inches. It is an erect, shining plant, with conspicuously hairy leaves, and crowds of little purple (or rarely yellow) anthers on hair-like threads, which, however, soon fall away after their pollen has been shed. The head then loses its purplish appearance, and gradually passes to a yellowish brown, at which stage the seeds are ready for immediate harvesting.

Another well known and useful species of grass is also illustrated (A), and specimens may be found in plenty by almost all waysides, and in meadows and waste places everywhere. It is known as the perennial rye grass, or way bent (Lolium perenne L.),

A., Rye Grass. B., Sweet Vernal Grass.

and its characteristic spikes, beloved of all children, are now becoming conspicuous everywhere.

The stem commonly reaches a height of about eighteen inches, and the spike of flowers may be anything up to a foot in length. The zigzag stem, the alternate arrangement of the little spikelets, and the leafy runners should also be noted.

A Necessary Caution.

This grass is known in some districts as the red darnel, but it should not be confounded with the true or bearded darnel (Lolium temulentum L.), which occurs rather rarely in our cornfields. The seeds of the true darnel are very poisonous, and numerous cases of severe illness are on record as a result of eating bread and other foods made from flour containing them, as they are sometimes ground up with the corn.

It should be noted that the true darnel does not grow in meadows with the rye grass, but in cultivated fields, though for the sake of obviating unhappy results the following points of distinction may be found useful: The leafy runners referred to in the rye grass are *absent* in the darnel (which is an *annual* plant), and while the little spikelets of rye grass have very *short* awns, those of the darnel usually have very *long* ones, from which its name of bearded darnel has been derived.

Readers are invited to send any botanical specimens which they have difficulty in identifying. The whole plant, including fruits, should be sent whenever possible. Packages should be addressed "The Editor," CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, and must be accompanied by a P.O. for sixpence. Answers will appear in this column.

The Haslingden Roller Club have fixed their annual open show for Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, writes Mr. T. Nuttall, sec. Secretaries please note, to avoid clashing of show dates.

Kindly allow me, through your valuable paper, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, late of Liverpool, to thank all those fanciers who have supported my wife by still patronising my shop while I have been in the Army. It is a comfort to a soldier to think, if he should have the luck to get back home again, he will have a start in life without having to fight for his trade again. I should like to have a birdy chat with any fancier who cares to drop me a line to 229359 Driver J. W. Metcalfe, D Sub., 9th Battery R.F.A., Fulwood Barracks, Preston.

The National British Bird and Mule Club ramble for Thursday, May 17, was abandoned owing to the heavy downpour of rain, and the proposed Whitsun ramble to the New Forest has also been abandoned. The annual outing to Gomshall will take place on Saturday, June 2; train leaves London Bridge (Low Level) 9.35. Friends and fanciers invited. Gentlemen had better provide themselves with light lunch; a meat tea will be provided in the evening. Those wishing to join the party are kindly asked to send their names not later than Wednesday, May 30, to T. R. Trower, 442, Caledonian Road, London, N.

OBITUARY.

MR. F. SLOCOMBE (Cardiff).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. E. Thomas, sec. Cardiff C.B.S., that I have to inform you of the death of a well-known Cardiff fancier, Mr. F. Slocombe, who had been in poor health for some time. On behalf of the Cardiff C.B.S. I extend to Mrs. Slocombe and family our deepest sympathy in their great sorrow.

HOW NEWS TRAVELS.

In September last Mr. J. P. Carr, late hon. sec. of the National British Bird and Mule Club, took for the inspection of the committee of that club a delightfully pretty Blackcap, which had assumed abnormal plumage The occurrence was reported in CAGE BIRDS of Oct. 7 last, and the bird was fully described under the heading "A Marvellous British Bird."

"J. G." in "The Scotsman" of May 2, says "at a recent meeting," etc., and gives an account which is mostly a paraphrase of the report which appeared in CAGE BIRDS seven months ago, and in order to get more up-to-date news of this intensely interesting bird we wrote to Mr. Carr on the subject. Appended is his reply:—

"This bird came into my possession at the end of August, 1916, in its nest feather. It moulted into normal adult plumage in about two months, and in a very short time was in full song. About the end of May, 1916, the bird, a five-year-old Blackcap, and a Robin sang at one another so loudly that we could not stand the noise indoors, so I turned them all into a small garden aviary.

"All went well for a few weeks, but going to feed them one morning I found the old Blackcap dead in the aviary, and was at a loss to know the cause. Arriving home a few days afterwards my wife said that if I did not take the other Blackcap out of the aviary, the Robin would kill it, as she had seen them fighting several times that day. I at once came to the conclusion that the Robin had killed the old Blackcap, so I caught the young Blackcap next morning and caged him indoors, and not before it was time by the look of its plumage.

"About a week after caging, it commenced to moult, white feathers appearing on its back, and by the middle of September it assumed the following plumage:—The whole of the body, with the exception of a few normal-coloured feathers in the back, pure snow white. The wings and tail feathers, and greater part of the cap normal colour.

"I looked through all the bird books and papers I had in my possession, and Mr. Lott, Mr. Crabb, and Mr. Puck made enquiries, and went through all their books and papers, but could not find any record of a single Albino or abnormally-coloured Blackcap. On Sept. 28 last I took this bird to a meeting of the National British Bird and Mule Club. Messrs. Cooper, Fulljames, Maxwell and Robson were amongst those present, and they all said it was the first abnormal-coloured Blackcap that they had heard of, so I claim it to be the first specimen that has ever been known.

"I fully intended to send it to one or two London shows last season, so that the public would have had a chance of seeing this unique specimen, but having to work so late I could not manage it. I might say that he is still in the best of health and song, and if I have the good fortune to moult him again I will let you know what he looks like."

SOMETHING LIKE A START.

This magnificent unflighted Yellow Yorkshire Canary won in one month November last, for its owner, Mr. D. Eadie, London, 1st and special at Queen's Park, 1st and special at the show of the City and Suburban A.C.B., 1st at St. Quintin's Park, and also the Five Guinea Challenge Cup for the best bird bred by a member.

The Thrush as Traveller.

By the Hon. GLADYS GRAHAM MURRAY.

This informative and very interesting article appeared in the *Saturday Review* of April 7, and is reproduced for the benefit of our readers by special permission of the Editor of that paper.

THE Song Thrush or Mavis is perhaps the favourite of all our songsters, and richly does he deserve his fame. To describe in words the song of a bird is well-nigh impossible, but Macgillivray in his great history of birds gave us perhaps the cleverest and closest written imitation of the Mavis.

Henley wrote that "the Blackbird plays on his boxwood flute," a charming description, which applies equally to the song of the Thrush. Clear and rich are the notes that trill from out his throat, whilst early and late does he pour forth his song in a rapture rich and mellow, full of the promise of the joys that are to be—

"Stand there and hear the birds' quiet singing
That tells us what life is, so clear."

An Untiring Songster.

One author says he has heard the Thrush in song in England in every month save August, whilst he tells us that one bird was timed and sang sixteen hours out of the twenty-four.

The Song Thrush, known south of the Tweed as the Throstle and in Scotland as the Mavis, is an early nester, building in many situations. The nest is made of twigs, dead grass and moss, lined with a coating of clay or wet mud and finished off with another lining of rotten wood, etc. Herein are deposited those four to six frail beautiful blue eggs.

The Thrush's menu is a varied one: berries, worms and grubs are the chief items, whilst snails are included; the bird obtains the snails by striking the shells on a stone and then extracting the contents. Such stones are known as Thrushes' anvils, and are easily recognised by the quantity of shells which lie all around.

Such is the bird at home—the Mavis of our glens and woods, the Throstle of our coppices and coverts. To view the Thrush as a traveller is to approach him from a different aspect; here he is an inmate of our lanes and gardens, a sharer of our daily lives, there he is a winged voyager, a "traveller of the uncharted." The little bird of the speckled breast is truly a native of Britain, living its life and rearing its young in our homeland;; yet he is a real traveller, a regular migrant. His migrations may be described as (1) partial and local movements; (2) regular journeys.

As to the first type of migration, it may well be a mere local shifting of quarters; for instance, in Scotland north of Dunkeld (a little town at the entrance of the Highlands) the Song Thrush is absent during December, the latter half of November and early January (only a stray bird being occasionally seen), whilst during the rest of the year great numbers are to be found there. Crossing the Forth and entering Midlothian we at once meet the Song Thrush (though in lesser numbers than later in the year).

Winter Visitors.

The birds we see in December are probably different individuals from those we watched during the long summer days. The latter may have flowed southwards, whilst their place has been taken by birds who nested further north. Thus there is a perpetual "va-et-vient" among the Throstles, a shifting from land and coppice, from lawn and thicket, a series of local journeys.

It is when we come to study the other type of migration that we learn how the Thrush delights "to travel the uncharted." These are no mere local flights, they are regular journeys covering great distances and of much complexity. The migrations, though of a very varied and complex nature, may be reckoned fairly typical of the voyages performed by that group of British birds which, like the Thrush, are partial migrants.

It is apt to be forgotten that the Thrush, as well as being a resident in some localities and a summer visitor to others, is also a winter visitor to the British Isles, and in some cases a winter migrant.

The Thrush's travels are extensive, prolonged, and complex, therefore it is best to consider first the autumn emigration of British summer visitors. In certain districts the Thrush is a permanent resident throughout the year, more especially in gardens, parks, and in the vicinity of towns; but these birds only represent a moiety.

At summer's close a large number of the birds which have nested with us (especially those inhabiting northern districts) begin to emigrate to the south. As summer turns to autumn these flittings become more pronounced and complex; for then the Thrush affiliates himself with other species of birds, all veering southwards, choosing the night hours to quit our shores.

Mixed Company.

Towards the end of September the Thrush, in company with Bramblings, Siskins, Goldcrests, and others, arrives as an autumn immigrant and bird of passage. These inpourings continue steadily throughout October and November, and sometimes for three or four successive days great "rushes" will occur, when hundreds of birds arrive in companies, pouring in upon our Northern and Eastern coast. These immigratory movements are to be noticed on the East Coast of Britain from the Shetland Isles to Norfolk as well as on the West Coast, including Ireland and the various western isles off Scotland, such as St. Hilda.

The Thrush's travelling companions include the Redwing, Fieldfare, Ring Ouzel, and Blackbird. These birds fly over the wide and open sea, often in great numbers, destroying themselves against the window panes of the lighthouses and lightships that they pass en route.

Another stream of autumn immigrants cross the southern waters of the North Sea by an east and west route from the coast of Holland to that of south-eastern England. These great rushes usually occur during September and October, and between midnight and 4 a.m.

A singular fact is recorded by Mr. Eagle Clarke (whose researches have added so much to our knowledge of migration), namely, that the travelling companions of the Thrushes which come by this latter route are entirely different species from those which accompanied the northern stream of migrants.

November heralds the great emigratory movements of the winter, which continue during December, January, and February. These go on throughout successive days and nights often for some days at a time. The first move is then to the coast, especially to the West Coast, some birds remaining to pass along both the East and West Coasts of Britain, and thus sweeping across the Channel and Ireland or the Continent.

Home, Sweet Home.

Following this movement comes the spring immigration of summer visitors. The records of February show that certain of the Thrushes which left us in autumn, in order to winter in the South, now return to the British Isles before nesting. These return movements continue during early March, the Thrushes arriving in small parties (during the night or early morning) along with Blackbirds, Larks, Pipits, Starlings, Lapwings, and Curlews. In most cases the return is gradual, but now and again rushes occur, when birds arrive in large parties. At the same time there is a certain amount of local migration, birds from one county shifting to another, often turning northwards from their southern winter quarters.

The middle of March heralds the spring emigration of winter visitors. Then those birds which have wintered in our islands quit our shores to return to their summer haunts in Northern and Central Europe. These journeys continue throughout April, and great numbers of birds in large companies wend their way to their nesting quarters.

Lastly, I must notice the spring passage of the Thrush to Northern Europe, which begins towards the end of March, when the birds which have wintered in South-Western Europe turn north to their breeding quarters. This passage movement continues throughout April and May, when the Song Thrushes are accompanied by parties of Missel Thrushes, Redstarts, Warblers, Skylarks, and others.

The Essentials of Aviculture.

By J. W. N.

(Continued from page 185.)

A Series of comprehensive articles, embracing the proper management of all kinds of birds in captivity, their housing, feeding, general management and diseases, and the breeding of species, Mules and Hybrids. In this concluding portion the author gives in tabulated form short instructions for the proper keeping and feeding of birds in captivity.

IT is beyond the scope of these articles to give a full account of all the birds that are likely to fall into the hands of an aviculturist, so I shall simply confine myself to an account of their food and any special point that calls for comment. The stock mixtures referred to in the following list are described in the chapter on "The Feeding of Birds." To avoid confusion the birds have been arranged in alphabetical order.

British Birds.

BLACKBIRD.—Cocks are very quarrelsome, so one in an aviary or cage is ample. The largest Softbill cage is necessary, and provision must be made for frequent bathing. First year birds have a tinge of brown in them, and are not the dull glossy-black of the adults. *Food*: Large Softbill mixture. *Extras*: Insects such as worms, beetles, cockroaches, slugs, caterpillars, etc. Fruit as apple, raspberries, strawberries, or in fact all garden and wild fruits and berries are greedily eaten. It does not matter if they are slightly decayed, as they seem to prefer them in this condition.

BLACKCAP.—The plumage is very brittle, so great care must be taken to provide a sufficiently large cage to prevent the feathers being chafed. One of the best of the small British songsters. *Food*: Small Softbill mixture. *Extras*: Fruits, all garden and wild fruits and herries. Insects such as mealworms occasionally.

BRAMBLEFINCH.—Does not take very kindly to cage life, so every endeavour should be made to get a young bird. *Food*: British Finch mixture. *Extras*: Finch tit-bits; fruits, berries, beech nuts; insects, a few occasionally.

BULLFINCH.—About the easiest British Finch to steady. Hens are very valuable for hybrid breeding, but should be kept out of sight and hearing of the cocks of their own species; if for that purpose, give a large cage with perches wide apart, as these birds are very apt to get fat and lazy. *Food*: British Finch mixture. *Extras*: British Finch tit-bits. All sorts of buds in season should be liberally supplied, as they form a large part of the diet of these birds when at liberty; garden and wild fruits and berries, especially blackberries and privet berries.

BUNTINGS.—Yellowhammer or Bunting, Cirl Bunting, Corn Bunting, Reed Bunting. *Food*: Canary seed. *Extras*: Finch tit-bits; insects, including mealworms occasionally; seeding grasses daily in season.

CANARY.—*Food*: Canary seed, stock mixture. *Extras*: Fruit, any kind that is eaten; a few linseeds and hemp lightly cracked are permissible during winter months.

CHAFFINCH.—Very difficult to hand-rear, and unless caught young proves difficult to steady as a rule. Where hand-rearing is attempted a large percentage of insectivorous food should be used. *Food*: British Finch mixture, British Finch tit-bits; insects, mealworms or other insects occasionally; fruit, wild berries and beech-nuts, of which he is very fond. As a rule, little preference is shown for fruit, but where eaten it should be liberally supplied.

CHOUGH.—Becoming very rare during the last few years. Should have a large cage or small aviary to himself. Like the Blackbird, colour-feeding *after* the moult improves colour of beak and legs. *Food*: Large Softbill mixture. *Extras*: All sorts of insects. If near the seashore small crabs should be offered. In the wild state it sometimes eats different kinds of grain, and an effort ought to be made to tempt it with some form of fruits.

CROSSBILL.—Not an easy bird to keep in good health and plumage. *Foods*: British Finch mixture. *Extras*: The core of an apple with seeds attached is greedily eaten, and an abundance of this food should be supplied. In the autumn, cones, such as those of the fir tree, are also welcome. Insects can be given occasionally; fruits and berries are usually eaten.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

EVERY WEEK A PRIZE OF TEN SHILLINGS IS GIVEN FOR WHAT, IN THE OPINION OF THE EDITOR OF "CAGE BIRDS," IS THE BEST LETTER PUBLISHED UNDER THIS HEADING. THE LETTER MAY BE ON ANY SUBJECT. IT MAY BE A COMMENT, FOR OR AGAINST, ON ANY THING WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN OUR PAGES, AN OPINION ON THE POLICY OF OUR PAPER, OR MAY HAVE NO REFERENCE WHATEVER TO ANYTHING WHICH HAS ALREADY APPEARED. SO LONG AS IT IS ON A "BIRDY" SUBJECT, AND IS ORIGINAL, IT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR THE PRIZE.

The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. J. Pearson, 12, School Green, Thornton, Bradford.

Why Members' Shows Fail.

Only Economy Necessary.

SIR,—I am sec. to a club in the south-east of London, consisting of about 40 members. We hold three shows every year, and we always make them pay. We pay prize money on the sliding scale, with an entrance fee of 1s. for first cage and 6d. all after, and we deduct 6d. from each entry form for expenses. Catalogues we print ourselves, and charge threepence for. We avoid the printer as much as possible, for it is the printing bill which cripples you. If secs. would only watch their expenses more closely they would find their shows pay.

A SECRETARY.

A Veteran Wood Pigeon.

Twenty-two Years of Cage Life.

SIR,—I thought it might interest your readers to know the following about a tame Wood Pigeon. Twenty-two years ago to-day (May 20) it was taken out of its nest as a squeaker, and has been kept in a small cage about 2 ft. by 3 by 1 ever since, and fed on peas, wheat, and maize. It is quite tame with its owner, who lets it out now and again for a short run, but not with anybody else. Its plumage is still very nice, and it looks as it it was a young bird.

Surely this is a record for a Wood Pigeon? I should like to know through your paper if it is. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success in these times.

W. L. PARSONS.

A Second Time on Earth.

The Wrong and the Right of Canary Keeping.

SIR,—I have lately had a rather unique experience. Eight years ago next September I sold a songster Canary to a friend, and late last year my friend said it had not sung for some time, and was always dropping feathers. Would I come and look at it? I did so, and found it hanging in a draughty window, in an all-wire brass drawing room cage, and looking a pitiful bundle of feathers.

As it was near moulting time I brought it home and moulted it, giving it plenty of cod liver oil food, and it went through a successful moult, and soon came into full song. It came along so well through the winter that early in March I decided to breed with it, and put it with a hen, which in due course laid five eggs and began to sit on them. I took him away and put him with another, who laid four eggs and sat on them. The former hen brought off and reared five fine strong, healthy youngsters, and the latter four, and both lots are now doing for themselves, whilst the cock bird has just sent another hen to nest with four eggs.

The diet consists of three parts canary to one part rape, with niger and hemp in moderation during the cold weather (birds are kept in a wooden shed in the garden, where the temperature is not much over 40 deg. in winter), and plenty of greenstuff, such as watercress, rape seedlings, or any wild seedlings I can get hold of. When feeding young I give them biscuit and egg mixture, more biscuit than egg, and cracked hemp ad lib, as much as they can eat.

T. J. HOSE.

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New Society for Tonypandy.

SIR,—Kindly announce that I and a few brother fanciers have started a new society for Tonypandy, which is to be known as the Tonypandy Centre C.B.S. We have been very fortunate in securing our place of meeting, as it has one of the finest club rooms in S. Wales, most suitable for a show.

All interested fanciers wishing to become members are heartily welcome to our next meeting at the White Hart Hotel, Tonypandy, on June 2, at 6.

W. R. WILLIAMS.

Annual Meeting of the Welsh C.B.C.

Can the Time be Altered?

SIR,—Having seen the notice that the annual meeting of the Welsh C.B.S. has been fixed for June 9, at 3 p.m. prompt, at Abergavenny, we would ask our secretary if he could possibly arrange to commence the meeting at 4, in order that we may attend, as we are working in the mines. We do not finish until 2 o'clock, and, working under war conditions, one cannot afford to lose a day or even ask for time off. No doubt it will apply to other members similarly fixed, and we trust to hear he has arranged to overcome our difficulty.

R. F. GRIFFITHS.
G. O. THOMAS.

Wild Seeds for Pet Birds.

How a Lady Bird-lover Uses Them.

SIR.—One has read so many interesting letters in your valuable paper about green food, wild seeds, etc., how to gather, keep, and feed them to our birds, that there does not seem much left to say. Myself, I always find chickweed the most useful all-round green stuff in the breeding season. If you have your birds loose in a room, or in an outdoor aviary, you cannot give too much of this. It is well to gather it by the roots, say a moderate sized bucketful, and just tumble it out on the floor, or arrange it in a large shallow pan of water. Next day the remains may be fed to the fowls, and a fresh supply given.

Groundsel can be given in the same way, and dandelion heads, but never leave them more than the twenty-four hours; if birds are in cages change twice daily. Plantain, hardheads, or shepherd's purse may remain much longer without any ill effects, as of these it is only the seed that is eaten.

When I gather dandelion and thistle seeds, to keep as a store for winter or very early spring, I take a bag or tin box, and those heads that are quite wide open and almost ready to sail away I take hold of, and just a tiny pull brings the seeds away with the fluff. I pack it tightly in the tin box, and long before it is to be gathered next year early nesters have begun, and there is nothing they like better as a lining for nests than the thistle down; it generates a great deal of heat, as anyone may know by holding it lightly in the closed hand for a few minutes.

This and soft string, or rope, cut into inch lengths and unravelled, is all the most fastidious hen wants for a very early nest; she supplements it with pieces of dried seeding grass and other little fanciful things, as the season goes on. I often see complaints of the old birds feather-plucking the young. I have never had one do it, and fancy, perhaps, the use of thistledown has helped to prevent it.

Plantain I gather as it turns brown. I take a pair of scissors, cut it off at the bottom of the stem, and store in a small tin hat box or trunk. The birds like best to pick it from the stem. If it is for present use I usually pick it, if I can, when of a purplish colour; it cannot be overdone when there are young to feed, and without exception they will feed from this seed before any other. It is a pity it is so late in coming into use. Just the common seeding grass is another thing for which they will leave almost any dainty as soon as a bunch is poked between the wires. Enclosed is just a little of the thistledown and dandelion as I gathered it last year. Wishing CAGE BIRDS all success during these troublous times.

(Mrs.) E. M. SARGEANT.

Early Outdoor Canaries.

Another Plymouth Bid for the Record.

SIR,—As a novice I have read with interest the letters in the May 19 issue of CAGE BIRDS referring to the early breeding out of doors or in outhouses, yet I think I am far in advance up to the present for early birds. My first nest of three were hatched on March 21, and are doing well.

Up till to-day I have 24 young birds, including five Linnet and Canary Mules, from two cock Canaries and one Linnet; also I have three hens sitting, one mated with a Goldfinch. I would like to know how is this for a novice, but a lover of birds.

F. J. MILSOM.

Two Model Goldfinches.

SIR,—Being a regular and old reader of CAGE BIRDS I notice that a Mr. Hy. Wood has three young Canaries hatched in April in an outside aviary. I must congratulate him, as I consider he is very forward considering the weather we had this winter. I am not quite so fortunate as Mr. Wood, but I keep all my Canaries in outside aviaries, and up to the present I have three youngsters three weeks old, and 19 eggs.

This year I have some Canaries on the colony system and some paired off in separate cages, but all are outside with no artificial heat whatever. I have also two Goldfinches paired up to two hen Canaries. One hen had five eggs, but none proved fertile, so just before her time for sitting was up, and I had proved the eggs were not fertile, I put two Canary eggs under her from another hen, and they hatched all right, and Master Goldie and the hen Canary are bringing the two youngsters up, which are now three weeks old.

I have often heard that the Goldfinch will stick his beak into the eggs as soon as laid, but my two Goldfinches I keep with the Canaries all the time, and they have not offered to interfere with the eggs, and, as stated, one Goldie and his hen Canary are bringing up two young Canaries, and the other hen Canary has five eggs. They are last year's Goldfinches, and this is the first time of trying them.

I am also trying the Canary-Chaffinch, but up to the present I have had no luck. The Chaffinch laid two eggs, but they were laid from the perch and got broken on the bottom of cage. I have a cock Canary with a hen Chaffinch.

Should any brother fanciers care to look round my aviaries I shall be most pleased to show them round any evening or week-end.

H. KETTLE.

Daisy Cottage, Grosvenor Avenue,
Kidderminster.

Birds To and From Shows.

Secretaries of Societies Please Note

SIR,—I was most pleased on opening my "C.B." this week to find an invitation given by our Editor, for suggestions on the above subject. I have carefully read the letter of "E. E." in CAGE BIRDS of May 19, and I think his suggestions are all right if the railways, which are under Government control, would fall into line, but that is a course they are not expected to do at the present time with so much constant travelling of munitions, etc., for Government use.

I think the trouble could be easily overcome if exhibitors would enclose with their entry money the amount for the return journey. Show secretaries to have a separate book with all exhibitors' names and addresses in, with the amount sent for return carriage. In the event of the amount sent not meeting the bill, the balance could be taken from the prize money if any coming, and if no money coming a note to the exhibitor would bring the balance to the show sec., also if the amount sent for carriage exceeded the bill the balance to be returned to the exhibitor.

As it is becoming a common practice for birds to be taken from their cases during the journeys to and from shows I do not think it would be wise to put a postal order in the packing case for return carriage. It would be a further inducement for the packing cases to be tampered with, hence my reason for suggesting that the business be done between exhibitor and show sec.

As our show season is fast approaching, this is a matter which needs to be thoroughly dealt with, and a decision come to which will meet the approval of all. The final decision to be printed in the show rules of all shows held during the war.

D. MCFARLANE, Show Sec.

Barrow, C.B.A.

[Secretaries might bring the matter to the notice of their members at their next meeting and communicate the result to us.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

Is Tredegar C.B.S. Dead?

Subscriptions Waiting to be Paid.

SIR,—I feel I cannot let pass such a reply as that given by the secretary in last week's CAGE BIRDS without enlightening those who may have read the correspondence. The Secretary announces me as a non-member, and says that I have not paid my subscription for 1916, and that if I send same he would have much pleasure in proposing me as a new member. Will the secretary please read rule 7?

Personally, I question whether any member has paid his subscription, though perhaps I may be told that the chairman, treasurer, and secretary have paid theirs. Little matters like this can easily be arranged. If he will notify me of a meeting at a proper place, not at any man's house, or where he works, my subscription will be paid.

At the annual meeting held March, 1916, (at which I was present) I was elected vice-chairman, a position I greatly appreciated, and not since then have I been notified of a meeting. The secretary says that June 2 was fixed for the next meeting, nearly twelve months ago. Is this how flourishing societies conduct their business? Then about the accounts; where, when, and by whom, were they audited? I do not want to air further grievances or even to individualise myself from the other members by trying to get "a move on," but I feel that we should have a real live society, try to regain our lost ground, and place ourselves once again amongst the leading societies of Wales.

G. O. THOMAS.

SIR,—We, the undersigned, being interested in the correspondence between the secretary and vice-chairman of Tredegar C.B.S., would like to know when the secretary intends calling another meeting in order that we may pay our subscriptions for 1916-17. Having now waited twelve months for such a notice. We should say Tredegar C.B.S. is very much dead.

Signed—

R. F. GRIFFITHS.
G. BENNETT.

How to Economise in Egg Food.

Two Days' Supply in One Making.

SIR,—Everyone now-a-days, bird lovers included, is, or should be, trying to economise. I am always on the look-out for anything new for the bird-room, and always trying to think out new ideas. This season my study turned to how to keep the egg food fresh longer than the time it is supposed to do.

It is the custom of many bird keepers to mix the egg food fresh every day, and some even go further and mix twice a-day. Well, this is all right, providing one has the time to spare, and, shall I say, the cash also in these times. Up to the present season I have always been able to mix egg food fresh every day, and also to give the birds fresh food three times a day—morning, noon and evening, but stress of work has entailed my doing what I thought at first was a doubtful proceeding. Here it is:

I mix my egg and biscuit at night and stand the vessel in a dish of cold water, about half-way up the pot containing the food. Then, first thing in the morning I give it to the birds in the glass egg pots. I make every day as much as the number of pairs I have up necessitates, and it is quite fresh at night But one must be careful to see that the egg pots are washed out each day, and no stale food left in the corners.

I found that the egg food thus placed in the water to cool it kept beautifully fresh for one day, so this tempted me to see if it would do so for a longer period, and I tried it. I changed the water in the pot and left it in for the second day, and found it also was real fresh.

If fanciers with only one or two pairs of Canaries up for breeding like to try this method I am sure they will find it a saving instead of having to make fresh each day. Of course in the very hottest weather it would not be advisable to give it to the birds without first assuring oneself of its purity, but kept in a moderately cool place it is safe for two days. I think this is a tip worth trying during these distressing times.

Hon Sec., Newark C.B.S. W. LIDGETT.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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The Scarcity of Wild-bird Life.

Winter's Toll of Resident Softbills.

Sir,—Being a constant reader of your valuable paper, and very much interested in bird life generally, I would like to mention the scarcity of nests this year. I have on several occasions lately made some long country tours in search of birds' nests, my latest being to-day, May 20, which extended from 15 to 20 miles. Over the same route in other years I have found from 40 to 50 nests, but to-day I discovered only one nest, that being a Chaffinch's, with four eggs. I also found numerous birds dead, mostly Softbills, due, I suppose, to the very severe winter. Willow Wrens were very plentiful, and other birds I observed were the Blackcaps, Coots, Moorhens, Blue-Tits, Blackbirds, Thrushes, Greenfinches, Linnets, Wheatears, Curlews, Wild Ducks, Robins, Tree Pipits, Yellowhammers, Corn Buntings, Magpies, and a Cuckoo, which I approached to within twenty yards.

Thos. Taylerson.

On Making a Start.

Some Advice Explained by the Adviser.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Hutton I may say that the question of honesty did not arise in my lecture, and it is difficult to understand Mr. Hutton's motive in reading that into it. Fanciers are as honest as any other body of people, no less and no more, their advertisements tell us so.

Mr. Hutton asks whether I have always backed my own intelligence. No; that is why I know the best advice to offer. A man who has made no mistakes and no success is not the best man to offer advice. I can rightly claim both, and I am satisfied that the advice I offered the City and Suburban members is sound and practicable. It is this. Make yourself conversant with the variety you propose to breed, and, having done so, back your own conclusions. Not, let me add, because others will put you on birds they want to part with, but rather because you are more familiar with your own particular needs.

I submit that it is a greater pleasure for a fancier to get a customer who says right away "I want that bird; what's the price?" pays, and goes, than it is to get one who spends a lot of time in trying to make up his mind, finally takes your advice, and then says he will pay next Sunday, and who if the bird does not score nap is likely to blame the seller. In fact, I am told this really happens.

Mr. Hutton says in conclusion "find an honest and reliable man." Why say "find" him? Why cast this reflection upon the fancy? Personally, I say if a fancier cannot trust himself to buy he should go to the nearest man who breeds his winners and he will be well treated. But my better advice, and it is given as the result of long years of experience, is to study the breed you intend going for, cultivate your intelligence, back up your judgment, rely upon nobody. Don't be spoon-fed. Be a man and feed yourself.

F. J. Martin.

The Value of "Spoon Feeding."

Sir,—With your kind permission I should like to repeat the words which, according to the report in Cage Birds, Mr. Martin used, when giving his lecture before the members of the City and Suburban A.C.B. These are as follows:—"We are sometimes told to place ourselves in the hands of a reliable breeder to secure success. Fanciers, it is a joke, and to many an expensive one." He then goes on to say: "Friends, trust no one, but trust to your own intelligence."

That, Sir, was what I termed miserable advice, and still do so. I gave in my letter a little and only a little of my experience, and how I was treated through trusting to a reliable breeder. More I could add, for I have found during my experience in the cage bird fancy that most of them are a decent, jolly lot of fellows. Mr. Martin says in his letter had I heard his lecture I probably should have agreed that the person whose success depends on the advice of others is spoon fed. I should like to say that had I been there I should most certainly have protested against the words he used, re the "joke" as he calls it. Respecting being spoon fed, I quite agree with him that one has to use his brains to be successful, when starting in the fancy, but it wants mixing up with some good, sound advice from other fanciers.

Speaking of spoon feeding, I really believe many would have been in the fancy to-day if they had stuck to the spoon feeding a bit longer, for no sooner did they commence in the hobby than they thought they could do without it, thought they could run before they could walk properly, left off spoon feeding, wouldn't be told, thought they knew all there was to know in the breeding of winners, trusted to their own big selves and their own intelligence, knew better, of course, than anyone else, got bird indigestion, and were soon out of the fancy.

How different the fancier who is willing to back up his own intelligence with the sound advice he can get from others! He plods on, and you soon see he is making progress as you notice his exhibits on the show bench, creeping up from the very highly commended cards to the red ticket. If we have to trust only to ourselves, and trust no one else, we certainly don't want anyone giving us lectures and advice.

A Lover of a Good Norwich.

The Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.

The Revised Standards—Ticked, Marked and Variegated Defined.

Sir,—At the Council meeting, May 19, under the presidency of Mr. H. J. Chittenden, the standards as revised by the sub-committee together with representatives from the Yorkshire Canary Club, National Green Marked Y.C.C., Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., and the Open Norwich Plainhead Club, were considered, discussed, and afterwards approved as follows:—

CLASSIFICATION:—

1.—Clear.
2.—Ticked.
3.—Marked.
  (a) Evenly-marked.
  (b) Unevenly-marked.
4.—Variegated.
  (a) Lightly variegated.
  (b) Heavily variegated.
5.—Green—Self or Foul.
6.—Cinnamon—Self or Foul.

The presence of dark feather on the thigh, or natural discoloration of the beak, legs, or feet, or any mark which is not discernible as the bird stands in its natural position in the show cage shall be entirely ignored throughout the whole classification.

TICKED.—A ticked bird shall have one mark only, unbroken by any intervening light feather, on any part of the body (thighs, legs, feet, and beak excluded).

The Standards for Marked Birds shall be regulated by what are termed technical marks, that is, marks on (touching) eyes, flights (primary or/and secondary) and sides of tail. Each eye-mark and each tail-mark must be distinctly separated from its corresponding mark by a portion of light feather, otherwise they will not be recognised as technical marks.

EVENLY-MARKED.—An evenly-marked bird shall have:—

(a) Two technical marks, (both eyes, or flights of both wings, or both sides of tail; or,
(b) Four technical marks (both eyes, and flights of both wings, or, both eyes and both sides of tail, or, flights of both wings and both sides of tail); or,
(c) All six technical marks.

UNEVENLY-MARKED. — An unevenly marked bird shall have three or five technical marks only.

VARIEGATED classes shall consist of any other variegation not already provided.

(a) Lightly Variegated, more light than dark.

(b) Heavily Variegated more dark than light.

In the Green and Cinnamon classification the definition of the respective clubs has been adopted.

S. Midgley, Hon. Sec.

Egg-binding and Sweating Hens.

How to Prevent Either Trouble.

Sir,—I have been very interested in the articles recently published in Cage Birds on the various troubles we have to combat in the bird room, and I thought I would like to give my opinions, and my method of preventing two of the troubles often met with, egg binding and sweating hens. Before we start to prevent or cure any trouble that may arise we must have a little knowledge as to its cause. I should like it to be understood that I do not wish to pose as an expert on the subject under discussion, but having had upwards of 20 years in the bird fancy I claim to know a little.

Take egg binding first, as it is a very tedious ordeal when a hen is egg bound and on the verge of collapse for a novice that is not used to handling such delicate creatures. In my opinion egg binding is caused by the egg passage being too dry, not having sufficient moisture or oiliness to allow the egg to pass freely, and the result is that when the hen comes to lay the thick part of the egg becomes so dry in passing through the ovary that she is unable to part with it.

I always give my hens cod-liver oil in their egg food when feeding them up for breeding, allowing a few drops for each hen, and I have never been troubled with an egg bound hen since I tried this, which is a good many years now. I also give them a little niga seed twice a week before they lay, but I rely on the cod-liver oil.

In the case of sweating hens, the majority of people, I believe, put it down to nervousness. I believe that the sweating hen and the bad feeding hen are not so common as many fanciers think. I have hens in my room at present which if they are off the nest when the young are a week or under a week old, and anyone enters the birdroom will fly straight on to the nest and bang themselves down on the young as if they were going to squash them. If anyone goes near the cage they will open their mouths as if to bite anything that went near. Now, I call that nervousness, yet they are the best of mothers.

The cause of the sweating hen and the bad-feeding hen, in my opinion, is that when the young are newly hatched they partake of too much rich egg food to satisfy the need of the youngsters, and the result is that their stomachs get upset. Therefore they sit on the nest in an out-of-sorts manner and neglect their young, and finally the young die and the hen is branded as a bad feeder or a sweating hen.

The best remedy I have found is to give all hens, for one day, when the young are three days old as much Epsom salts in their drinking water as will lie on the end of a teaspoon handle. I have found that doing this clears the stomach and keeps the hen in good health and able to do her duty.

It is a bad mother that will pine her children, and it is a bad Canary that will not feed her young if she is kept in good health. My advice to all beginners is try to keep your birds in good health by proper feeding and cleanliness, and disturb them as little as possible when they are breeding; then you will not have many wasters. Wishing Cage Birds the success it so well deserves.

J. Pearson.

In-Breeding.

Mr. House Replies to Mr. Johnson.

Sir,—I am not wishful to indulge in personalities. Mr. Johnson made several distinctly offensive allusions to myself in his lecture, so that if there has been any attacking of personality it has been done by him. To ask for a man's credentials is not to attack his personality, nor to impugn his honesty. Mr. Johnson has posed as an authority on this great subject, and as a reader of Cage Birds I am entitled to ask for his credentials. He admits he has none. That being so, why has he wasted so much paper and ink over a matter of which he admits he has no practical knowledge?

Mr. Johnson mentions a few matters which call for answer from me. As to convincing your readers as to the pedigree of the birds named by Mr. Johnson, I am not in possession of any facts relating to those birds, and, as I make it a practice never to enter into controversy without being certain of my facts, I can say nothing about these particular birds. They may be in-bred, or they may not. I have never asserted that winners are not bred from direct out-crosses. Many have been. A writer in a contemporary, dealing with this subject quite recently, said: "I am not going to deny that winners have not been bred from first-class unrelated specimens, because I know they have, but where one has been bred by such methods thousands have been bred by in-breeding." No one who is honest would dispute this statement.

What Mr. Johnson has to say about my position in life has nothing to do with in-breeding. Even had I kept mice and rats, and the hedgehogs which he mentions, I should only have increased my knowledge of natural history. These attempts at being funny are, I suppose, the red herrings of which Mr. Johnson speaks.

Mr. Johnson mentions Mr. Cook and Mr. Dykes. Mr. Cook, I am sure, would be the last man to tell the readers of Cage Birds that he has no related birds in his room, and that all his winners are unrelated. As to Mr. Dykes, that gentleman is more of an exhibitor than a breeder; if he cannot win with what he breeds at home he will, if he can, get it elsewhere. Apart from this he is open at any time to buy not one good bird, but a dozen, or a score if Mr. Johnson, or anyone else, can find them for him. This does not prove that in-breeding is either bad or good. The questions asked by Mr. Johnson are not unanswerable. These winners which he mentions are but as a drop in a bucket. "One Swallow does not make a summer. Neither do half-a-dozen winners bred by haphazard methods upset the practical utility of in-breeding.

I know nothing about Mr. Cocker's system of breeding, but I know that both Mr. W. H. Smith, whom Mr. Johnson mentioned in his lecture, and his son, Mr. J. Smith, are both confirmed believers in in-breeding, and have practised it consistently for many years.

As to a certain gentleman buying a hen from the West of England, that incident proves the value of in-breeding, because that hen was bought from a stud in which in-breeding has been followed for more than twenty years, and the breeder of that hen has publicly stated on more than one occasion that his successes (which are many) have been due to following advice which I gave to the Plymouth fanciers in a lecture delivered many years ago.

What Mr. Johnson states about longevity is as absurd and ridiculous as it is untrue.

Mr. Johnson quotes from my book on Norwich Canaries, but his quotations will not convince the thinking fanciers. In writing a book one has to speak generally. Not so when one's opinion is asked as to an individual pair of birds. One leaves the general for the particular in such a case, and advises on the knowledge that is available.

Norwich Canaries seemed to be uppermost in Mr. Johnson's lecture, therefore I will give the names of a few breeders of Norwich who have produced not one, or two, but many winning Norwich, and who are still with us, and of us, to-day.

First shall be the breeder of the hen mentioned. Mr. W. Spillman, of Plymouth, and that other great Western breeder, Mr. W. Collings. Mr. C. E. Silk, of Emsworth, who, like myself, has knowledge of the breeding of cats, rabbits, and poultry as well as Norwich Canaries, and has won much with each. He is one mentioned by Mr. Johnson, and he, I know, believes in keeping his own stud together, and not breeding in a haphazard, happy-go-lucky manner. Others are Messrs. Scothern and Bishop (Nottingham), W. Bowyer (Leek), Tickell (Bodmin), Payne (Gloucester), King (Cheltenham), Russell, Eckersley (Birmingham), Fox (Long Eaton), Sherman (Hayle), Vardy (Hucknall), Gardner, Heath, Hodder, Ramsden, Morris (London), Greeves (Wrentham), Mackley, Laccohee, Winter, Sadd, Revell (Norwich), Simpson (Ipswich), Willings, Taylor (Prescot).

None of these men believes in the chance methods which Mr. Johnson advocates, even though he poses as a believer in in-breeding. Mr. Wallace aptly exposes the vulnerability of Mr. Johnson's position in this respect, also the fact that his arguments are neither logical nor practical.

I asked for Mr. Johnson's credentials because I was ignorant of their existence. He admits he has no credentials as a breeder of winners. This being so, the fact that he has shown a few winners does not make him the authority he would have the Fancy believe him to be. However, we now know the truth about Mr. Johnson from himself—"I have no credentials."

C. A. House.

Well Begun is Half Done.

Sir,—May I correct a slight mis-statement in Mr. Johnson's letter? I am the person who travelled north, south, east, and west to buy the best I could find, but I did not buy the hen Mr. Johnson refers to. True, I did offer £8 for her, but her owner would not sell her, although he has since exchanged her for a well-known buff cock.

Now, I told Mr. Johnson this in a private letter many months ago, and I cannot quite understand why he says I bought her unless it is to clinch an argument against inbreeding. I am still of my old opinion, and I am putting it into practice this year; but as I am somewhat impatient, and naturally require some stock to start with, I tried to get the best I could induce breeders of note to part with. I may say I have four of the best strains in the country in my stud, and I am keeping them all separate. Next season I shall begin to cross in the progeny, and in about three years' time I shall be able to give the results. May I conclude by saying that I visited some of the men whose names have been mentioned by Mr. Johnson, and I never yet found one who disagreed with judicious inbreeding or one who failed to practise it if he had a definite object in view?

J. W. Gordon-Stewart.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 285.)

A Believer in Pedigree.

SIR,—I am now in my fifth year of line breeding with Norwich, and I have great hopes of producing a star. Could Mr. Johnson please verify that in every case mentioned by him the birds were not in the least related; just a little spot of related blood running in their veins, I mean?

Last year a gentleman called on me; he was in search of a good yellow hen, and he had called on many of the champion fanciers from North to South and had purchased from some of those named by Mr. Johnson.

He was fitting up a stud of Norwich, and Lands End to John-O'-Groats is not a great distance after all.

Surely Mr. S. Cook did not introduce an outcross unless it possessed certain essentials of a modern Norwich. Neither did Mr. Houghten purchase Mr. Spillman's hen without a good reason. She was a winner, one of the best.

"Pedigree will tell," Great breeders buy from great breeders. As to inbreeding being weakening, I would ask Mr. Johnson if he can explain why a stack of corn should be made in August and in less than twelve months become infested with hundreds of rats and mice. A male and female first enter this stack and after a time generation after generation, down to twenty-four hours of age, can be traced, all of which are inbred and are plump and healthy. J. LOCKE.

My Other Critics.

SIR,—At the outset, I may as well confess that I have less credentials to write about the Border than the Norwich, so a brief statement will have to suffice for the courteous criticism of Mr. Wallace. I have seven pairs of Borders breeding, but as they are kept primarily as feeders for Norwich, any good ones bred will be more by accident than design. So you see Mr. Wallace has me guessing the first time.

But about those two young Border cocks bred from father and daughter. Where were they exhibited? How is it one only got second in its class? Was the one that beat it bred by inbreeding? Why, if they were such champions, weren't they given a chance to make Mr. Wallace's name a Paterson, or a Wilson, or a Bennett? It is a pity Mr. W. is not a keen exhibitor; he might have done a great service to the cause of the inbreeders.

I see the "genial Sam" has not replied to Mr. Wallace's query about the old Buff and his son, which is just as I expected. Sam is just as well known for his silence as for his geniality, which may sound paradoxical, but his friends know what I mean. However, Mr. W. ought to have known that an unflighted Norwich cock is not shown against old birds; and the son is now in his second breeding season, and has had two exhibition seasons. He is a beautiful Norwich, but about as comparable with his father as an English Bullie with a Siberian. Mr. House placed them respectively 1st and 4th at Ardwick.

Of course Mr. House is wrong when he says I was pulling the fancy's leg. I am very serious minded by temperament, especially in a set-to with Mr. House. One has to be.

With reference to Robins migrating, I am afraid that my observations fall foul of Mr. Scott's. I do not believe in the theory that the Robins are replaced by some from another district. If the terrain is capable of providing food for the stranger, it will provide food for the original. Besides, one gets to know certain peculiarities of certain Robins, and it is impossible to mistake them. It has to be understood that I am not trying to disprove his statement about those Robins which were fed on board ship. I wasn't there—worse luck—but if I were a Robin and wanted to travel to the Mediterranean for my health, I should prefer to travel by boat rather than fly. I always thought that Robins were amongst the most intelligent of our British birds. That story of Mr. Scott's confirms it.

T. JOHNSON.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

KIPPAX.

Kippax Linnet Club members' sing, May 19; 44 birds entered; 1, Cooper, 2, Collinson; 3, Plows; timekeepers, O. Potter, J. Wallis; tappers, A. Cooper, H. Collinson.—R. Plows, sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Woodman Inn, May 19th; Linnet contest, 48 birds sang for four prizes: 1, W. Nelson; 2, 3, 4, Skidmore. May 20, 48 birds sang for four prizes: 1, Jones; 2, 3, shared Wingham and Watson; 4, Skidmore.—A. Wingham, sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, May 20; 22 birds sang: 1st, Jackson; 2, 3, Parlett and Bayston tied.—E. Phillipson, sec.

ATHERTON.

Royal Oak Linnet Club, Bolton New Road. Open contest, May 19, for time singing; 37 birds entered: 1, Donnelly, 170; 2, Murphy, 121; 3, Peat, 90; 4, Bates, 72; timers, H. Holt, R. Statham; minutes, J. Whittle; tappers, P. Murphy, T. Knowles.—J. Smith, sec.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Linnet singing contest, Blacksmith Arms, May 5, 15 birds sang: 1, Waxy; 2, 3, Meadley; also May 12: 1, 2, Waxy; 3, J. Harrison; also May 19, 17 birds sang, and some good singing was done: 1, 2, 3, Meadley; judge, W. Randall; timekeeper, G. Elliot.—G. Elliot, sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Lark and Linnet Club Linnet sing, May 20; 16 birds sang: 1, Dickinson, 3.38; 2, Wadsworth, 3.20; 3, Jones, 3.19; Hardman, 3.11. Lark sing, same date, 9 birds entered for 7 min. sing: 1, Hardman, 4 min. 44 sec.; 2, Coles, 2.25; D. Fish, 1.59; big sing, Whit Monday, for Larks only; 10 min. hang; members please note, 1s. entrance.—J. Hardman, sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet singing contest, George and Dragon, Bridge Street, May 20; 36 birds entered: 1, 3, shared, Wainwright and B. Nelson; 2, Williams.—A. Watkiss, sec.

Castleford Potteries, Grey Horse Inn, Linnet singing, April 19: 1, 2, Wainwright, 2 min. 4 sec., 1.44; 3, Oliver, 1.39; Wainwright also wins pool.—J. H. Nicholls, sec.

LEEDS.

Open Linnet contest, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, May 20; 33 birds faced the judges: 1, 2, shared Bamfield and Hodgson; 3, Kilbride; 4, Wigfield; judges, S. Butterfield, F. Wells and C. Ward.—S. C. Summers, hon. sec.

Open contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, York Road, May 20; Linnet sing, 40 birds: 1, Marshall; 2, Shaw; 3, Buckley; 4, Hurst; 5, Smith. Judges, Messrs. Dearlove, Biss, Bomfield.—G. Marshall, hon. sec.

Open contest for Linnets, Old Bird House, Albion Hotel, Saville Green, Leeds, May 20; 46 birds sang for 5 prizes: 1, Chippendale; 2, Clegg; 3, Hardcastle; 4, Hineson; 5, Appleyard. Judges, Crane and Grant. Also contest, same evening, 24 birds: 1, Chippendale; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Thompson; 4, Towers. Judges, Jennings, Grant, and Crane.—T. Crane.

(Please see note as to advertisements of future contests.—Editor.)

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them

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Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S.—May 25, Trades Hall, 8. Question night.—R. J. Robertson.

Aber Bargoed F. and F.S.—June 2, Quarry Arms, Aber Bargoed, 7. Contributions; election of delegate to South Wales and Monmouthshire F. and F.S.; and other important business.—J. T. Hohley.

Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.—June 2, Smoke Room, Wesleyan Chapel, 7.30. Classes for N.F. show, and change of date for same.—J. J. Walker.

Burnley O.S.—May 29, 75, Lindsay Street, 7.30. Young show, and general business.—J. Moorhouse.

Cheppington (Scotland Gate).— May 26, Social Club, 7. Last meeting to enrol new members.—H. Seely.

Darlington C.B.S.—May 30, George Hotel, 7.30. Report on Federation meeting.—R. W. Gray.

Derby C.B.S.—May 26, Normanton Hotel, 7.45. Nomination of birds for annual show.—F. W. Jordan.

East Ardsley.—May 26, Black Swan, 7.30. Syllabus ready, and important show business.—A. Walton.

East Ham F.S.—May 30, Liberal Club, High St. General meeting (time not stated.—Ed.).—E. Winser.

Glasgow, W. Counties.—June 2, Good Templars' Halls, 122, Ingram St., 7. Election of judges for annual show, last monthly show of season, 8 classes, and other important business.—J. H. Adam.

Guisboro' "Priory" C.B.S.—April 26, Wear's Rooms, 7.. Report of Federation meeting, and important business.—J. S. Campbell.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—May 29, Brig Cafe, 8. Arrangements for Young Bird show, and other business.—A. E. Ismay.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—May 26, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Important business; last meeting for new members. —G. Vipond.

Midland Roller C.C.—Monthly meeting postponed till a week later, owing to date falling on Whit Monday.—J. W. Thompson.

Nantymoel, Ogmore Vale C.B.S.—May 30, Nantymoel Lesser Hall, 6.p.m. Drawing up business for F.F. show.—T. Davies.

Penygraig C.B.S.—June 2, Butchers' Arms, 6. Important business; numerous specials for coming shows.—W. Hollinshead.

Porth and Rhondda Valleys C.B.S.—May 31, Llwyncelyn Hotel, Porth, 7. Very important business.—A. H. C. Legg.

Provincial Roller C.C.—May 26, Old Boar's Head, Manchester, 6.30. General business.—E. Hibbert.

Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.—May 30, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 8. Classification, judges, etc., for F.F. show; "Hat Night."—A. Foreman.

Rotherham C.B.S.—May 26, Mail Coach Inn, 7.30. Important business.—G. Allott.

Sheffield C.B.S.—June 7, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table show.—A. Hobson.

Southern Roller C.C.—May 29, Imperial Restaurant, 57, Old Bailey, E.C., 7.30. Business and Lecture by Mr. Fisher, "Some Training Reminiscences and the great Glucke Tour"; birds present.—J. Aspinall.

Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A.—May 29, Trinity House, Shaw Heath, 8. Schedule and Final Arrangement for N.F. Show.—W. Stafford

Swinton and Pendlebury Roller C.C.—May 30, Bridgewater Arms, Pendlebury, 7.30. General business.—E. Hibbert.

Warrington C.B.S.—May 31, Blue Bell Safe Rooms, 8. Arrangements for Nest Feather show.—H. Warburton.

Wombwell B.F.A.—June 2, Ship Inn, 7. Arrange classes for N.F. show.—F. Moore.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN

FRUITLESS EFFORTS.

E. B., Walt.—There is no material difference in the trouble with all the hens, so all may be dealt with as one. It is quite evident that they are not in proper breeding condition, but as you give no details at all about your management, nor the probable age of the hens, I cannot say just where the cause lies. If they are now past the first vigour of youth, however, I doubt if they will be of any further use at all for breeding. Anyway, you may try what the following treatment will do for them in the course of two or three weeks. See that the birds are kept in a bright and healthy place, but free from direct cold draughts, and if the hens are each still sitting on one or two eggs, which are fertile, give them all to the hen that is the most reliable feeder. Then take the nests away from the others for a week. If the eggs are now seen to be all unfertile, then treat all the hens alike. Every second day, in addition to the staple seed diet, give to each pair a small teaspoonful of egg food with about a third of the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, with just a sprinkling of yellow mustard and linseed in the bulk. Give a fairly liberal supply of green food daily, but avoid giving dandelion. In the drinking water, for three consecutive days and every second day for the remainder of the first week, add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give four drops each of dilute sulphuric acid and tincture of gentian, and two of tincture of steel every second day for another week. Then, if the birds appear in good condition and desirous to nest, you may give them another trial.

WORTH THE TRIAL

W. F. B.—(1) You do not say whether you mated the birds as soon as you had purchased the cock or not, but if you did so, or within a day or two after, say, any time not later than the Thursday of the same week, and the hen was in good condition, there is every possible reason to expect that the eggs will be fertile, and you should certainly allow them to be sat out their full time. (2) When both birds are in good breeding condition and full of vigour, the eggs may be expected to possess full normal fertility after a lapse of thirty hours from the time of putting the birds together. A rather shorter time may suffice in some cases, but I have no record of the shortest time possible to ensure fertility after the birds are mated, and doubt if such a condition exists which is applicable to all cases. Thirty hours is a fairly safe time limit to allow before expecting the eggs to be fertilised.

PAIRED OR MATCHED?

Greenhorn.—It is difficult to say with any degree of certainty whether the buff green cock and the yellow cinnamon hen are a suitably matched pair or not. To do so, one would need to have some definite information as to how these birds were bred themselves, and also what particular type of markings or colour you are aiming after in the progeny, and you say nothing at all on these points. As you bought the birds ready paired, together with a clutch of their eggs, rather an unusual method, I should say, you may not know the pedigree of the parents, but if the vendor was an experienced fancier and sold the birds as a matched pair, they may turn out all right, especially if he also knew your aim regarding the young. In such a case it is quite possible that the buff green cock is bred from a cinnamon strain and will blend successfully with the cinnamon hen. I think your best plan will be to wait until the young from the clutch of eggs now sitting are sufficiently feathered for you to see their colours and markings, also note whether they are dark or pink eyed, then write again repeating your query, giving these particulars about the young, and also say what is the colour and parentage of the other birds you have in view as mates, to vary this pairing. Then I shall be in a better position to help you in the matter.

VARIED.

W. F. M.—(1) It is certainly just a little exceptional for a brood of young to be on the perches and so vigorous as you describe at eighteen days old. The fact that there are only three in the brood would help to bring about this early development, but they also doubtless had a real good feeder. Each youngster being a distinct colour is in no way exceptional; even larger broods often vary in this manner. (2) Yes, the youngsters will probably be well able to be transferred into a flight cage in another ten days or so, but do not take this step until they can feed themselves nicely on the soft food and are beginning to crack canary seed easily. Also do not hurry too much about getting them on to hard seed at this tender age; keep on a little soft food daily for at least another three or four weeks. (3) The advantage of putting on rings is to ensure the correct identity of the individuals for keeping a record of their pedigree and as a guide for future matings on these lines. Each ring bears a distinctive number, and the year of birth, and these particulars are meant to be transferred to a stud register, or book, and against each is placed a full record of the bird and its parentage. If closed rings are used they are also a guarantee of the age of the bird as these can only be put on in the nest, before the birds are fully developed, and can never be removed without detection or serious injury to the bird. Open rings can be put on or removed at any time with perfect ease and without the slightest injury to the bird. (4) The food you name has been used by many as a substitute for egg food with success, so there can be no reason why you should fail with it. Still, as you appear to have done so well so far, you might do well to remember the adage leave well alone. (5) Yes, if of sufficient size to accommodate them, you may place successive broods of young in the same flight cage. But with each fresh brood you should allow them to fly in a fair sized cage, say, not less than a single breeder, for a week, to feel their wings and get accustomed to the larger space before placing them in the flight among the more seasoned inmates. Also keep a watch on them for a day or two after to see if there are spiteful specimens inclined to be quarrelsome. (6) For a permanency, two, or at most three, birds are sufficient to keep in a cage 2ft. by 15ins. and 2ft. high. The height is of very little moment in such cages as these. With strict attention to cleanliness you might keep from four to six temporarily, but there must be a certain risk in this overcrowding when the weather gets warm and sultry. (7) The rolled up appearance you describe is symptomatic of other things besides a chill. But still, you cannot go far wrong by putting the bird so affected on a diet of bread and milk for a time, especially if you combine it with keeping the bird in a warm place, adding an aperient to the water for one day, and then a stimulant, say, 20 drops of brandy, to the water daily for a week or so.

WHAT IS WRONG?

Scotty.—The moult which you say started in Feb. or March would be the cause of the bird ceasing to sing, and you should not have mated the bird until it had quite recovered from moulting and had resumed song. Instead of this you seem to have mated him whilst still moulting, which may account for him not resuming song when the moulting was stopped. In this case the eggs which are now being incubated will be practically certain to be unfertile. Still, you may allow the hen to sit out her full time, but it will be as well to commence to treat the birds as follows at once, so that they may possibly get to work again very soon after the period of incubation has expired. No harm is likely to accrue from treating both birds alike and leaving them together meanwhile, even whilst the hen finishes sitting. Give a mixture of three parts canary seed to one part summer rape as staple seed diet, and in addition to this give every second day a small teaspoonful of egg-food, with about a third of the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it each time. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats, with just a sprinkling of yellow mustard and linseed in the bulk. Give a young stool of dandelion, gathered fresh, daily, for green food. In the drinking water add four drops each of tincture of gentian and dilute sulphuric acid, and two of tincture of steel, two days in every three for a week. Then, by the time the hen has finished sitting the cock should be in a much more likely condition for breeding, and you may allow them to try again in the ordinary course.

DANDELION, ETC.

E. T.—(1) There is certainly the possibility that giving an unlimited supply of dandelion to stand in water in the cages may be accountable for some, if not all, of the trouble which is causing the birds to appear mopy and ill. Unless the water were changed and the vessels cleaned daily, this alone would be apt to set up unhealthy and insanitary conditions in the cages, which might very easily affect the birds. It would be a much better plan to give a supply of the weed freshly gathered, if possible, each day, without putting it in the water at all, and give only such a quantity as the birds will manage to nearly or quite clear up before roost time. That will be sufficiently unlimited for any purpose. To help the birds to pick up, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a week, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence on the first two days, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, dilute sulphuric acid and two of tincture of steel on each alternate day for the rest of the week. (2) It is quite possible, but not very probable, for the eggs now laid by the hen which has been away from her mate for fourteen days to be fertile. To save wasting time with her, if you have other hens beginning to sit, it would be best to distribute these eggs amongst them, after placing on them a slight distinguishing mark, for them to be incubated, and thus given the benefit of any doubt. (3) This hen, supposing she has not already laid, and is still sitting on the nest, might have been utilised most conveniently to incubate the clutch of eggs concerned in the second query. It is quite possible that she might have laid her clutch by the time this reply appears, and in that case you need only let matters go on and take their own course. But if she has not, then the most likely thing to bring her back to a normal condition would be to give her a clutch of fertile eggs, quite common ones would do, or you might risk trying her with a clutch of better class eggs which the parents have deserted, or which are deprived of incubation from any other cause, which she might hatch out and rear the young quite well, and then go to nest on her own account in a normal manner.

A HELPING HAND.

H. H.—Let me advise you in a friendly spirit to read, and inwardly digest, the pages of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which you say you possess, because I feel confident that if you do so you will be well able to combat any of the little troubles in the hobby which you are now concerned about, and you might very probably have saved the first brood. What you should have done when you noticed the cock beginning to ill-treat the chicks, seeing they were of an age when they could do without constant brooding, was to have put them in a nursery cage and hung it on the front of the breeder in such a position that the parents could reach them conveniently to feed them through the wires, which they would doubtless have done, and completed the rearing in this manner. With the next brood you should make sure of preventing this trouble by removing the cock when the hen begins to sit, leaving her to hatch out and rear the young by herself. If you have not done this, and the hen is now settled down to sitting, you should remove him at once, taking him out as quietly as you can so as not to disturb the hen after he has gone to roost in the evening, and if you can conveniently take him right out of earshot of the hen it would

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QUERIES ANSWERED.
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be best to do so. I am inclined to think the cock is also the culprit in the matter of eating the eggs, but a little careful observation should definitely settle the point. To remedy this you might leave a china pot egg or two about the cage for him to practise on, but to save the next clutch with tolerable certitude you should, when the hen has built her nest, remove him each night to a cage by himself and keep him apart until you have secured the egg next morning. Then return him for the remainder of the day, and continue thus until the evening of the day the third egg is laid, when you may remove him and take him away permanently for the hen to go on sitting without his presence. It is not advisable to give egg food twice a day before and during the period of incubation. If the birds are backward in condition, which they should not be at this time, a teaspoonful between a pair every second day, with a similar quantity of mixed seed on the alternate days, is quite sufficient until the hen has laid her clutch of eggs, and then it should be stopped and a little given only two or three times during the time the hen is sitting. When the young are hatched a small teaspoonful for a brood of four twice a day is quite sufficient for the first two or three days, after which the allowance may be slightly increased as the demands of the young grow bigger, but always aiming at giving just such a quantity as the birds clear up just before the next supply is due. It is neither necessary nor advisable to withhold the bath after the young are hatched, especially if the weather is warm and sultry. Offer it for a half-hour each morning in the usual way, and if she wishes to avail herself of its use by all means allow her to do so.

THE NUT-BROWN CHICK.

Anxious.—The youngster you describe as a nut-brown bird is undoubtedly a cinnamon coloured one, and in that case you will find that it has pink eyes. In this sense it is not at all a rarity nor of any special value on account of its colour, though if it is properly extracted from the pure Cinnamon it may make a very useful stock bird for improving colour and quality of plumage where this is a necessary feature in one's stock. The green variegated cock from which the youngster was bred was, in all probability, a direct cross from the Cinnamon. You do not mention the breed of the birds, but if they are either Yorkshires or Border Fancy, both of which are stooped, so to speak, in cinnamon blood, such a sport is not at all uncommon, but in any other breed where the cinnamon blood has not been so freely infused, it is extremely doubtful if the bird is, as you suppose, a cock. For this to occur there would need to be at least some trace of cinnamon blood in the hen as well as the cock.

TROUBLE WITH FEET.

D. C.—(1) Try the following treatment for relaxed toes: If the claws are overgrown also, trim them back to a proper length during the process. Get two saucers side by side, fill one with tolerably hot water, but be careful to see that it is well below any risk of scalding, and fill the other with cold water in which dissolve a small teaspoonful of common salt. Catch the bird and immerse the feet in the cold water for a minute or so, then transfer them at once to the hot water for a minute or two, and whilst soaking here, gently remove any dirt and cleanse them, cutting back the claws, if necessary, to a correct length with a sharp pair of nail or embroidery scissors. After a minute or two in the hot water, again transfer them to the cold for a similar length of time, and repeat the process until they have been in both waters about half-a-dozen times, but be careful to finish up in the cold water. Then dry the feet, and gently massage on them a morsel of Lanocyllin or Jeyes' veterinary ointment. Repeat this treatment every second day for a week. To strengthen the system give, every second day for a fortnight, a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water four drops each of dilute sulphuric acid, tincture of gentian, and two of tincture of steel. The sample of seed enclosed contains far too much millet and too little canary for a staple diet, but as a mixture for occasional use it is not bad. The seed in the separate packet is white sesame, useful in some seed mixtures, but not generally much used as food for Canaries.

BEST COLOUR FOOD.

J. L.—The substance usually termed tasteless pepper, or sweet tasteless pepper, which you will see frequently advertised in our prepaid columns during the season from the end of June to about September, is quite the best thing for colour feeding Canaries. It would occupy too much space to go into all the details here, especially as the season is yet rather far away, so I cannot advise you better than to get our Manager to send you a copy of the handbook on Colour Feeding, 3½d. post free, which gives you the fullest possible details all through. You will doubtless see some informing articles in our columns when the proper season approaches. Of course you know that it is no use attempting colour feeding except when the birds are moulting, as it is only at this time that the new plumage can be affected by judicious feeding.

HEADS HANGING DOWN.

Heads Down.—As the birds seem all right in other respects, I see no need to worry about them "nodding" with their heads in front of them instead of over the wing. Continue giving them a morsel of egg food daily for another two or three weeks, and you will probably find they will be all right. It is certainly not a usual practice for young birds to sleep in this way, but occasionally one finds specimens here and there that do so, and they are none the worse for it.

YOUNG THROWN OUT.

W. B.—(1) I'm afraid I cannot give you much advice about the hen which refuses to feed the young, and throws them out of the nest at a week old without some more definite particulars to found an opinion upon. Does the hen appear to want to go to nest again? Is the throwing out deliberate and intentional, or are they merely dragged out accidentally in the claws of the hen? Before she nests again it would be advisable to examine the claws, and if they are overgrown, trim them back to a proper length. Again, did you leave the cock with the hen, or remove him when she began to sit? In any case try what the following method will do for the next brood. If you have been leaving the cock in with the hen, remove him next time when she begins to sit, and leave her to hatch out and rear the young by herself, or vice versa, if he has been removed previously. Then, as a beginning, add at once to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week. Feed the same as advised to "Scotty" in this issue, until the hen has gone to nest again, except that, instead of giving dandelion, which avoid, give chickweed, flowering tips of tender young groundsel, lettuce, or watercress, as green food. When young are hatched, give egg food in moderate quantities fresh at least twice, and preferably three times, daily, and begin on the third day to give a morsel of green food, as mentioned above, and then go on giving a little each morning and afternoon and gather it fresh, as required, if possible. Keep an eye on the hen from the fourth day onwards for a few days, and if you see she gets slack in feeding, at once add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the water for the greater part of two consecutive days, and offer a bath in which you have dissolved sufficient common salt to give the water a slightly saline taste. If she still persists in her unnatural habit after this treatment, I am afraid your only chance of saving the young will be to transfer them to a more natural parent, or, perhaps, you might try your hand at hand-feeding and rear them in that way if you have plenty of time. (2) The sample of canary seed sent is a nice size, clean and bright, and of good all-round quality. The rape is a very good quality of summer rape. The hemp is stale and rancid and totally unfit for use as a food for Canaries. If you have been giving this hemp at all freely to your birds it is quite possible that it may be at the root of the trouble with the hen, in which case the trouble may automatically disappear when you have discarded this hemp, which you should do at once.

YOUNG APPEAR WET.

W. S. T.—Yes, the trouble you describe is what is usually termed "sweating." In your case it is in all probability due to diarrhœa in the young, with watery evacuations. See that your hemp, if you use any, is sound and sweet in the kernel, and then I think the following treatment will enable you to get over the difficulty in the next broods. For the first few days after hatching use only the yolk of the egg, no white, and add to it an equal bulk of either bread crumb or biscuit. Make a saucerful of crumbs from stale bread and slowly bake them in the oven, stirring them now and again with a prong, until they are dried crisp and of a light golden-brown all through. Then from the second or third day onwards for a week or so make your egg-food with equal parts eggs, crushed biscuit, and these baked crumbs. Keep an eye on the condition of the young, and if you notice them getting loose or damp in appearance at once slightly dust the egg food each time with carbonate of bismuth, and add to the water six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and four of tincture of opium for two successive days. Begin to give a small spray of green food on the fourth day as usual, but be careful to see that you do not give any that is wet, sodden, or decaying, and do not give large quantities at one time.

COMPOSITION OF EGG FOOD.

Mrs. A. S.—In a general way it is a good plan to give the first few feeds after hatching of pure yolk of egg only, or, say, the first three feeds, which would mean the first day, but this is not absolutely essential to success, and if the parents happen to be specimens which consume a great deal of egg food themselves, and are not over keen on feeding the young it is not always advisable to give this rich feeding for the start, though with good rational feeding parents it certainly helps to give the young a good start in life. I certainly would not advise it to be continued for as long as three days. One day should be quite sufficient, and after that you should begin to add bread crumb or crushed biscuit gradually until by the end of the first week you have the proportions about two parts bread or biscuit, as the case may be, to one part egg. It is rather a contentious point whether both the "white" and yolk of the egg should be used. Many fanciers use the white from the beginning with quite the average amount of success obtained by those who discard it all through. Personally, I think it best to leave out the white in making the egg food for the young during the first week after hatching, the white thus discarded being added to the food for the older broods, or for adults in the flights. After the first week the white can be minced up with the yolk and used in the usual proportions.

EFFECT OF FRIGHT.

G. N., Ipswich.—One can never tell what the after-effect of these shocks may be. Whilst one bird will be exceedingly little affected by them, another will go off song for months, and many never do sing again at all though they may live for years. Try hanging the bird where it will see folk passing near frequently, so that it will be induced to rouse itself a little more to move about. Keep it in a bright and healthy place, free from cold direct draughts or irritating fumes, and in addition to its staple seed diet give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut dusted with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight or three weeks, and on the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, gold of pleasure, and niger. In the drinking water, every second day for a fortnight, add ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and on the alternate days four drops each of tincture of gentian, and dilute sulphuric acid and two of tincture of steel. If the bird does not seem sufficiently recovered at the end of the first fortnight, stop the drugs for a week, and then resume them and repeat the dosage in the same order for another fortnight.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

EXHIBITION CAGES FOR FINCHES.

J. H. C.—To exhibit Finches in the cage most suitable for them, so as to show them off to the best advantage, is of far more importance than some imagine. I have seen many a good bird put back a point through carelessness in this matter. The cage for a Hawfinch would be 14 inches long, 12 inches high, and 6 inches deep. One for a Corn Bunting (that is, a full-sized bird), 13 inches long, 11 inches high, and 5½ inches deep. These cages should be made with a front slightly bowed at the top, so that the judge can look down on the bird and get a good view of his back and wings. A feeding trough should be fixed at one end, and a drinking hole at the same place. As regards your Hybrid pairs, I would certainly advise you to remove the cock Bullfinch at once; it is just possible the mischief is already done, and that one of the hens has struck up an acquaintance with him, and she may be spoilt for the season. I have known many promising pairings spoilt by the cock being in the vicinity, and hens feeding well in an outside aviary have deserted their young because a cock Bullfie visited the spot. Take him away at once, not only out of sight, but out of hearing.

SKYLARK NOT SINGING.

Lark Novice.—Skylarks are sometimes very disappointing and steadily refuse to sing, no matter how you treat them. I once kept one for six months without his uttering a note, and when I let him go he soared straight up and sang splendidly. Considering how common these birds are, I think it wisest to let them go after keeping them a reasonable time. It is just possible you have taken to your bird and would like to keep him and give him a good chance. If so, I would advise you to improve the quality of his food. Add a spoonful of meat meal or hard-boiled egg to your present mixture, and procure a pound of insectile food containing ants' eggs, dried flies, etc., and give him a feed of it twice a week. He should also have a mealworm or two, or other insect life, or failing these, just a scraping of lean meat. You do not say if you are keeping him inside or out, but anyway, I would advise him being outside if possible, not for a long time right away, but commencing with an hour or so and so gradually increasing the time. If he can hear other birds sing it may encourage him.

BREEDING WITH LINNET-GOLDFINCH.

May.—Your chances of success with your Linnet and Goldfinch look quite promising, and now they are feeding each other you should certainly run them together and fix up some kind of nesting arrangement for them. If you can get an old nest and fix it in a nesthox with a few twigs round it, it should do admirably. At the same time supply them with plenty of moss and cow hair. The cross is quite a valuable one, and much sought after for exhibition purposes, and the cock birds are good songsters. As regards feeding, you had better continue as you are doing now, and if your Goldfinch food appears to be too rich for the Linnet you can shut him off again after the hen has laid, or when you see that they have paired; but do not put him out of sight, or things may go wrong with them.

LINNET WITH BARE HEAD.

J. P. Thompson.—I am sorry to hear your bird is not doing well since the moult, and no doubt I could have helped you had you given me more particulars as to feeding and general treatment. Evidently there is something wrong in your method, but where the error is I am unable to say without such particulars. Anyway, give him the following stock mixture: canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, rape and linseed 1 part each, and collect daily bunches of shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, seeding grasses, and other wild food. Give him at once, for one day only, as much Glaubers' salts dissolved in his drinking water as will cover a sixpence, and repeat three days later. On other days squeeze a few drops of fresh lemon juice in the water. Let him bathe on fine days. I would advise you to get our Nutshell booklet on the Linnet, post free 2½d.; it will help you in your management.

CONCERNING GOLDFINCHES.

C. Harris.—A change of diet is the best treatment for your Finch, but as you do not give me your present method of feeding, I am not able to suggest the alteration, excepting that you could give him a little egg food and a small spoonful of Chemical Food in his drinking water. Let him bathe on fine days, as this helps to lighten the plumage. Keep him in an equable temperature as far as possible and free from draughts. A few seeding heads of dandelion or the young leaves would help him considerably. (2) If you are certain your young Finch is a cock bird, it is just possible the presence of the other stout singers is the cause of his silence. Some birds are too shy to open when others are about. The best remedy is to remove him to a room by himself; about three days a week give him a little egg and a spoonful of soaked seeds. You could also collect dandelion, grasses, etc., and keep him pretty well supplied with these, when he should soon be in song. (3) I expect your Canary went to nest the first time before she was quite ready, or you have been feeding her rather too richly. A little salts in the water will sometimes keep a hen back, but if she has a good feeding cock bird with her he should take over the care of the young. If, on the other hand, she is mothering some Hybrids, you could run the cock in with her once or twice and then remove him. She would be some days before she nested, and might possibly get the young old enough to do for themselves with a little assistance. A good hen will feed the young even while sitting on her second clutch.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

TAME BUDGERIGARS.

E. L. S.—Though bred in captivity, nearly all species seem born with all their wild instincts fully acute, and aviary bred birds are usually very wild when they first leave the nest. If you want them really tame from the beginning you must take them quite young, and they will need feeding at frequent and regular intervals from early morning till late at night. I have not tried hand-rearing this species, but a lady I know was very successful in hand-rearing Black-cheeked Lovebirds, and you would have to adopt the same method with your birds. Treatment is as follows: (1) It is the first day that care is wanted, as after they soon learn to take food from the dish. They should be taken before the feathers begin to form; the most difficult part is keeping the right temperature. Keep them in a basket lightly covered with a piece of folded flannel; stand the basket upon a bath-room cylinder or similar warm position. (2) Feed from 6 a.m. till 10 p.m. Food: Osborne biscuits and crushed wheat, varied with "Uveco" and crushed wheat, made sloppy with boiling water and condensed milk. At first it must be made sufficiently liquid to pour down their little throats, of course only a drop at a time; later it can be stiffer. Keep some seed handy, and as soon as they begin to crack this freely, gradually wean from the soft food. Out of the multitudes of Budgerigars kept only occasional ones learn to talk, but ultimately you should obtain one or more from among your hand-reared specimens, as by the time these are fully reared they should be uncannily tame. Budgerigars require no nesting material, but a cocoa-nut husk must be hung up in one corner of the cage. The usual seeds will suffice for old and young till you take the latter in hand to rear. The flowering and seeding heads of any of our indigenous grasses form the best greenfood while available, and should be supplied ad. lib. We cannot name special dealers or breeders in this column, but an advert in the Foreign Bird column would probably secure someone willing to train one for you; if you do not wish to undertake the task of hand-rearing and training yourself. These birds are hardy and [illegible] the winter without discomfort in an unheated a

LOSS OF GREY PARROT.

F. T. C.—I much regret to learn you have lost your bird, though I rather feared such a result, but still incline to the opinion that an operation by the vet might have saved its life. I am aware that few vets. care about undertaking cases of cage birds, but there are some who have studied bird diseases, and one could have been found; however, it is now too late, and I hope you may soon find another Grey equally interesting. Have the cage thoroughly sterilised before using it for another bird.

SIZE OF CAGE FOR BUDGERIGARS.

A. S.—(1) My reply must be in the negative as your cage is apparently neither wide enough nor high enough, though the length is all right. You say 3ft. x 1ft. x 9ft., without specifying which is height or depth. The minimum depth should be 12 to 15 inches, and the height 18ins. to 24ins. Put a coco-nut husk on each back corner, with the entrance holes facing the light. They require no nesting material. Natural branches with the bark on are best for perching accommodation. (2) Canary and white millet in equal parts, with a dash of oats; also a millet spray and greenfood (the flowering and seeding heads of indigenous grasses are the best, and should be supplied ad lib). Of course, it is understood that such essentials as cuttlebone, grit and water, are continual supplies. Budgerigars are not great bathers in the ordinary sense; when wild they bathe by rolling amid dewy grass and herbage, and if you can give them a small turf of tall grass occasionally, giving it a good watering through a fine rose first, it will tend to their general well-being.

PARRAKEETS FOR AVIARY.

D. T. L.—Redrumps are not noted for amiability, especially when they are the pair in possession; however, your aviary is roomy, and I suggest a pair each of Orange-flanked Parrakeets, Cockatiels, and Black-cheeked Lovebirds or Quaker Parrakeets would form a nice series, and they should be obtainable for about the sum you name. Rosellas have been kept with Redrumps, but I have known of several cases where it has been a case of the survival of the fittest (strongest). Those I have named belong to different groups, and usually agree well together. Small barrels, about nine inches diameter and 12 to 18 inches deep, are the best, but any rectangular box of a similar size will do providing there is a concave cavity at the far end. Such as Crimson-wings and Kings, or Many-colours, would be the best for exhibition, but I doubt them agreeing in the same aviary. Any of the cage-makers who advertise in our pages would supply you with suitable show cages. Any kind of barrel you could get from your grocer, corn chandler, or fishmonger, if well scalded out, the head fitted, and an entrance hole (elliptical) about 2 x 1½ inches cut in near the top answers well, or if you can get a piece of hollow tree trunk, so that the hollow portion is at least six inches in diameter, with boards to block up each end, and a suitable hole cut in for entrance—such forms quite a natural nest. If you have Quakers you must supply them with fine birch twigs, as it is one of the few species of Parrakeets which construct a nest.

YOUNG AFRICAN GREY PARROT, SHIVERING WINGS, ETC.

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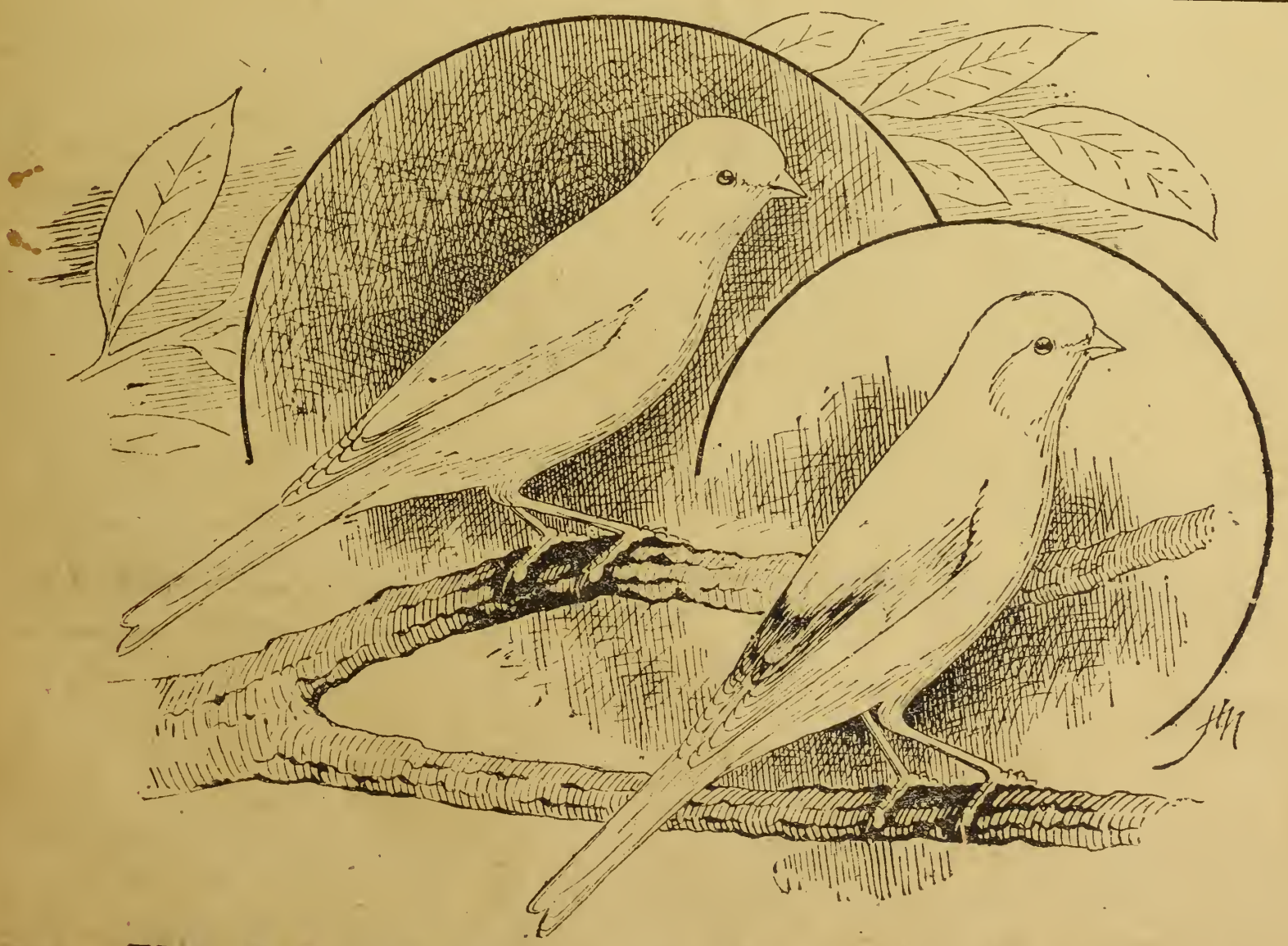

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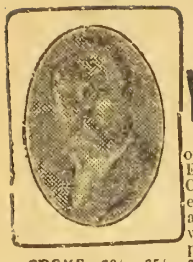

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SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, May 27; 30 birds sang: 1, Bayston; 2, Parlett; 3, Jackson. May 28: 20 birds sang: 1, 2, Wainwright; 3, Parlett.—E. Phillipson, Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet and Lark Club, Doncaster Road, Linnet sing, May 27; 15 birds entered for 4 min. time sing: 1, Wadsworth, 3 min. 26 sec.; 2, Coles, 3-24; Hardman, 3-12; Dickinson 3-5. Lark sing at night for 7 min. time sing: D. Fish, 4 min. 50 sec.; Hardman, 3-3. Lark sing, Whit-Monday, for £4 in prize-money, for 10 min. hang: 1, Hardman, 5 min. 54 sec.; 2, D. Fish, 5-44; 3, Fishwick, 5-21; 4, Mitchell, 2-55.—J. Hardman, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet singing contest, George and Dragon, Bridge Street, May 26. 28 birds entered for seven prizes: 1, Wainright; 2, Longfield; 3, 7, Williams; 4, 5, shared, Shaw and Wainright; 6, Shaw. General meeting June 10, business very important.—A. Watkiss, Sec.

Castleford Potteries Linnet Club, Grey Horse Inn, contest May 28; 37 birds entered for 15 prizes and special for biggest break: 1, 2, Nicholls and Wainwright, tie, 2 min. each; 3, Watson, 1-58; 4, Harling, 1-44; 5, Wainwright; 6, 11, Peach; 7, 13, Shaw; 8, 9, 10, Watkiss; 12, Osbourne; 14, Watson; 15, Nicholls; sp., biggest break, Nicholls. In sing off for tie Wainwright won.—J. H. Nicholls.

LEEDS.

Contest for Linnets, Old Bird House, Albion Hotel, Saville Green. 45 birds sang for five prizes: 1, 5, Chippendale; 2, Stead; 3, Towers; 4, Hineson. Judges, Crane and Grant.—T. Crane, Sec.

Open contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, York Road, May 27. Linnet singing, 40 birds: 1, 3, 4, Marshall; 2, A. Richardson. Judges, Messrs. Biss, Dearlove and Bomfield.

Open contest, May 28, 41 birds singing: 1, G. Marshall; 2, A. Richardson; 3, T. Butler; 4, Moss; 5, Stockill; 6, Wheelhouse; 7, Shaw; 8, Watson; 9, A. Butler, Sen.; 10, J. Richardson; 11, Watson; 12, Hurst; 13, A. Butler, Jun.; 14, Newsome. Judges, Messrs. Dearlove, Biss, and Bomfield.—G. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax Linnet Club Annual, Whitsuntide contest, 42 birds entered for eight prizes, Mr. J. Cooper's bird sung 130 seconds, in a four minutes' sing though he did all his singing in the last three minutes, Mr. J. Williams, Castleford, bought the bird for £3 after his performance. This is a record price for a Linnet from any of the Kippax members. Some of the best singing was done at this contest that has ever been known, and a novice member won two prizes. 1, Cooper, 130 seconds; 2, Potter, 97; 3, 4, Collinson, 90, 87; 5, Plows, 83; 6, 7, Thomas, 58, 50; 8, Plows, 45. Time-keepers, H. Collinson, J. Liversidge; tappers, A. Cooper, W. Perkin; scorer, T. Pickersgill.—R. Plows, Sec.

Club Reports.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, May 21, Spencer Hall, Mr. P. Johnston. A discussion on topical subjects, feeding the young, etc., was opened by Mr. F. Knight, who demonstrated his method of making egg food. Opinion varied as to the use of bread or biscuit, either giving satisfactory results. Mr. Johnston gave his methods of feeding, which were very good, as evidenced by the fact that he has an exceedingly large number of youngsters. Owing to a late start a short paper on "The in-breeding fallacy" was not read. A vote of thanks concluded.—F. Knight, Sec.

WALLSEND MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Meeting, Station Hotel, May 23, Mr. R. White presided over a good attendance. Election of judges for N.F. Show and drawing up schedules for same was the principal business. A green Norwich class was added and Messrs. Laidlow and J. Maddison were elected judges. N.F. Show July 14, Neptune Road Hall. We got a special of 5s. for best bird, and 2s. 6d. best Mule. New members elected, Messrs. Graham, Lindsay, J. Hunter, and Wilson. Fanciers should not forget to give our meeting a visit on June 13, at Station Hotel, to hear Mr. Crawhall, Newcastle, give us the great lecture he has on in-breeding. All fanciers welcome and they may hear something to their advantage. Fanciers joining at next meting will be able to show at N.F. Show. A few breeding results were to hand.—Norwich: McCloud, 11; McKay, 10; Scott, 5; McGinn, 20; Fleck, 4; Wilson, 25. Borders: Johnston, 15; Montgomery, 20; Furnuss, 34; Craig, 10; Dunning, 20; Graham, 12. Yorkshire: Robson, 25; Studholme, 25.—Geo. Greenwell, Sec.

AYR C.B.S.

Meeting, May 25, Wallace Tower, Mr. P. McQuiston, presiding. Present, Messrs. Cameron, McLachlan, R. C. Gribben, W. Wilson, Lorie, Lelland, W. Erskine, Tait, Vance, Kermack, and Ferguson. Mr. J. Rennie and Mr. R. Vance were enrolled as members. Captain Jackson, Ayr, Station Hotel, has kindly offered a prize of 7s. 6d. for the F.F. Show, June 30, in New Road Mission Hall. Decided to make no charge for admission, but a collection should be taken at the door for the club funds, Mr. Tait to take charge. Membership fees being due, subscriptions were received from members present. Office bearers elected for season: Hon. pres., Mr. P. Paterson; pres., Mr. J. Cameron; vice-pres., Mr. R. Lelland; sec. and treas., H. M. Ferguson; committee, Messrs. J. McLachlan, J. Tait, and R. Vance, Norwich; W. Lovie, W. Erskine, and R. Lelland, Yorks. and Bord.; J. Rennie and P. McQuiston, Scotch Fancies; R. C. Gribben, J. Girvan, H. Alexander, and P. McQuiston, British, etc. Sec. was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Gribben regarding the death of their gallant young son.—H. M. Ferguson, Sec.

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S. SHIELDS (Always Ready) C.B.S

Meeting Hunt's shop, Ocean Road, May 16, Mr R. Barnes presided over a good attendance. New members elected S. Glendenning and E. Bell, Jarrow Agreed to have the same schedule as last year (30 classes) which gives all members a chance to bring their stock out. We had a further discussion on egg bread, as some of our members are having bad results; we all think there is nothing to beat eggs and biscuits or bread, after all.—J. W Watson, Sec.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES.

General meeting and lecture, May 14, Deansgate Hotel, Mr. A. Hirst, Accrington was elected judge for N.F. Show, July 7. Decided to go to Castle Mills for the ramble, June 3. We hope we shall have a good turn up and shall be glad to see any friends. Train leaves Central Station at 2 to Hale. Those who go by car meet at Hale station not later than 2.30. The lecturer was Mr. Cutmore, Liverpool. He brought a large variety of foreign birds' skins, and some slides of the largest and most expensive aviaries for illustrations which made the lecture most interesting and enjoyable. Next meeting June 11., N.F. Show business.—J. Green, Hon. Sec.

W. BROMWICH & HANDSWORTH.

Meeting May 19, Ivy House Hotel, Handsworth, Mr. S. N. Taylor chair, and thirteen members present. One new member nominated. As the majority of members reported poor results from first round, it was suggested that the first Nest Feather show be abandoned; but it was decided to hold same on the date fixed, June 16, when it is hoped all members who have young birds will do their best to make it a success by staging as many as possible. Schedules will be posted in due course. There will be no charge for admission, and visitors will be welcome. A discussion arose in regard to the Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and West Bromwich Inter-Club Cup Competition, and Sec. was asked to write the other societies concerned, with the object of arranging a meeting of delegates from the three societies. Messrs. Cowley and Taylor elected to represent West Bromwich. Final arrangements for ramble on the following day concluded the meeting.—F. H. Viles.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, May 12, Mr.. A. Holden presided over a good attendance. Mr. Curry being absent from the meeting through business, Mr. Almond kindly took the duties of Sec. for the night, and a good substitute he made. The balance-sheet left over, not being audited for the annual meeting, was read and adopted, showing a good balance of nearly £8 on the year's working. This added to balance in bank, places our society on a fair good footing once more, with a total of £21 in hand. Decided to take up 20 shares in the war loan, which members present thought would be a good and safe investment. The question of a nest feather show this season was left over until next meeting, June 9, when Mr. F. Laidlow is giving us a lecture on the Norwich Canary. A table show for British birds was held, which was rather disappointing in entries, but birds that were staged made up for it in quality. Mr. Almond showed a nice Goldfinch which, with a bit of luck and a good moult will be heard of again. Not being sufficient birds to fill the five classes arranged at last meeting it was decided to make two classes: Goldf. and Bullf.: 1, Almond; 2, 4, Hooper; 3, vhc, Pettersson; hc, Collard. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Hooper; 3, 4, Almond. Mr. F. Laidlow judged and gave satisfaction. For want of time the judging competition was not proceeded with.—A. Holden, Chair.

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Twitterings.

The annual ramble of the Sheffield O.S. is fixed for June 3 (Sunday); meet at Park Hotel, Hillsbro, at 2 prompt, writes Dr. W. Craig.

Messrs A. Maxwell, Partick, and R. H. Livingstone, Rutherglen, will judge our First Feather Show, July 7, writes A. Hamilton, sec., Springburn Possilpark C.B.C.

The "Avicultural Magazine" for May, the journal of the Avicultural Society, opens with an intensely interesting article, "The Coming of the Nightingale," by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, illustrated by beautiful photographs by Mr. J. H. Symonds of the nest and eggs of the bird and the female Nightingale with nestlings. Another fine photograph by Mr. Symonds in the same issue is of a Robin. Among the other articles are "The Long-tailed Tit," by Mr. P. F. M. Galloway; "Some Tasmanian Birds' Nests," reprinted from "The Emu"; Nesting of the Red-headed Bullfinch," by Mr. Herbert Bright, etc.

A Lecture at Gateshead on the Norwich Canary.

At Lockhart's Cafe, High St., Gateshead, on June 9, at 6.30, Mr. F. W. Laidlaw, secretary of Newcastle C.B.S., will give a lecture on the Norwich Canary. Admission will be free, and fanciers are invited, writes Mr. W. Curry, Secretary.

Not the Gun this Time.

A Hoopoe has been killed by a cat on the shore of Loch Nevis, in Inverness. In recording the instance the London "Evening News" says, "Whether it escaped from a cage or was lost from a passing ship is unknown." The alternative that it might have been a migrant appears to have escaped the notice of the writer of the paragraph.

The "Glasgow Evening Times," referring to the same incident, describes the Hoopoe as of the Hornbill species, and says it "has a beautiful bright red crest and gorgeous colours round body and wings."

A COUNTRY RAMBLE.

Middlesbro and Tees Side C.B.S. held their first ramble of the season on May 26. About twenty members and friends, including some from the Stockton Society, met at Middlesbro and proceeded to Great Ayton by motor 'bus. There they were met by a few Ayton fanciers, and, with Mr. J. Carr as leader, proceeded to the river. Crossing the stepping stones, writes Mr. F. Stothard, we immediately found ourselves in the midst of beautiful hills and dales. We walked along the river to Easby, there to find the advance party in retreat to the high road.

The district seemed very quiet here, and Mr. Robson had first call with a fine hen Partridge sitting on 17 eggs. Then Mr. Carr, with a Yellow Bunting with three eggs. Travelling further along, nests and eggs of the Bunting, Blackbird, and Thrush were in abundance, and as youngsters seemed scarce we all agreed that the severe winter had not only hampered Canary breeding operations, but also those of the wild birds. Proceeding along to Kildale, we partook of a light luncheon, which, although considerably curtailed, was enjoyed by all. Our leader here was in somewhat of a dilemma to understand the new rations, viz., 2/7th oz. sugar and 2 oz. bread to each person.

Our return journey took us into the hills and through the woods looking into Battersby, Ingleby, and Broughton. Passing along again on to the hills, we came to the monument of Captain Cook, the great circumnavigator. Here we entered the haunts of the Redstart and Wagtails; though a little scarcity of these existed, the Chaffinch was in abundance. We travelled the hills and came to the Roseberry-topin, where nesting operations were again in abundance. The only young found on the journey were here discovered, a nest of five Blackbirds, all eagerly awaiting with outstretched neck and open beak the coming of the hen with food.

We now hove in sight of Great Ayton Station, and after a short journey down the hills we dropped into the station in time to take train home to Middlesbro, arriving back after a very enjoyable time had been spent. At our next meeting, June 2, arrangements will be made for future rambles, and those interested should not fail to attend. As this one proved a success, we have every reason to believe our next will be equally successful.

Seasonable Hints on Useful Weeds.

By RICHARD MORSE, F.R.H.S.

A weekly feature which will be found of the highest value to all who keep seed-eating birds, and of interest also to all who appreciate the beauty and usefulness of the flowers of our waysides and meadows. The first of the series appeared in our issue dated March 17.

On Plantains.

THE plantains, in common with hosts of our other wild plants, have joined in the great rush towards maturity since the thermometer rose so rapidly a few weeks ago, and what were then mere rosettes of small green leaves are now fully developed plants in the very prime of their lives.

Of the five native species of plantain in this country, the two most useful to bird-keepers are those which form the subject of this article, and which are shown side by side in the accompanying sketch. They are both widely distributed and abundant plants, and may be found growing in plenty in every part of our island, though whilst the ribwort (Plantago lanceolata L.), A in the sketch, grows almost solely in meadows and grassy places, the greater plantain (Plantago major L.), B, favours cultivated land, waste places, and waysides, but may occasionally be found growing alongside its near relation.

The ribwort plantain is usually the first to flower and ripen its seed, and its characteristic blackish fruiting heads (shown in the sketch), with their white and long-stalked anthers, are already everywhere abundant. The long, narrow leaves with their irregularly toothed edges should also be noted, and contrasted with the large oval leaves of the other variety.

With regard to size, the ribwort is an extremely variable plant, both leaves and fruiting stems reaching anything from an inch to over a foot at the stage of greatest development, whilst the heads themselves may vary from less than half an inch to fully three inches in length, according to soil, situation, and other circumstances.

Medicinal Properties of the Plantains.

This smaller plantain does not appear to be such a general favourite with aviarists as the greater variety, though it would be difficult to assign a reason for this distinction, and many who have given the two plants a fair trial over a long period, both in their green and ripened stages, would tell you that it possesses merits considerably beyond those of the familiar "rats' tails." Its seeds are certainly larger than those of the latter plant, and are more easily gathered and stored, whilst its medicinal virtues have been known, and its healing praises sung, for generations. Even Galen, the celebrated physician who attended the Emperor Marcus Aurelius in the second century, gave the plant great praise for its beneficial effects in cases of inflammation, asthma, and other complaints, and during more recent years it has been largely used for diseases of the kidneys and bladder.

Plantain seeds in general, however, appear to have a slight tendency to constipate, though this action is, of course, not necessarily an evil, and the seeds are often used mainly for this reason when such a remedy appears to be indicated.

The greater plantain, rats' tails, or waybread, should be recognised without much difficulty by the aid of the accompanying sketch, though, like the other species, it varies very considerably in size. It is one of the best known of all our wild bird plants, and both in its green and mature states is of great value as a food and medicine.

It is often a very annoying weed to the farmer, and those readers who are able to assist in gathering it will be giving not only themselves, but also our food-producers, a helping hand in the great national need for economy.

Those who wish to store the ripe seed of these plantains, so beloved of Linnet fanciers, will not, of course, be able to begin collecting until next month, which is the time when the heads usually begin to mature.

Under a lens, it can easily be seen that though the seeds of each variety named here are quite black when fully ripe, those of the

TWO USEFUL PLANTAINS.
A., Ribwort Plantain; B., Greater Plantain.

ribwort, besides being larger in size, are concave in front and of a shining appearance, whilst those of the greater variety are flat in front and distinctly rough.

Valuable Berries for the Autumn.

One of the most elegant of all our native trees has just burst into flower, and its beautiful heads of blossom suggest a sumptuous repast for the Thrushes and Fieldfares later on in the year. This is the mountain ash, rowan tree, or fowlers' service (Pyrus aucuparia L.), not at all uncommon in mountainous woods, and on hillsides.

Although it is in no way related to our common ash tree, the leaves of the two trees are very similar in appearance, but the handsome clusters of creamy white flowers serve at once to distinguish it. A note should be made now of any area where it is seen, so that its valuable berries may be collected in their proper season.

Readers are invited to send any botanical specimens which they have difficulty in identifying. The whole plant, including fruits, should be sent whenever possible. Packages should be addressed "The Editor," CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, and must be accompanied by a P.O. for sixpence. Answers will appear in this column.

Mr. W. Hollinshead, hon. sec. Penygraig C.B.S., writes to say that the paragraph sent by the Chairman, Mr. E. Whitman, and published in "Twitterings" last week, is incorrect. Mr. Hollinshead states that the judge of the F.F. show of the society has not yet been elected.

A small party of the field section of the National British Bird and Mule Club rambled on May 24 from Bookham through the woods and fields to Effingham Common. About 34 species were noted, the most prominent being the Woodpecker, Blackcap, Nightingale, Red-backed Shrike, Snipe, Wheatear, Whinchat and Stonechat. As the season advances it becomes more and more evident that the severe winter has taken a big toll of the resident bird life, nests being very remarkably few and far between.

For the National British Bird and Mule Club annual outing on June 2, writes Mr. T. R. Trower, hon. sec., train leaves London Bridge (Low Level) at 9.25 a.m.; afternoon party Cannon St., 1.7, for Gomshall and Shere. Gentlemen had better provide themselves with light lunch; tea will be provided. On Thursday, June 7 the ramble will be to St. George's Hills. Train to Weybridge at 2.15 from Waterloo, returning from Cobham Station. Friends and fanciers welcome.

OBITUARY.

MR. JAS. SMEATON, MUSSELBURGH.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. P. Houston, Glasgow, that I have to inform you of the sad and sudden death of that well known and much respected Norwich fancier, Mr. James Smeaton, 8, Bellfield Avenue, Musselburgh. Besides being a keen and successful breeder and exhibitor, and much sought after as a judge, he managed to devote a lot of his spare time to angling, and it was while returning from a day's fishing that he was knocked down by a motor and instantly killed on the public road quite near Musselburgh. The funeral took place to-day (Saturday) in Inveresk Churchyard, and was attended by a very large body of mourners, amongst whom the "Fancy" was well represented. The sympathy of all will, I am sure, be extended to his widow and family of eleven who are left to mourn his loss.

Mr. C. Sykes, Musselburgh, also sends a sympathetic reference to the sad death of Mr. Smeaton.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.

I regret, writes Mr. T. Judd, Coventry, to inform you of the death of the wife of Mr. W. Elliott, the well known and respected fancier of Burton-on-Trent, death taking place very suddenly. She was taken ill on Sunday evening, May 7, and died at 3 a.m. the following day. I am sure the heartfelt sympathy of all fanciers will be extended to Mr. Elliott in his sad bereavement.

A TOOL-MAKING PARROT.

A Question for the Linnean Society.

A paper on "A Tool-making Parrot" was read by Miss Nina F. Layard, F.L.S., before a joint meeting of the Prehistoric Society of East Anglia, the Ipswich Scientific Society, and the Ipswich and District Field Club, on April 4th, at the Museum Lecture Room, Mr. Henry Miller presiding.

After pointing out that if it could be proved that among the lower animals there were not only tool-users but tool-makers, valuable hints as to primitive man's earliest efforts in this direction might be obtained, as the process could actually be watched in its initial stages, the lecturer described a Parrot which had been in her possession, and which gradually became quite an expert fabricator of small wooden tools, which were used as poll-scratchers; two dozen specimens of the bird's actual handiwork were exhibited. The steps which gradually led up to this achievement were noted. First the bird was observed choosing out the pointed seeds of sunflowers and making use of them as natural poll scratchers. In moulting time her quills were requisitioned for the same purpose. Then the bird commenced to point up a safety match which she had been given. Later still she fashioned small pointed tools from a piece of soft wood which was supplied to prevent the destruction of the perches.

The question which arises is this: Was the bird prompted by instinct or reason? As the subject is to be brought before the Linnean Society, doubtless the point will be fully discussed.

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British Finches for Exhibition

By S. J. NICHOLAS, Swansea.

(Continued from page 271.)

SHOULD you at this season of the year notice them swollen at the vent, give three drops of tincture of rhubarb and a saltspoonful of Glauber salts in the drinking water for two days running, then skip a day, and repeat the dose; this will invariably relieve them. During the spring and summer months gather all the wild food you can and supply to your birds liberally, but do not give green food on the days you are giving medicine.

The most serious time in the life of a F.M. bird is the moulting season. About July your birds will begin to appear listless and look a bit out of sorts, and you can venture that it will not be long before they start to cast their feathers. Remember their future career greatly depends on their first moult. You will ere this have made up your mind what methods you intend to adopt, and in the case of those that are to be colour-fed you will start about the middle of June getting them on to the feed. This gives you time to gradually increase the colour food until you get it to full strength.

The Fresh Air Treatment.

In the case of Linnets, Redpolls, Goldies, Greenies, Bullfinches, and Twites, I have found that moulting them out of doors is far and away the best method. I will grant that they will get a little unsteady, but if properly steadied down before putting them outside they will become almost finger tame in two or three days after bringing them in again.

By moulting them outside, I mean keeping them in the open air day and night, and to do this you must be prepared for all kinds of weather. We will presume you have four birds to moult. You will need to get a light wooden packing case just a little over two feet square, and 18 inches deep. Knock off the top and one side. The remaining side will now act as the top, and the bottom as the back. The side you have knocked off you will utilise to make a sloping roof to the box, covering this and the sides with oilcloth, allowing sufficient to lap over from the top so that you can pull it down on very windy or wet nights.

Hang this box on the wall, out of reach of cats, etc. Inside place four nails on to which you will hang the four cages with the birds in, and there let them remain night and day until they are moulted and fined down. You will ask why I advocate this. My reason is that after carefully studying this matter I have no hesitation in saying that open air plays a very important part in imparting brilliance of colour to wild birds.

Have you ever noticed what beautiful bloom there is on a wild bird when newly taken? Look at the same bird a week or so afterwards, and, do what you will, the bloom has to a great extent vanished, yet I will venture to assert that were that bird given his liberty he would quickly regain his former bloom. I do not infer that fresh air alone is responsible for this; exercise is another great factor, as also are the numberless insects that all hardbills eat in their wild state.

Various Birds, Various Foods.

The best food for the Goldfinch and Greenfinch during the moult in canary two parts, linseed, rape, hemp, teazle, and niga one part each, with a good supply of cracked sunflower. A little egg food and boiled rape should also be given daily in a separate vessel, and also a couple of dandelion leaves, and a plentiful supply of seeding heads of thistle, hardheads, dandelion, dock, etc.

In addition to the seeds I have mentioned a Bullfinch would require in place of the boiled rape a little colour food daily to assist in intensifying the breast colour. Privet berries, if obtainable, also help greatly to produce colour, but I have found that if you feed them nearly entirely on blackberry and elderberries, it will not enhance the colour one bit. Seeding heads of dock, thistle, etc., should also be supplied liberally.

Linnets, Redpolls, and Twites should be fed on one part canary, two parts linseed, with not more than half a spoonful of niga daily. In addition to this they should also be well supplied with seeding shepherd's purse, hardheads, dandelion heads, etc., ad lib. Siskins, Yellowhammers, Bramblefinches, Chaffinches, and all the Bunting family will require colour feeding.

Birds to be colour-fed should be kept in a light, airy room, and their cages placed on shelves that are not exposed to the direct rays of the sun. Some fanciers either cover the windows with orange coloured paper, or shut the cages up, but personally I prefer the window open, and the cages uncovered. The argument in support of keeping the birds darkened is that the light takes the colour out of the plumage. That may be so, but after experimenting both ways I have come to the conclusion that at any rate, as far as British birds are concerned you will get equally as good results with uncovered cages, provided they are placed as I have mentioned, as by darkening the windows or shutting up your cages.

How to Give Colour Food.

Every fancier has his own pet theory as to the quantity of colour food, and mode of mixing. The system I adopt is to mix sufficient quantity at the commencement of the moulting season to last me right through. To 1lb. of tasteless pepper I add ½lb. preserved yolk of egg, ½lb. Osborne biscuits, and ¼lb. of castor sugar, thoroughly mixing the whole lot together. I then store in tins for use. Each day I take out the quantity I require at the rate of a spoonful per bird, and make this crumbly moist with a few drops of water. I then pass it through a perforated zinc sieve, and after this process it has much the appearance of small worms, and is ready to be given to the birds.

Many birds are most difficult to get on to the colour food, and in these cases you will have to remove the seed boxes for a few hours. The best way is to remove the seed box in the morning when you put in the colour food, and return it in the afternoon. Ultimately the bird will become accustomed to the colour feed, and will readily eat it when he has a supply of seed. On no account allow him to be without seed overnight, or he may be exhausted beyond recovery.

Much as I dislike this method, I regret that it will have to be adopted with many specimens you wish to feed, though others will eat the prepared food readily in preference to their seed. If you try the suggestion I made as regards giving the Buntings, etc., a little insectivorous food occasionally, much of this trouble will be avoided, as in place of the egg and biscuit you can substitute the insectivorous food.

When a bird is eating the colour food regularly you will notice that his excrement will be a dark red with a whitish tinge over it. Some fanciers recommend that the quantity of colour feed be lessened when the bird has moulted all except the head, but I have never adopted this plan. Others recommend an addition of hot pepper and the use of sulphate of iron in the drinking water. I do not agree with either of these methods, and have found sulphate of iron to have a tendency to make the birds stick in the moult, and not cast their feathers as freely as without it. As regards its colour fixing properties, I do not believe there is anything in it.

During the moult it will help the birds considerably if you give them a bath or spray with tepid water once a week, taking care to do this only on a warm, bright day.

Final Touches.

Once through the moult we begin to get visions of red tickets, etc. Still there is yet much to be done before your bird is in tip top fettle. At this time and during the show season, to those birds that will eat it, I am a bit more liberal with hemp. This, in addition to putting on a little chest, sustains them and helps them withstand the severe strain of the travelling, etc.

Before attempting to spray your birds see that your spray is working properly and well diffusing the water, not throwing the water in streams, or much mischief will be caused in a very short time. If procurable, rain water with the chill taken off is much the best to use, and to this I add glycerine. You must be careful in the use of this, as if you put too much your birds' feathers will get stuck up, especially about the head, and this and the defective sprays I have warned you about are the chief causes of the twisted feathers about the throat and head, often seen in birds on the show bench.

The proper quantity to use is a teaspoonful of glycerine to about three parts of a pint of water. The glycerine should first be dissolved in a little boiling water, and the remainder of the water added to make it tepid. For birds that bathe themselves you will allow this mixture to cool before giving it to them. Some fanciers use borax in addition to the glycerine, others use eucalyptus oil instead of glycerine. The borax I have found puts a meal on the birds' feathers which is very objectionable, whilst the eucalyptus oil has a tendency to bleach the feathers, therefore I use neither of them.

After spraying, and when the birds are perfectly dry, I take them out of the cage and give them a good polish with a silk handkerchief, but to a young hand this is rather a delicate operation, and he would be well advised to practise this method on one of his less valuable birds until he has gained a little experience. Do not spray your birds later than two days before a show.

A Word About Cages.

During the time he is getting his birds into show form the fancier must be busy seeing to his show cages and cases, and in other ways. Never start the season with dirty cages. Give them a good coat of enamel inside and out, and the perches a good scrubbing. Opinions differ as to the best type and inside colour of a British show cage. Of late years the Scotch pattern with the whole of front to slide out has been the most popular, and personally I much prefer this kind to the bow fronted cage.

A useful colour for the inside, and one that can be used for almost every kind of British bird, is emerald green, to which a little chrome yellow has been added. This latter can be obtained in small tubes at any artist's colourman, the pre-war price being 2d. About a quarter of the contents of the tube to a small pot of green enamel is quite sufficient.

By this time we are all ready for the coming fray. The schedule of the show arrives, you make your entries, and in due course your labels arrive. These are best tied on at the right hand side of the show cage, or stuck on at the side of the water tin. Your cage bottom should be strewn with clean sawdust and sufficient seed placed inside to last a couple of days. Do not be afraid to put a fair quantity of seed in. Much of it will be thrown out from various causes before your bird arrives home again.

And now the critical moment has arrived. Before running your bird in have a good look at him. See that his feet are quite clean, and his feathers in good order. Everything now being right, into the show cage he goes, you look at him admiringly for a few moments, and he is packed carefully in the travelling case, and you take or send your precious burden to the show full of hope.

To the young fancier I would say If you do not manage at first to get one of the coveted cards do not get down-hearted. Ask the judge, if he can spare the time, to give you his opinion on your bird, and where he loses. If you cannot get hold of the judge ask one of the older fanciers, but whatever you do don't start to rail the judge and make audible whispers close to where judging is going on, such as "He can't judge for toffy," etc.

Dogged Does It.

Be sure you are capable of finding the faults in your own birds before you start pulling your competitor's to pieces. Keep a stout heart, and plod on, and slowly but surely you will reach the top. It will be a struggle to keep on the ladder, but when you get to the top you will be all the better fancier for it.

In conclusion, may I be permitted to suggest that it would be to the interest of any society if, say half-an-hour at each meeting were set apart, and members invited to ask questions regarding the little troubles and diffieulties that invariably crop up. Then if other members who probably have experienced the same difficulty gave the methods they had successfully adopted, I feel sure it would interest both old and young fanciers alike. To the younger fanciers I say, Do not be afraid to ask for advice even though it may seem trivial. Small douhts are often the forerunners of grave difficulties.

And to the older fanciers, Do your best with advice and encouragement to help the youngsters along. Just a little word of encouragement given me by an old fancier friend when things seemed very black was the turning point in my career as a cage bird fancier, and in justice to those who helped us in the old days I think it is our duty to see that our help shall not be asked for in vain.

The Sweating Hen.

By E. W. ALLSOPP, Cardiff.

In this article a well-known Canary breeder suggests that feeding has little or nothing to do with the trouble, and that it is caused mainly by improper nests and insufficient fresh air.

THE topic of the sweating hen is one of our hardy annuals, and has some advantage over that of the red mite, inasmuch as we experience the trouble only in the breeding season, whereas the red mite is always with us, but little or no advance has been made in a preventive direction.

We know that in cases of sweating there is a thin watery exeretion of the youngsters, which sometimes makes its appearance immediately after the third day from hatching, but this is an effect for which there is undoubtedly a cause. Sheer nervousness of the hen, which prevents her leaving the nest as freely as she ought, is often furnished as a suggested cause of the trouble.

My own experience tends to disprove this, for upon occasions I have known the most tractable and confiding hens, who left the nest freely, with or without the cock's help, afflicted with the trouble. In fact the few exceptionally nervous hens I have experienced are of happy memory as mothers or nurses; at least since I learnt the lesson of leaving them and their babies severely alone. That some nervous hens are numbered amongst the sweaters I agree; but that nervousness is the cause I suggest remains "not proven."

Feeding Not The Cause.

"Too rich feeding" is another favourite suggestion of the cause. I would ask what is "too rich feeding?" One of the most successful rearers I ever know used merely unadulterated hard-boiled eggs as a soft food; any brand of mixed seed in the hopper, and lettuce, dandelions, and groundsel as greenmeat. My late partner, Mr. Joseph Hopkins, of Swindon, always used one hard-boiled yolk to two crushed Osborne biscuits as the soft food, right through the season; canary, hemp, and rape as a seed mixture, and all that was going in season for greenmeat. We have an esteemed member in Cardiff that has had some wonderful results in rearing with Indian meal as the soft food, mixed seed, and turnip tops the green food.

So far as the first two are concerned I can say with certainty that from the points of view of moulting, stamina, robustness, and proved virility with development towards size, not forgetting the negligible percentage of deaths in the youngsters, and over a period of some few years, no better results could well be wished, and I have good reasons for suggesting that all this also holds good in the latter case. Who shall say any or all of these are cases of "too rich feeding."

Omitting the local instance, because I cannot again definitely say; I do know that in the other instances a case of sweating occasionally cropped up. In fact, if we descend from this seemingly sublime mode of feeding through all percentages of egg used, to the breeders using only soaked stale bread as a soft food, I am sure the "sweating hen" may be found sooner or later in all treatment. In my opinion feeding has little or no bearing as the cause.

The Root of the Mischief.

It is, I think, in the direction of ventilation and atmospheric conditions that we should look for the cause. The receptacles we use for the nests, and the nesting materials offer much room for speculation.

In the old days the wooden box with a bountiful supply of moss, hair, etc., did duty as the cradle; and whilst it would be difficult to prove the existence or absence of sweating in the same degree then as now, it would seem from what we can gather that the evil was not of much moment. Of course it may well be that with the wonderful development of the fancy of late years in numbers now and the keen interest taken in all details of management that more attention has been given to the evil.

On a comparison with Dame Nature, however, it seems apparent that our nest pans and linings, good as they seem, are yet an exceedingly poor imitation of a wild bird's nest, particularly in respect of elasticity and ventilation; which mean comfort and well-being to the youngsters. I know the pans are porous, and ventilation is encouraged by half a dozen or so of quarter-inch holes punctured through the bottom and sides, but they are far removed from the nests of Finches in these respects.

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THE TROUBLE OF THE SWEATING HEN.

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In nest linings we have a choice from the thin flannelette to the thick two-ply felt, much on the lines of lamp-wick in character, not forgetting the thick closely woven brown felts, and thick loosely made shoddy linings.

Mind, I have not yet condemned anything but if it be conceded that free ventilation is imperative for success I would ask if these things are generally helpful towards that end?

Carelessness a Contributing Cause.

Some fanciers are not particular in preparing the nests. Some merely slip in the lining loose, and of course it rests on the bottom of the pan. Further, to avoid damage to eggs, the linings supplied are often times the thickest, and both of these circumstances have tended to less ventilation than might have been secured.

Some are not satisfied unless their linings are glued in from the rim to half way down the pan. Well, a coating of glue, paste, or gum has not helped ventilation. Has it?

True it is that I have noted sweating cases are more generally confined to small pans, and deep down, thick linings, yet I have in mind two cases where fanciers with a misguided notion of things painted the exteriors of their nest pans, and in both instances a crop of "sweaters" was reaped. "Looks a bit significant, does it not?

Where nest pans are large enough and the hens so disposed, I know even if there be anything in these details which tend towards the evil, all would be neutralised by a bountiful supply of moss, hair, and a few feathers sneaked from the screaming cock, thus ensuring a soft, elastic, accommodating bed for the family, not forgetting a free circulation of air; but do we fanciers always see to it that by hook or by crook the family gets this attention.

If we bipeds during a spell of very hot weather have to be circumspect in what we eat and drink to avoid digestive trouble, and have to encourage free ventilation and fresh air to remain fit and well, why not carry the parallel to the bird room?

With a temperature above 70 degrees, and the youngsters at the bottom of a deep nest, surrounded by a quarter of an inch felt lining which is glued to an eighth of an inch earthenware nest pan, and covered by a hen that seems to fit the small pan as tightly as a champagne cork fits the neck of its bottle, is it not possible that bowel trouble is encouraged?

During a spell of much cooler weather I know even under these conditions we seem to make good, but the test comes when the temperature suddenly goes up some, or during the muggy state of air preceding thunder. I may be wrong, but these are the conditions for sweaters as a rule.

Under the circumstances of hot weather and ill ventilation I have known many hens suffer from diarrhœa or bowel trouble when feeding, not because the food was too good, but merely because the ventilation and air was not good enough.

To Overcome the Evil.

There may be "nowt" in all this reasoning, but it seems to me we might banish the risk by giving roomy pans, and fastening a thin lining by just merely the edge, the bottom of the lining when fixed to be quite half an inch off the bottom of the pan. If your pans are nicely bulged this little trouble on your part ensures the lining being suspended; it is free to give a bit when "Tommy" decides to turn over into sister Martha's place; and, above all, ensures free circulation of air.

A little moss, and for preference a little deer hair, because it is short and springy and cannot be too closely woven by the hen, should make the nest all "comfy" and safe in any weather.

In conclusion it is close attention to all these little affairs that will some day solve this breeding season trouble, and will, I am sanguine, ultimately clear up other of our little affairs. Anyhow I feel that the move I and others have taken in this direction towards counteracting the sweating is putting us on the right track, and the least one can do, no matter how sceptical, is to put to the test what I have suggested—fresh air, ventilation, and yet more ventilation, especially with the nests.

A PROMISING YOUNG YORKSHIRE CANARY

Winner of 2nd Prize in the Novice Class at Birmingham Show for Mr. W. C. Clarke, Smethwick.

Correspondence.

EVERY WEEK A PRIZE OF TEN SHILLINGS IS GIVEN FOR WHAT, IN THE OPINION OF THE EDITOR OF "CAGE BIRDS," IS THE BEST LETTER PUBLISHED UNDER THIS HEADING. THE LETTER MAY BE ON ANY SUBJECT. IT MAY BE A COMMENT, FOR OR AGAINST, ON ANYTHING WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN OUR PAGES, AN OPINION ON THE POLICY OF OUR PAPER, OR MAY HAVE NO REFERENCE WHATEVER TO ANYTHING WHICH HAS ALREADY APPEARED. SO LONG AS IT IS ON A "BIRDY" SUBJECT, AND IS ORIGINAL, IT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR THE PRIZE.

The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. T. Taylerson, 160, Sheriff St. W. Hartlepool.

The Magpie as a Pet Bird.

Mischievous, But Interesting.

Sir,—Although known to most people for its destructive habits in connection with game birds' eggs, which make it a great enemy of the gamekeeper, the Magpie is a beautiful bird with its black and white plumage and long tail, and is often met with in quite large numbers. I have seen as many as twenty-five all together, flying from hedge to hedge. It is also resident in other countries, especially on the Continent of Europe. I have seen lots of them in Northern Russia. It is, as we all know, a bird of prey; it will eat small birds and rodents.

It commences nesting about April, its nest being very conspicuous on account of its size; it resembles the nest of the Crow and Rook, being built of sticks, with a thin mud covering, and lastly, hay, and small dry weeds. It lays from five to six eggs, which resemble those of the Blackbird in colour and size. The nest is generally built in hedges about twelve feet high; incubation lasts about a fortnight, and the young are ready to leave the nest at the age of three to four weeks.

The best time to secure one is at the age of two to three weeks; at that age they will gape very freely when tempted with worms or slugs, so that there is no trouble whatever to induce them to eat. They will do well on this diet until they are about six weeks old, and then they will require a little change; boiled potatoes or bread they greatly enjoy. If placed outside they will leave the cage all day, and return at night. I have had one that did so, and I have also known others. With patience you will be able to teach them to say several words, but things of value in gold or silver should be kept out of the way or they will soon be missing; the birds will take them away and hide them where you might never see them again. I had one that was shot for stealing out of bedroom windows; various things were found two years after in bushes in the gardens and holes in walls. They are also very troublesome if they find where grapes are cultivated. With all their faults they are most interesting to watch as pets, and I would advise readers of Cage Birds to try one, and I am sure they will be well rewarded for their trouble.

Thos. Taylerson.

A Use for Read Copies.

Send "Cage Birds" to the Front.

Sir,—I hope you will excuse me writing these few lines, as I am an old reader of Cage Birds, doing my little bit for the country. The birds here are very busy nesting, and they don't seem to mind the guns firing at all. They are fairly plentiful with the exception of Thrushes; of these I have seen very few. There are several fanciers here besides me, and we should be very grateful if any reader would send us their read copy of Cage Birds. I have not seen one for over ten months, and I am not the only one; we would pass it on.

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Birds in the Firing Line.

Like Home—With a Difference.

Sir,—In case it may be of interest to my fellow readers of Cage Birds, I thought I would write you a few lines about the birds out here.

As I am writing, Skylarks, Chaffinches, Blackbirds, and Linnets are all singing mad. They would win kettles, etc., every minute. You would not think that there is a war on if you were to lie down in the fields for an hour or two and listen to the birds. The big guns are thundering night and day, but the birds are like the soldiers, they soon get used to it.

A bird that I have not yet heard is the Song Thrush, but there are plenty of Yellow Buntings, Reed Buntings, Tom-Tits, and Great Tits, and occasionally one can hear the lovely song of the Hedge Sparrow. This sounds like home until the sergeant breaks the charm with the loud shout, "Fall in," and then we know that there is something else to be done besides listening to the song of birds.

Since I have been out here I miss my Cage Birds very much. My wife sends it out to me every week regularly, but it mostly goes astray, and if I am lucky I get a copy once in about six weeks. This is a bit rotten for a chap who has taken it in through good luck and bad luck since its first number.

About the only bird I cannot give a name to is one which is something like a quail.

I should like to be remembered to my old friends in Manchester, especially Mr. G. Clarke, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Sam Oldham, and Mr. Cooper.

L.-Cpl. P. B. Higgins, 26196,
Inf. Lab. Co., K.L.R.E., Sub Area,
3rd Army Purchase Board,
B.E.F., France.

Annual Meeting of the Welsh C.B.C.

Too Late to Alter the Time.

Sir,—I notice in Cage Birds of May 26 that Messrs. Griffiths and Thomas desire the meeting to be held an hour later, i.e., at 4 p.m. I cannot alter the time without the sanction of the officers of the club, and there is no time for me to obtain their sanction before you go to press.

Had these two members adopted the proper and quickest course, and written me, I should have had an extra week to deal with the matter.

We have done our best to meet every member as far as possible, to the sacrifice of the Brecon members, who will have to get a car, for the last possible time for us to leave Abergavenny is 4.30. I fail to see why these members should adopt the course they did. I have answered all correspondence received from any member. If Messrs. Griffiths and Thomas desire any particular item left until their arrival, and if they will write me, I shall be pleased to place it before the meeting and hold it back if it is of such a nature that will be possible to hold over.

D. H. Tedstone.
Hon. Sec.

Birds to and from Shows.

The Return Carriage Difficulty.

Sir,—I see in your correspondence re birds to and from shows that you would be glad to have suggestions as to the best means of overcoming the difficulty of paying the return carriage, and you also say that the exhibitor could send the return carriage with his entry fees or in the packing crate. Now, Mr. Editor, this would cause a lot of extra work in getting the birds away from the station on their return journey, as each crate would have to be weighed, and it is very likely that many crates would miss their train.

I see that "E. E." suggests in his letter that the railway companies allow the exhibitor to pay carriage both ways when booking his birds. I think this a good idea, but I have another. If the companies did not get the labels suggested by "E. E." they could issue two ordinary "paid" labels with a bit of gum paper attached, so that when sending birds away one could be stuck inside the lid of the case with the gum paper, and it would be an easy matter for the show stewards when packing the birds to pull the label off and stick it on the outside. This, I think, would save a lot of time at the station.

W. R. S.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 296.)

Is Tredegar C.B.S. Dead?

Secretary Says it is Very Much Alive.

Sir,—I again ask you the favour of publishing this, my last letter on the above matter, and I regret that so much of your space has been taken up. I never thought my friend Mr. G. O. Thomas would allow himself to be a tool in other people's hands. He admits that he has not paid his subscription for 1916, thereby admitting that he is not a member of the Society, and has no right to ask me, as secretary of the Society, any questions whatever.

I have read Rule 7 very carefully, and it is on this rule that Mr. G. O. Thomas has been disqualified. When he assumes the role of prophet as to the members who have paid their dues, I may say that he is entirely wrong. Little matters like those suggested by Mr. Thomas cannot so easily be arranged, and I should hesitate to suggest that anyone would stoop so low as to make such arrangements.

Surely his memory must be very defective when he says that he has not had a notice of any meeting since March, 1916, because I find according to my minute book that he attended meetings at the Silver Grill on Aug. 17 and Oct. 9, 1916, and on the notices convening the meetings it was plainly stated that all members were asked to pay their overdue subscriptions. Further, he admits in his letter of May 12 that he received a schedule of members' show to be held October 12, 1916. If that is so, then he was asked on more than two or three occasions to pay his subscription.

Mr. Thomas again misquotes me in stating that June 2 nearly 12 months ago was fixed for next meeting. What I stated was that the annual meeting was held in March, 1917 (the Editor leaving out 1917), and that the next meeting would be held on June 2, 1917, when he could have the opportunity of again becoming a member if he sent me his entrance fee and subscription. Although it is no business of Mr. Thomas as to when, where, and who audited the accounts, he can rest satisfied that it has been done, and if he is again accepted as a member he will probably be shown the signature of the auditors on my books.

No matter when the next meeting will be held, it should be patent to Mr. Thomas that he cannot attend any further meetings until he complies with my last week's request. I would also warn him to be careful in allowing his name to be attached to letters which bear such mean and degrading insinuations. The above remarks as to subscriptions also apply to Messrs. R. F. Griffiths and G. Bennett. If it is any satisfaction to the above to know, I am pleased to say that we have prospects of a successful season, many new members having been nominated.

W. B. Watkins,
Hon. Sec., Tredegar C.B.S.

Why Members' Shows Fail.

The Value of Combination.

Sir,—It gave me great pleasure to read in Cage Birds of May 19 the letter signed "Novice Camelon," dealing with a few things that appertain to the successful running of cage bird shows. It was all the more interesting to me, seeing that the writer belongs to this district in which my life is cast. I should have liked to see his name at the end of his letter, as I am sure he brings one thing in particular before us that has a very detrimental bearing on the successful running of shows, and that is too many small independent societies. He writes of the state of affairs in this district, Falkirk, but he does not seem to be exactly conversant with the fact that the Falkirk and District C.B.S. tried all that they could to bring about an amalgamation of all the societies. Let me say here that this Society that had been running the most successful show, from a monetary view, as well as having the largest membership and the largest number of entries, took the lead in trying to bring about the amalgamation.

I believe I am safe in saying that the show that was held last year by the joint societies, Bannockburn, Grangemouth, and Falkirk and District, paid more prize money than the other two societies put together that ran a show on their own. This shows for itself that too many independent societies run on a small scale are more of a hindrance than a help to the fancy.

He also says he is of the opinion that shows would not be a failure where there is no opposition if the officials appointed take a real live interest in the work taken on by them. I hope he will come out this year and do all that he can to make the work of the already over-worked officials of the combined societies a good bit easier than they have been getting it for a number of years. They have done well, as he is sure to know if he has been long in this district. Stop helping to keep open the gap that has come in, and join the society that has done all in its power to bring about a better feeling.

He also says that all three societies will go to the wind this year if his suggestion is not carried out, but here I do not agree with him, as the Falkirk and District Club has always been in a good financial position, but it does not believe in hoarding up large amounts. Its policy has always been to benefit its members by paying out a good sum per class, as all are working men, and need all that comes their way to help to keep the stock going.

We all would like very much to see the other two societies come up to the scratch this year by combining with the other three. Let us hope they will, so that "Novice Camelon," as well as all other fanciers in this district, may be brought into closer fellowship one with the other.

I am sorry, too, that some of the older fanciers did not reply to "Novice Camelon," as I do not stand as a champion for the combined societies, but I thought this was a good chance to bring about a better feeling and, perhaps, a united front. Perhaps yet one with a bit more experience than myself may come along with more facts to show that too many small independent societies are a menace to the fancy, especially when these societies are brought about by the result of someone not getting it all their own way.

T. R. Wallace.

A Novice's Experience in Breeding Canaries.

How "Cage Birds" Has Helped.

Sir,—I am always interested in the various ways in which novices breed and bring up young Canaries, and thought I would like to give my experience. It is only quite recently that I have kept Canaries, but, having imbibed some valuable knowledge from the articles of experts which from time to time appear in Cage Birds, I thought I should like to try my luck in breeding them.

I started with two cock birds, one a Roller pure bred, and the other, I fancy, is a cross-bred Border, and it was the latter I intended to breed with, keeping the Roller purely for singing. I procured him a mate last year, but she died whilst laying her first clutch, owing to my then ignorance of management during this difficult period. She was replaced by another who made a nest, but laid no eggs, and sat on an empty nest till she was tired, so my luck was out for that year.

This spring a neighbour gave me a hen of the nondescript variety, heavily variegated, and not evenly at that, but she from the first proved herself bent on business, and has since made a most excellent mother. This hen was mated to the Roller cock early in March, and in spite of the Arctic weather then obtaining she soon made a nest, though she pulled it to pieces several times before it was to her liking, eventually laying her first egg on April 15, and one each successive day until she had four.

Following the procedure of the experts in Canary breeding, I took each one away as they were laid, replacing them by a dummy, and then on the evening of the third day dusted the nest with Keating's, replaced the eggs, cleaned out the cage, took away the cock bird, and left the hen to her own devices, covering the front of the cage where the nest-box was placed with a piece of dark casement cloth.

She sat well, but 14 clear days expired before the first chick made its appearance, and the next one did not hatch out until the evening of the fifteenth day. Of the remaining two eggs one was infertile and the chick was dead in the other. The two live ones have been brought up on the egg bread prescribed by fanciers, the recipe of which has frequently been given in Cage Birds.

After the fourth day I always mixed two drops of cod liver oil emulsion with the morning meal, and furnished the hen with all kinds of seeding grasses, chickweed, dandelion flowers, etc., and have never had the slightest trouble with either her or the chicks. The latter are strong, healthy birds, and left the nest at exactly three weeks from the day they were hatched. One is heavily variegated, though more evenly so than the mother, whilst the other is clear like the father.

As soon as they are independent, and can pick up for themselves, I intend putting the parents together again, and now that the weather is warmer shall hope for better luck, numerically, with the second brood, in spite of the old adage warning us not to count chickens before they are hatched. There are two other points which should not be overlooked if a brood is to be successfully brought off, and they are almost as important as the food question. These are privacy and quietude for the brooding hen.

Novice.

In-breeding.

Fanciers Past and Present.

Sir,—I thank Dr. Stewart for correcting me with regard to the hen that he didn't buy. I remember now that I heard about it from another source, and I congratulated the Doctor upon his pluck in having offered £8 for a three-year old hen. But that does not alter my argument at all, and I ask fanciers to notice the genial Doctor's statement that he has four distinct strains in his room. This year he is keeping them all separate. That may be inbreeding, but note; next year he is going to begin crossing them in. Is that inbreeding? Trust a Scotsman for knowing how to set about it. I am looking forward to something great Ipswich way—especially after he begins to cross them in.

As Mr. Locke asks me a direct question, and as he doesn't bother about credentials, I will answer him; only in future will he please address queries about rats to some better authority? The only thing I know about rats is that they like young pigeons. Anyhow, Mr. Locke assumes facts I cannot accept. He says a male and a female rat will enter a stack, and in twelve months' time there are hundreds of rats. Very likely! but rats are notorious gossipers, and it is known that they will tell all the other rats for miles when they find something good. Besides, rats are not monogamous, but polygamous, and he's a wise young rat who knows his own father.

Mr. Locke confounds pedigree with inbreeding. They are not one and the same thing; and in answer to his query about Mr. Houghton buying that hen I can tell him Mr. H. bought her because she was a good one, and he wanted some fresh blood—for inbreeding—perhaps.

To Mr. House I don't know what to say. He pretends to be bitter because he fancies or imagines a sentence in my paper was offensive. The only sentence which he can thus construe is the one which says that when you are up against Mr. H. you are up against the barbed wire. That was a figure of speech, appropriate to the warlike times, and was intended as a compliment to his ability as a writer and controversialist; and how any man can read it to mean otherwise I cannot imagine.

The way in which he keeps on reiterating my own statement that I claim no credentials reminds me of King Charles's head in a famous novel: "It keeps on coming in." It amounts to this: anyone who believes in inbreeding is a great fancier. He who doesn't has no credentials and must swallow all the advice written.

He refuses to touch my arguments. He walks round them as a child walks round a nettle, and attacks me where he thinks I am most vulnerable—my reputation. Nearly 20 years ago I started to breed Canaries, and have since made the Norwich Plainhead my special study. My credentials have been considered good enough to write the Plainhead notes in Cage Birds Annual for the last five years, and to report for the paper over the same time; yet I am not supposed to know enough to tell other fanciers that Sam Cook's buff cock and Dreadnought were not bred by inbreeding.

I have never attempted to pose as a teacher. I am too wise for that; but I do claim to know a Norwich or a Yorkshire or a Border when I see one. For the last 15 years I have been a consistent student of show reports, and I can honestly say that I have only read of seven out of the twenty-eight names Mr. House mentions as tip-top producers. How long is it since Scarsbrick or Taylor showed a Norwich Canary? How about Mackley, Gardner, Payne, etc.? My father used to talk about them when I was being spanked. Several of them are known to the present generation as Crest breeders, and I suggest that they may have been inbreeders at a time when the Norwich Canary was something like the Lizard.

Fanciers should not be bluffed by a few names taken from some old catalogues, but should adopt Dr. Gordon Stewart's plan of buying the best and crossing them in. That's the best way to inbreed; and please try to remember that Queen Anne is dead.

T. Johnson.

On Making a Start.

Mr. Martin Defends His Position.

Sir,—It is quite true I said what "Lover of a Good Norwich" attributes to me in the May 29 issue of Cage Birds, and I repeat that the statement is a correct one.

That "Lover" has had good success by taking the advice of a seller I do not doubt, but he does not constitute the fancy, even with Mr. Hutton added. Others also may have had good results by the same means, but it should be remembered that I stated "many," not everybody, and I know dozens who have been driven out of the fancy by taking the advice "Lover" would have us believe is O.K.

It must not be overlooked in this connection that Mr. Hutton tells us that we must find an honest and reliable man. I will add all men are honest and reliable till the first wrong is done. We are told in a well-read book not to tempt anybody, and it certainly puts a seller in an invidious position to be called upon to sell upon his own advice.

Respecting honesty, that did not, I repeat, occur in my lecture. For example, I would not trust "Lover," or Mr. Hutton, or anybody else to buy a feather for me, not upon the score of honesty, but of fitness. That is why I said do not trust anybody. The buyer should be the best judge as to what he wants. If he is not then his success is doubtful, vide Mr. Hutton. I agree.

In concluding, "Lover" says fanciers should back up their own intelligence with sound advice. That is the gist of part of my lecture. And again I agree. "Lover's" last words are "We certainly don't want anyone giving us lectures," etc. Yes, we do. That is one of the means of getting hold of knowledge. "Lover" should take my lecture as a whole, and not in fragments. It would be fairer, and serve a better purpose.

F. J. Martin.

Another Pessimist.

Sir,—I would like to give my experience on the above subject. I have been a breeder of Canaries for a long time, breeding them for song and the love of having them. About six years ago an official of the local Cage Bird Society invited me to see his house of winning Norwich, and to my mind they were the nicest lot of birds I had ever seen.

I determined there and then to possess some, so I put myself in his hands and asked him to let me have two pairs that would do me some good both on the show bench and for breeding with. Before I left I had £12 worth from him.

He advised me to join the society, which I did, and at the annual show I staged four of them and they were all cardless. I asked a fellow member what he thought of them and told him where I got them. He told me I had been "had," as they were too small either for show or to breed with and advised me to write to some of the champion fanciers and ask them their figure for a good pair of Norwich.

I did so and bought two pairs at £10 from one of the "nuts" in the fancy. I showed these also at one of the shows in the district and I got a he for one of them. I was paying for my "spoon-feeding" as the saying goes.

I visited all the shows I could travel to that year, and found that there is nothing teaches you better what is a true Norwich than the shows and the judge's opinion. I bred with my pair the next year, and for the product I got 12s. 6d. a pair from a dealer.

I then set out to find the fancier who would give me what I wanted. I therefore visited a fancier who had done a lot of winning that year and saw some that would have suited me, as I had by then an idea what I needed, but he told me they were not for sale. The birds he was parting with were of the same pattern as I had already.

I visited several fanciers and they were all of the same mind; the good birds are not for sale; it is the "scrap" they shove off. The fancier to my mind is not born who will part with a pair of birds if he has any idea that they are likely to breed a "Dreadnought."

Mr. Martin is right; trust no fancier: study type of the special breed you are going in for; get before your mind what you want, go to a fancier, and if the birds you want are not for sale come away and buy from the show bench. You will find it cheaper in the long run.

A. Sticker.

[As the above letter is authenticated by the name and address of the sender we have inserted it as received. We find it, however, difficult to believe that fanciers of repute would treat a novice in the manner stated. No names were given in the communication, and if these had been forwarded in confidence in support of the complaints, some weight might have been added to the statements. The letter must therefore be taken as it stands and for what it is worth.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

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Of all their varied enemies none is more unrelenting than the Crow. With the skill and persistency of a trained setter this bird quarters through the woods and from bush to bush. In dry weather the ground is hard and grubs are scarce, while up in the trees of the colony the youngsters of the Crow incessantly call for food. The eggs and even the nestlings of the Mavis make choice morsels for the baby Crows.

One morning last season the owner of a large market garden saw a Crow settling upon an apple tree not far from his house. It was not long until a great commotion drew his attention more closely, and he was in time to see the Crow depart with a tiny object dangling from its bill.

The thief was pursued by a Missel-Thrush calling piteously, and no doubt during her temporary absence she had been bereft of one of the occupants of her nest in the apple-tree. Other birds answered the alarm-note of the Thrush, for feathered folk are clannish; but the swiftest entrants were too late to be of any service.

The lean and hungry rat also climbs like a squirrel, and takes a heavy toll whenever opportunity offers. Even when the birds have reared their young, and the nestlings have flown, their enemies are ever on the watch. The wings of the youngsters are not quite strong enough for a long flight, and as they settle on the ground the prowling cats have an innings.—"Greenock Telegraph."

Birds and the Fruit Crops.

I HAVE this spring been carefully watching birds on the fruit trees; watching without prejudice, writes T. A. G. in the "Chester ter Courant." I have no good to say for the Bullfinch, beautiful though the bird is; I am not always sure of the Chaffinch, and the Greenfinch certainly wants watching.

But I speak with no uncertain voice about the Warblers and the Tits; not a single Blackcap, Garden Warbler, Whitethroat, Lesser Whitethroat, Willow Wren, Blue or Great Tit, damaged a fruit bud, though all were constantly in the trees, moving lightly from twig to twig, reaching up, down, under to find and peck off the various insect blights.

It is true that the Tits were less light in their movements, and occasionally "circled the bar" or did some other gymnastic trick which shook off a loose petal, but the slender, light warblers hardly caused a stir of a leaf.

Now I am not going to defend the Sparrow—it is far too abundant and is a most destructive little beast—but we have laws to protect the eggs and young of all these valuable insect-eating birds, and yet we never take any trouble to see that these laws are carried out.

It is a waste of time, the authorities think, to bother about boys stealing birds' eggs; if it is waste, what was the good of passing laws and why bother to keep up a Board of Agriculture? When will the British farmer and the British taxpayer learn that it is to his interest to look after the carrying out of laws which he has a hand in framing?

In the matter of scientific bird preservation and economic entomology—at any rate so far as seeing that the laws are enforced—they have long been ahead of us in Germany and Austria. It may sound unpatriotic, in these days, to say this, but why allow anyone to beat us in common sense?.

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Abertillery C.B.S.—June 9, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30. Final arrangements for F.F. show and schedule for open show.—J. Webber.

Accrington C.B.S.—June 6, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements N.F. show, June 23.—Wm. Parkinson.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—June 5, St. Thomas's School, 8 p.m. Lecture by Mr. J. Spencer. Specials for F.F. show.—A. E. Thorpe.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—June 2, Miners' Hall, Ashington, 6.30. Colour food. N.F. show. Subs.—C. F. Tapson.

Bacup Roller C.C.—June 5, Park Hotel, Bacup, 7.30. General business.—G. Johnson.

Barrow C.B.A.—June 2, Weights and Measures Office, 7.30. Business important.—McFarlane and Tranter.

Birkenhead B.B.A.—June 7, Ablett's Cafe, Market Street, Birkenhead, 7.30. N.F. and old show arrangements. First N.F. show, June 16. Ablett's Cafe, 1a, Hamilton Street.—H. Wakem.

Bolton C.B.S.—June 6, Church Inn, 8. Election of judge for F.F. show.—J. Brooks.

Bowling B.F.A.—June 4, Barley Mow Hotel, 8. Usual business and arrangements for June show.—J. Nicholl.

Bradford East O.S.—June 5, Park Chapel Schoolrooms, 8. Arrangements for members' show and other important business.—J. Spencer.

Bristol East C.B.S.—June 2, Glass House Hotel, 8. Table show, (N.F.); arrangements for half-yearly N.F. show for July.—Wm. J. Norman.

City of Bradford O.S.—June 2, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 7.30. Election of steward, etc., for first members' show, and other business.—J. Bolton.

Clapham C.B.A.—June 5, Clock House, Clapham Park Road, S.W., 8. Discussion on Hybrid breeding, opened by Mr. W. H. Vale; outing and Y.B. show.—T. J. Hose.

Coventry O.S.—June 6, Dolphin Inn, Market Sq., 8. General business.—J. Kent.

Durham City C.B.S.—June 2, Grapes Inn, 6.30.—H. Briggs.

Falkirk, Grangemouth and Bannockburn.—June 9, Erskine Church Hall, Falkirk, 7.30.—D. Aitken.

Gateshead C.B.S.—June 9, Lockhart's, High St., 6.30. Arrange date and judge for N.F. show. Lecture on the Norwich Canary by Mr. F. W. Laidlaw.—W. Curry.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—June 8, Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, 8.—J. Campbell.

Halifax O.S.—June 2, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Meeting and discussion on colour feeding, to be opened by Mr. J. Robertshaw.—J. J. Dunn.

Haslingden Roller Club.—June 5, Victoria Hotel, 7.30. Club business.—H. Nuttall.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—June 2, Queen's Head Inn, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.

Hornsey and Wood Green C.B.S.—June 6, Nightingale Hotel, 8. Fix date for ramble, and owing to bad breeding season, to consider whether we shall postpone F.F. show until July.—C. G. Martin, Sec.

Lancashire and Lizard.—June 3, Volunteer Hotel, Oldham, 6.30. Patronage, etc.—J. Hampshire.

Leeds C.B.S.—June 2, Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, 7.30. N.F. show. Entries taken at show. Judge, W. Hall (Leeds). Discussion re holding open show, etc.—W. A. Wilson.

Leeds Roller C.C.—June 2, Griffin Hotel, 7.30. Club business and Fed. point competition. Discussion.—H. Best.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—June 5, White Swan Hotel, 8. N.F. table show. A.V. Canary.—E. H. Hulse.

Leigh C.B.S.—June 6, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Ordinary business.—R. Charleson.

Loanhead C.B.S.—June 9, Mason's Arms, 7.30. Replies from judges, medals and other important business.—W. B. Smart.

Middlesbro' and Teeside.—June 2, Crown Hotel, 6. Business important.—Deans.

Midland Roller C.C.—June 4, Seven Stars, John Street, Wolverhampton, 7.30. Club business and lecture on the Roller Canary by Mr. T. Twigg.—J. W. Thomson.

National Fed. B.R. Clubs.—June 9, Boar's Head, Manchester, 3. Judging standard point competition and various items.—H. Best.

Nelson Roller Club.—June 7, Nelson Ambulance Hall, 8 p.m. Important business; preparation of rule book and list of members; song standard, etc.—J. Earnshaw.

Newton-le-Willows F. & F.S.—June 7, Pied Bull Hotel, 7.45. Show business.—A. Harrison.

Northern Border F.C.—June 6, Pillars Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle, 7.30. Election of officers and patronage business.—J. Johnston.

North Manchester C.B.S.—June 5, St. Stephen's School, Conran Street, 8. Judge for F.F. show and classification.—A. Colley.

Partick C.B.C.—Postponed. Arrangements will be advertised.—Wm. Fleming.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—June 6, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Business re F.F. show, etc.—J. W. Jackson.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—June 5, Village School, Alexandria, 8.—G. McColl.

Sacriston F. & F.S.—June 2, Abbott's Tea Room, 6. Special meeting. Elect four members for committee; consider table show; and business of financial importance.—R. J. Scorer.

Sheffield O.S.—June 5, headquarters, 8. Lecture by Mr. E. Clegg (Dewsbury). Preparing birds for exhibition, etc.—E. C. Job.

Southampton C.B.S.—June 5, Waterloo Hotel, 8.30. Arrange schedule, etc., for F.F. show.—G. J. Slade.

Stockton C.B.S.—June 7, Little Regent Hotel, 7. F.F. show and other important business.—F. Stothard.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—June 4, Victoria Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for N.F. show. Subs. due.—J. Glover.

Swansea C.B.A.—June 2, Elysium, High Street, 8. Date of young bird show and judge to be decided. Point specials for table show to be awarded.—J. H. Ford.

West London F.A.—June 7, Windsor Castle Hotel, 8. Schedule for young bird show.—J. Dewhurst.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN

VANISHING EGGS.

Mrs. Thomas.—If the eggs were really eaten there can, of course, be no question as to which is the culprit, seeing that the cock is shut off from the hen. But in the absence of some convincing proof it is not safe to be too sure that the hen ate them. It is far more likely that they were accidentally dragged out of the nest and got broken in the fall to the floor, and if, as is not unlikely, it was one of those abnormal eggs which had dried into a solid mass, it would not be an easy matter to see the remains among the sand and litter about the cage floor. Then there is the possibility of the egg getting out of sight among the nesting material; and again there are hens to be met with which will habitually throw out an egg or two from every clutch they have. Therefore, as you have lost only one egg from each clutch, I am more inclined to think that it is due to one or other of these causes, rather than to the hen having eaten them. Had she eaten one from each clutch the chances are that she would not have stopped at that. If the eggs were fertile they will have been hatched long before this reply can appear, but even if they were not you could do nothing at all to prevent her eating an egg, or even all of them, if you allow her to sit them herself. The only remedy for this trouble is to get the eggs sat and the young reared by some more trustworthy hen.

WHEEZING YORKSHIRE.

P.W.—(1) The bird seems to be suffering with an advanced type of bronchial trouble, the so-called asthma, in addition to which there is probably some congestion of the liver. You may try what the following treatment for a month or so will do for it, though I am not very sanguine of the bird being completely restored. Continue your present staple diet, but give in addition, separately, half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, gold of pleasure and inga, every second day, and on the alternate days give a piece of stale bread the size of a small walnut soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Give one or two crisp tender leaves of dandelion daily. In the drinking water, every second day for a week, add ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and a similar-sized piece of extract of dandelion, stirring until the latter is dissolved. After this give instead four drops each of syrup of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia and sweet spirit of nitre, every second day for a fortnight. If the breathing is not then quite better stop the medicine for a week, and then begin to give it again, and continue it for another fortnight. Keep the bird fairly warm, free from cold draughts, damp, or irritating fumes in the air. Offer the bath only on quite mild and sunny days, until the bird is fully recovered. The samples of seed enclosed are both of excellent all-round quality, so they can have nothing at all to do with the bird's condition. (2) Treat this hen the same as advised in second part of reply to "A. J. A.," in last issue. Possibly she needs only a little time to get to work. [Your letter was insufficiently stamped, and we were surcharged double the deficiency.—Editor.]

TROUBLESOME HENS.

Miss W. T.—Do I understand that you keep two hens and one cock together in a single breeding cage for breeding? If so, this is not correct, and would tend to create abnormal habits among the birds. You should devote a single breeder to each hen, but one cock can be run with two hens alternately without any risk at all of causing trouble with the young. The hen No. 1 was evidently a non-feeder, and you could do little beyond offering a variety of tempting food, avoiding too much interference if she seems at all of a nervous temperament, offering a scrap of tempting freshly gathered green food, preferably chickweed or the flowering tips of groundsel, two or three times a day, adding a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the drinking water for two consecutive days, and offering a bath daily for two or three days in which you had dissolved just sufficient common salt to give the water a slightly saline taste. This treatment would have been better performed without any other occupants in the cage, and the presence of the other birds would only tend to increase the trouble rather than reduce it, so you will see the advisability, to say the least, of each hen having a cage to herself. No. 2 hen evidently suffered from nesting diarrhœa, which was transmitted to the young birds; and the watery evacuations would be responsible for the sodden condition of the nest. It is just possible that the sugar added to the prepared food would tend to aggravate this, and you should avoid this practice in future. Keep a sharp eye on the hen and young in future broods, and if you notice any signs of slacking or looseness in either treat as follows at once. Make a saucerful of bread crumbs from stale bread, with no crust, and bake them in a moderately hot oven, stirring now and again, until they are of a golden brown all through, and use a third part of these crumbs in the preparation of the egg food, and when prepared sprinkle it with a little carbonate of bismuth. Also add to the drinking water four drops each of dilute sulphuric acid and tincture of opium, for two or three consecutive days, until the droppings are normal. Instead of giving lettuce as green food to a hen troubled in this way give chickweed or groundsel as advised for No. 1, or crisp young dandelion. There is no reason why the egg cake should not prove quite successful, though if you give the full details of the recipe there is certainly some room for improvement. As you have succeeded so well with the dried yolk, however, you might do worse than go back to it, using equal parts of this yolk, plain bread crumbs, and the baked crumbs, as above, in making the food.

BEST FOR BEGINNER.

Beginner.—If your object is to breed songsters pure and simple, the Roller would be quite the best breed for your purpose, but for fancy breeds either the Border Fancy, Norwich, or Yorkshire would suit you. These are among the most free in song and easy for a beginner to breed and manage. Sorry, but we cannot recommend any particular firm or individual, for obvious reasons. Consult our advt. columns.

DIFFICULT BREATHING.

W. J. G.—The first and most essential step towards a cure is to see that the exciting causes are removed, such as keeping in a direct cold draught or where there are sudden and extreme fluctuations of temperature. Above all else avoid keeping the bird in or very near a window. Keep in a comfortable and fairly equable place, and do not hang in high up near the ceiling nor near nor over burning lights in the evenings. Then add to the staple diet a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight or so. On the alternate days add to the drinking water four drops each of syrup of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre, during the same period, which should suffice to set matters right if there is nothing of old standing affecting the bird.

SITS, BUT NEVER LAYS.

Blacksmith.—(1) The trouble with this hen is that the ovaries have so far remained in a dormant condition, so that she is practically what may be termed a barren hen. Unless she is quite a young hen, say, not past her second season, I doubt if she will ever be of any use as a stock bird. If you have other hens breeding, a hen of this type is not altogether useless, as the services of such can often be utilised as foster parents for either clutches of eggs or broods of chicks which may be deserted by the true parents, and these services they will perform in excellent style. If there is no opportunity of utilising her in this way just at the moment you may try what a two or three weeks' course of treatment as follows will do for her. Remove the nest if she has one, keep her where she can see and hear a good vigorous singing cock, and in addition to the staple seed diet, give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, and teazle, with just a sprinkling of linseed, and yellow mustard, in the bulk, every second day for two or three weeks, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of soft food with about a third of the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame, mixed in it. For green food give a stool of tender young dandelion daily, gathered fresh, if possible, and given whole—crown, leaves, blooms, seed heads, and all. At the end of this time you may try her again with a strong lusty young cock. (2) This should have been on a separate sheet for Mr. Norman's section. If, as I take it, the bird has been going on its "knuckles" for any appreciable time, it is exceedingly unlikely that any kind of treatment will be of any use, and as it will manage very nicely with one good foot, I would not advise you to worry it with any further treatment. Rubbing or massaging is only likely to aggravate the discomfort by causing additional pain or soreness.

HENS ON STRIKE.

Will Pill.—It is certainly difficult to see wherein the cause of your trouble with the hens not feeding lies. Is the shed, by any chance, infested with mice? If so, try to clear them out as quickly as possible, as it is possible that the disturbance these pests will cause during the night, when they are undiscerned, may largely account for the behaviour of the hens. The quickest course would doubtless be to treat them to a course of the Virus remedy, which you may often see advertised in our columns. Then, how is the ventilation, of which no note appears on your sketch. If there is not already some method of interchange between the inside and outside when the house is closed up for the night, you should arrange for this, which you could do easily by inserting a small aperture in the middle of the front near the floor for the ingress of fresh air, and two similar, but rather smaller openings in each side in the upper angles at the back. These could be provided with shutters to regulate the amount of ventilation to suit prevailing conditions. In addition to this, try the effect of varying the treatment given in last reply as follows. Bake in a moderately hot oven a saucerful of stale bread crumbs, stirring occasionally, until they are of a light golden brown all through, and use an equal part of these crumbs, egg, and either plain bread crumbs or crushed biscuit, whichever you may prefer, for making your egg food. Offer a saline bath the second day after hatching and every second day after for the remainder of the first week, and from the second to the fourth day after hatching add to the water ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and repeat this for one or two days at any time after that the hen seems to slack in her duties.

YOUNG PUFFED OUT.

L. D.—I do not think there is anything wrong with the bird that is worth troubling about. The dulness is most probably due to your taking the soft food off rather too suddenly. When you wrote, he should have still been having a little soft food daily, but the soaked hemp could have been well dispensed with, and also possibly the soaked rape. To remove any little ill-effects, you might add six drops of syrup of rhubarb to the drinking water for one day only. Then feed as follows for a week or two, and you will probably find that the bird's

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4.

QUERIES ANSWERED.

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condition has become much brighter. In the seed hopper give a regular supply of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, given dry, and in addition to this every second day give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats, or as a change from this now and again you may give a similar quantity of scalded rape. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of egg food, or the equivalent in bread and milk, the latter of which may be sprinkled with maw seed, or, as a variety, soft sugar. A leaf of crisp young dandelion, spray of seedy chickweed, or a half ripe plantain stalk as soon as you can get them, may be given as green food three or four times a week. Keep the cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand, and offer the bath three or four times a week. He may commence to sing more or less as soon as he becomes a little more active, but the full song is not likely to be developed until after the moult. There is no fixed time or age when they should begin; some begin much earlier than others.

SMALL CLUTCHES.

L. Rushworth.—Forty out of a stock of fifty hens addicted to the trouble of laying a clutch of one or two eggs, or even not laying at all, and then sitting on the nest, seems to point to one of two things—either there must be some fault with your general management or it must be a congenital defect among your stock. In the latter case, the only reasonable remedy would be to introduce a few hens from as prolific a strain as possible to mate with some of your cocks, and also a few cocks from a similarly fertile and prolific strain as mates for your own hens, and then work the progeny of these birds back into your own stock in the next season or two. If the fault is due to the management it might most likely have been brought about by the treatment during the winter season, or from the moult onwards to the time of mating, but as you say nothing of your treatment generally, nor mention any details of management, I cannot tell just where the fault lies. I can only advise you in a general way to try the following treatment until the hens have gone to nest for another round and see what is the result, and if it is not considerably better, write again and give the fullest details of your management and where and how you keep the birds. Make up all the clutches of one or two eggs to four, which give to the most reliable hens, and then remove the nests for a week from those left with no eggs and those which are sitting without having laid at all. For three consecutive days add to the water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, dilute sulphuric acid, and two of tincture of steel every second day for a week. In addition to the staple seed diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape, give to each pair every second day a teaspoonful of soft food, egg and bread, or any substitute you may use, with about a third of the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, with just a sprinkling in the hulk of yellow mustard and linseed. Give a stool of fresh young dandelion daily as green food. Return the nests after a week, and let them go to nest again in the ordinary course.

CAGE AND DIET.

L. N., Novice.—(1) Certainly, it is quite feasible to put up the wood partition in the double breeding cage and introduce a second pair of birds into the other compartment thus formed, but whether you should do so depends upon your own desire about putting up another pair. But, anyway, as you have given the first pair the run of the whole space up to now, it may be as well to wait until the hen begins to sit before reducing the amount of space she has to exercise in. As soon as she commences sitting you may put in the wood slide, and either place the cock that has been with this first hen in the other compartment with another hen, or leave him where he is and put a second pair, cock and hen, in the second compartment. On the whole, if you have no nursery cages or other spare cages to which to transfer the young when they are ready to leave their parents, I think it may be the wiser plan to leave the cage as it is with the one pair, and then if it should become necessary to separate the young from the parents from any cause before they can quite feed themselves, you would find it most convenient to put them in one side of the breeder and separate them by the wire slide, so that the parents could go on with the feeding. (2) The usual staple seed diet will do just as well for the birds whilst breeding as at any other time. A more elaborate mixture for the breeding is neither necessary nor advisable. Mixed seeds and all extras should be given separately. See latter part of reply to "L. Rushworth" in this issue for particulars of seed mixture and green food. The latter may be varied with chickweed, flowering tips of groundsel, lettuce, or watercress.

LAYING UNSHELLED EGGS.

M. C.—Being a young hen it is most likely that the oviduct has not yet assumed full activity, and it is probable that the next clutch of eggs will be of a more satisfactory character. Stop the chemical food, and give instead four drops each of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight, or stop it sooner if she should have again gone to nest and laid her clutch in less than that time. Add also to the dietary a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed, and when she is again going to nest see that she is supplied with cuttlefish, which, I note, you do not mention in your account of treatment, and also get a little old mortar, sprinkle it with common salt, then smash it up to a coarse sand and strew a little of this on the top of the sand on the cage floor two or three times a week after she is mated again, which you may risk doing as soon as she seems to be getting anxious to start nesting again; that is, of course, if the cock is also in good condition. Do not give any dandelion to this hen as a green food.

OUT OF ACTION.

M. Giles.—I am afraid this hen has something wrong with the ovaries, and is put out of action as far as breeding is concerned, for this season at least. In addition to the staple seed diet give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and four of tincture of gentian. Give a little green food daily—either chickweed, flowering tips of groundsel, or watercress, preferably in the order named, but avoid giving dandelion. Do not attempt to mate her again until she seems quite strong and active and shows a desire to start nesting, which, I fear, may not be any more this season. You say nothing about the age of the hen, but if she is at all past the fresh vigour of youth I should doubt the wisdom of retaining her as a probable stock bird.

BORDER HENS NOT FEEDING.

Nat.—Giving the hens plenty of egg and tea biscuit may perhaps mean that you give too much, really, or at least in too large quantities at a time. Another thing, you evidently leave the cocks with the hens during the period of incubation, so you would do well to try removing them with the next round of nests, taking them away on the evening of the day the third egg is laid and the hen is being put to sit, and leaving her to hatch out and rear the young by herself. When the young are hatched, a small teaspoonful of egg food fresh twice a day will be ample for the first two or three days. Afterwards gradually increase the quantity as the demands of the young increase, but aim at never having a large quantity left in the saucer when the next supply is due to be given. A little careful observation will enable you soon to gauge the quantity to give at a time. On the third day give a morsel of freshly gathered green food, and after this give a reasonable supply, according to the size of the brood, each morning and afternoon, but see that none is allowed to lie in the cage to become stale or sodden. Should the hens then show any signs of slacking you might try to tempt them by sprinkling a little maw over the egg food, offering a little soaked or scalded summer rape, or a little lightly cracked good sound hemp daily, and add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for one or two days as may seem necessary, and offer a saline bath daily for a few days. Beyond this, do not interfere with the hens' arrangements for the young more than is absolutely unavoidable.

THE CINNAMON PUZZLE.

W. H.—If there is really no trace of Cinnamon blood in the dark-eyed cock there is not the remotest chance of pink-eyed young being produced, either cocks or hens. To produce pink-eyed young there must be some Cinnamon blood in the cock, whether there is any in the hen or not.

WILL THEY BREED PURE?

John Tickle.—Your question is rather vague. You wish to know if a Roller hen and Norwich cock are mated whether the Roller hen will breed clear with a Roller cock for future breeds. This I take to mean will the hen breed pure Rollers if mated with a Roller cock subsequent to the mating with the Norwich? If this surmise is correct the answer is an emphatic yes. There exists, I am quite aware, an idea among some fanciers that when a hen is crossed with any other breed than her own the effect is to add a taint of impurity of breed to any future progeny when she is again mated with a male of her own breed. But these superfine technicalities may be totally disregarded for all practical purposes, and all future broods the hen has when mated again to a Roller cock may quite correctly be called pure bred.

TREBLE CONFUSION.

A Beginner.—I fear you have got badly mixed up with your birdy information. The birds you call Spinks are not hybrids at all, but Chaffinches, a pure species of British bird. Then you say the Canaries now have four eggs of their own and two Greenfinch's, the latter being due to hatch in a fortnight and the Canaries' in three weeks. Here there is clearly some mistake, as the eggs of the Canary will take only fourteen days to hatch from the very commencement of incubation. Even if they hatched a week later than the Greenfinch's it would, in all probability, be of no use at all to place them in a different nest-pan with the idea of the cock feeding them whilst the hen finished hatching the other eggs. Altogether I cannot advise you better than to lose no time in sending for a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which you say you are going to get, and be guided by what you find therein. With regard to your definite questions: (1) It is extremely unlikely that the plan you propose of removing the first hatched young would be a success. The only plan in the circumstances is to leave them with the hen and let both these young and any subsequent ones that may be hatched all take their change. (2) A cock bred last season is quite old enough now to breed successfully. The cause of the first clutch of eggs being unfertile may have been due to many things, the character of the season, for instance. It is quite possible that the present clutch will be more successful. (3) Naturally, I cannot tell whether the birds are likely to breed successfully next season without definite knowledge as to their health and general condition, but there is no reason why they should not do so if in good health and vigour.

A VARIETY.

F. W. M.—(1) I take it that the five weeks old young Canaries had been separated from the parents only about a week or so. During this time it would have been better to have given a teaspoonful of soaked summer rape two or three times in lieu of green food. But from now onwards there is no reason why you should not give a spray of seedy chickweed, heads of shepherd's purse, or the half ripe seed stalks of plaintain as soon as you can get them, or any similar and not too succulent seedy green stuff, three or four times a week. Do not give sufficient at one time for it to lie in the cage until it is sodden, or decaying. (2) If the dietary was already restricted to seed only, it was certainly not correct. You should have been giving a large teaspoonful of soft food to each brood daily at that time, in addition to the seed diet. Give this quantity now, or the equivalent in bread and milk, three times a week for the next three or four weeks, and on the intervening days give instead a morsel of seedy greenstuff, as above, and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats, or this may be varied occasionally with a teaspoonful of scalded rape. (3) Possibly, being on hard seed too soon, as mentioned in No. 1, is mainly the cause of the mopiness, and the above treatment should pick them up quickly. You may add six drops of syrup of rhubarb to the drinking water for one day. (4) The flight cage 20ins. by 14ins. is quite a small affair, and it would be tremendously overcrowded if you were to put in a division and keep twelve birds in the whole space. I should regard two birds in each compartment, or four in the whole space without a division, as quite "a full house." (5) It needs some practical experience to be able to dispose of one's young stock at this season with advantage. It is exceedingly difficult to tell within reasonable limits how individual birds are going to make up after the moult, and an inexperienced person may just as likely dispose of future winners at wastrel prices as not, or vice versa. If your birds are just common bred stock for singers, and if you could be quite certain of picking out the hens with certainty, you might dispose of these now, or those you did not require for your own use, but for the rest I would advise you to wait until the birds are over the moult, then you should be able to get the real market value for them.

EGGS AND YOUNG.

A. C. L.—(1) Possibly, the ovaries were getting exhausted to account for the abnormal eggs and small clutch, but it is not possible to say definitely what was the cause without very full knowledge of the bird and its antecedents. It may be the first visible sign that the bird is past its vigour as a breeding unit, or it may be simply due to age. There is no reason why the clutch of two should not be fertile. I do not advise you to try any method of forcing her to greater productivity. Leave matters to follow their own natural course. (2) This hen is probably of a highly strung nervous temperament and sits so tightly from nervousness, pure and simple. Did you leave the cock with her when sitting the last clutch. If so, try removing him when she commences to sit on the next clutch, leaving her to hatch out and rear the young by herself. Then leave her as much as possible to her own designs, and avoid all interference that is not absolutely unavoidable. If this does not cure her the most rational course, in case she goes to nest again and hatches a third brood, would be to transfer them to a more reliable hen.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

LINNET DOING BADLY.

E. M. H.—I am afraid your Linnet is suffering from a bout of indigestion brought about by a continuous use of dried seeds, as I gather you have not taken advantage of the coming of summer to offer him the wild foods that are now so abundant in all waste ground and in many gardens. Soak a spoonful of rape and teazle and give him daily. Offer just a cube of bread and milk, dusted with powdered bismuth, and give him warm milk to drink three or four times a day, removing his tin about an hour previously. As he recovers you can gradually get him on to his ordinary diet, adding to it seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse, and grasses; these should be given liberally—in fact, some of my own Linnets almost live on them just now, and are in the best of health. In your future treatment I would advise you to occasionally give him a small dose of salts in his drinking water, which will assist in keeping him healthy. If he will bathe let him do so, on fine days; if not, a gentle spraying twice a week has a very bracing effect.

FEEDING OWLS.

D. Davidson.—Owls are not seed-eating birds, nor will they partake of the usual soft-food given to insect-eaters. They must be fed on mice, small birds, and beetles and any other large insects; failing these, butchers' meat. You see they are rather troublesome pets to cater for, and unless one lives in the country or can procure the above pretty easily, it is doubtful if they are worth keeping. I have had one or two, and although they make delightful pets, I do not now fret after them. For their comfort they should be kept in a dark corner during the daytime.

FIELD MOULTED OR HOUSE MOULTED?

W. Hirstwood.—A field moulted bird is one that has moulted in the open, and a house moulted bird one moulted in captivity. At many of the big shows there are classes provided for both field moulted and house moulted birds, thus allowing fanciers the opportunity of exhibiting freshly caught birds before moulting them out. These classes are mostly provided for Goldfinches, Linnets, Bullies, and Greenies. The Hawfinch, being a much less common bird, has only the one class for it, and should a fancier have a field moulted bird steady enough to exhibit (which is unusual), he would compete with others moulted in captivity.

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THRUSH IN SOFT MOULT.

David Williams.—The soft moult is a very troublesome complaint, and is usually brought about by some error in management. Your feeding appears to be good, although lacking in variety. Get a lb. of insectile mixture and give him a feed of it two or three times a week, and another change would be to soak some best quality puppy biscuits, squeeze them dry, and just damp them again with a little milk or gravy. Your bird certainly should have live food of some kind, particularly at this time of the year, when Thrushes in a state of nature live exclusively on it. If you cannot obtain mealworms you can collect quite a quantity of creeping things in even the smallest garden, caterpillars are far too plentiful just now on the fruit trees, beetles, various grubs and green fly are all abundant; a few given daily will have a good effect. Be careful as to the position in which you hang your bird; on no account must he be in a draught; he had far better be outside altogether, although a fairly even temperature is best for him until he has tightened in plumage. Give him the bath on fine days, and put a small teaspoonful of chemical food in his drinking water.

CLEARING ROOM OF MICE.

W. L. W.—I have found nothing to equal the ordinary break-back traps for catching mice. Procure some with a tongue of wood to them, smear these with a little grease (dripping answers the purpose admirably), and drop some grains of Canary seed on it; these will stick, causing the trap to spring easily when the mouse attempts to get them off. Set the traps on the floor, in the corners of the room or round the wainscots. Lean a piece of board over the trap to protect it, but not so close as to prevent it going off.

FINCHES PECKING THEMSELVES.

A. M.—I do not fancy your birds are troubled with insects, because, if these are present they do not live in the wing feathers, it is among the thick body feathers and around the neck that they are to be found. Very clean birds are constantly preening themselves, and for some cause the wings come in for a good deal of attention. Your birds may be a little hot in blood just now, and a mild aperient of effervescing citrate of magnesia, say a small teaspoonful in three tablespoonfuls of water, would probably relieve them. You could give two or three daily doses, missing a day in between each dose. Get a few quassia chips from the chemist, make a strong solution by pouring boiling water over them, and when cold add a few drops to the bath. Do not make it too strong at first, or the birds may refuse to bathe in it. Although there are several remedies for insects on birds, I do not think there is anything so effectual as a free use of the bath.

THRUSH NOT SINGING.

F. W. Murfill.—It appears from your letter that your Thrush is going on very nicely. The soft-moult would naturally throw him back, but your attention has pulled him round and he will doubtless soon break into song. The recording is quite natural, and is the preliminary to the full notes. It is rather unfortunate that he refuses to bathe, and I would advise you to try to get him to do so, if you possibly can. Hang the bath on and then gently spray him; do not make him very wet, only just enough to make him shake his feathers, then leave him for a time, when he will probably have a dip. If he does not do so the first time, try again at intervals, hanging the cage in a fresh position before doing so.

COCK LINNET AND HEN GREENIE.

Nathaniel Dooay.—You are feeding your birds quite right, excepting that you might give half a dozen sunflower seeds daily. Put a felt lining in the cokernut and give plenty of moss and cow-hair, and partly cover over the end of the cage where the nest is. As regards the incubating of the eggs, there is no certainty of the behaviour of the Greenfinch, but I have found them quite as reliable as some Canaries, and, anyway, I would advise you to give her an opportunity with the first nest; if she does sit and rear, she will be far better than a Canary. Feed on plenty of seeding wild food.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

RUNNING AT EYES AND NOSE.

B. Seelig.—I am assuming, as this is rather an old bird, that it allows you to handle it; at any rate, you will have to do this if you are to treat it with any probability of success. Bathe its eyes with a tepid, dilute solution of rose water and zinc. Cleanse its nostrils with a tepid, dilute solution of glyco-thymoline. Put a little honey and borax (only a little at a time) into its mouth once or twice daily, or give this spread thinly on bread, biscuit, or plain cake, or anything similar the bird will eat. Also give in similar fashion a little cod-liver oil emulsion daily. Keep the bird in a warm, yet well-ventilated room, and keep it strictly out of the way of chill winds and draughts, until the present trouble has passed. You make no mention as to how you are feeding and generally treating the bird, so I am unable to make any suggestions on this point. Apparently you have not applied for help till a very late stage of the trouble, and you'll have rather a difficult task to save it, but Parrots have great vitality, and you may do so by careful nursing on the lines indicated above, providing it still lives when you see this reply.

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Answered by THE EDITOR.

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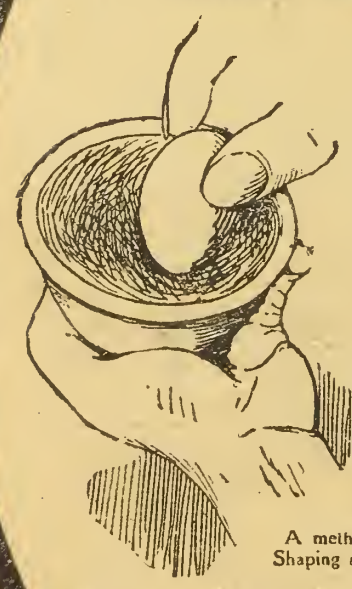
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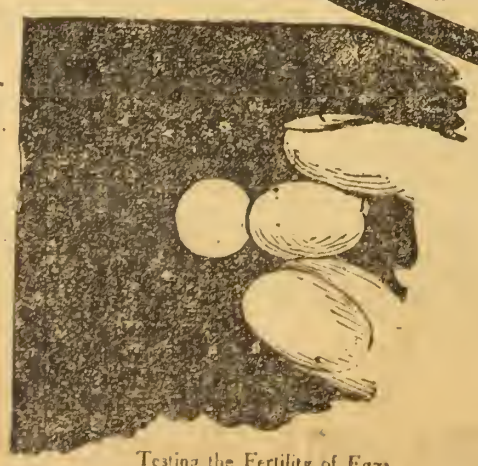
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Club Reports.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Meeting at Red Lion Hotel, York Street, Piccadilly, S.W., May 31, Mr. John Robson chairman. Among other business, Mr. T. R. Trower gave a very interesting review of the ramhles taken by the field section of the club, giving lists of birds, nests, and eggs seen, and saying how backward bird-life was this year. All present joined in a good discussion. Arrangements were made for annual ramble to Gomshall and Shere, June 2. We were very pleased to welcome one of our provincial members at the meeting, Mr. C. G. Taylor, of Cambridge.—E. Stephens, Hon. Sec.

PONTYPOOL C.B.S.

Meeting, June 2, headquarters, Mr. D. R. Smith presiding. Questions asked in reference to N.F. Show. The question of our open show inadvertently again clashing with Aberdare was raised from the minutes, and it was unanimously resolved: "That the date be changed to Dec. 20, and that the same be duly advertised in the guaranteed column of Cage Birds. The question of obtaining a members' cup created an interesting discussion, and it was unanimously resolved: "That a cup be purchased"; rules, etc., to be drafted at another meeting. Decided, to apply for the W.C.B.C. patronage. Sec. was instructed to communicate with the Rev. Joliffe, Cardiff, to ascertain if he could arrange for a lecture. The question of South Wales Federation was considered, but was adjourned for further information. Members are requested to take an active interest in affairs of the society, and not leave matters for the faithful few.—W. D. Lewis.

LANDORE & PLASMARL C.B.S.

Meeting May 29; Mr. D. C. Jones presided. Decided to hold F.F. show July 28, at the George and Dragon Hotel, Landore. Judges: Canaries, Mr. D. H. Davies, Llanelly; Mules and British, Mr. Alf. Hitching, Swansea. Birds to be staged at 2. Sec. to print schedule and forward same to all local exhibitors. Specials were given by T. James, A. Bowen, A. Hitching, Fry, Rees, Morgan, Thomas, Jones, Lispoombe, Hart, it being decided to hold a few over for open show. Re open show, sec. was instructed to write judges, etc., also to draw up classification for same at next meeting, June 19, at 7, at headquarters, George and Dragon Hotel, Landore.—H. Fry, Hon. Sec.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

Annual general meeting, May 26, Mr. Clegg chair. Sec. read balance sheet, showing a balance of £3 15s. in the club's favour, and this was considered to be very good, seeing the times we were passing through. Officers for ensuing year elected: President, Mr. E. Clegg; vice-presidents, W. Richmond, Dr. Craig; committee, J. W. Bedford, G. Pownall, S. Midgley, G. Snead, A. Cooper, J. E. Hudson, W. Gledhill, W. A. Cowgill, J. E. Kaberry, A. Firth, H. H. Towers, O. Atkingson, B. Townend, W. B. Atkingson, A. Whitley, J. W. Baker, F. P. Terry, A. M. Craven, C. Morrison; sec. and treasurer, R. Garnett; auditors, S. Midgley, J. Firth.

Votes of thanks to retiring officers were passed. Mr. Clegg replied, and pointed out that it was now the duty of fanciers to pull together to keep our institutions going until this terrible war was over, to get new members, and to try to interest breeders in the different clubs for fostering, breeding, and exhibiting Canaries. A special vote of thanks was given to the givers of money and value to our competition prizes, and the sec. pointed out that without the help we received in this direction we could not give such valuable prizes, as our sub., 1s. 6d. per year, was far too low to allow us to do it. The committee have always to work to make out as valuable a list as possible, and it was hoped that new members of the committee would attend, and if possible make a better list of specials than in the past. Decided to have three competitions, as last year: Open, Amateur, and Novice, and held under the same conditions as last year. Decided, to adopt the new standard for marked birds, as passed by the Yorkshire Union, and that Cin. Marked classes where our patronage is given, must be worded as follows: Cin. Ticked, Marked, or Variegated Yorks. Yell; ditto. Buff; ditto, Yell. Hen; ditto, Buff Hen. At Yorkshire Union shows it is compulsory, if they have our patronage, to make two novice classes, worded: Cin. Tick. Marked, or Variegated, Yell. or Buff Cock; ditto, Hen. At shows which have our patronage, outside of Y.U. shows, these novice classes are not compulsory. All applications for patronage must be in my hands by June 25; patronage will be allotted on June 30. A few members have not paid their subs., and I hope they will do so at once. Members who have changed their addresses, or whose address in our hand book is not correct, please drop me a P.C., so that I can get them altered this year.—R. Garnett, Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Meeting, May 10, Oldham Hall, Mr. Brunner chair. Two new members were elected, and there was a very fair attendance. Mr. Knowles read a paper on "Ailments of Young Birds," which was much enjoyed. Members took full advantage of the invitation to ask questions which were suitably answered. Many members reported having a good start for the breeding season, and it is expected that our nest feather shows for this year are to be records for the Association.—T. R. Jones, Hon. Sec.

SACRISTON F.F. & C.B.S.

Members who are claimants of money please attend meeting in Mrs. Abbott's Tea Room, Club Room, June 9, at 7, so that they may receive their awards. I will be in communication with others by June 12. After knowing our condition ten weeks ago we have managed to raise funds of £15, which will clear us. We are having a young stock show Aug. 25. Those wishing to exhibit at members' show, Dec. 15, must pay their sub., 2s. 6d., not later than Sept. 30.—R. J. Scorer, sec.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Meeting, May 30, Mr. R. B. Cairns presiding over a good attendance. One new member admitted. Nomination of judges and classification for F.F.S. at headquarters, July 7, at 3.30 p.m., were taken up—15 classes: 4 each Norwich, Border, and Yorks., viz., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck. or Hen and ditto Buff; Variegated Yellow and Variegated Buff; one Crest or C.B.; one A.O.V.; one Mules or Hybrids. Entry 3d.; specials to be allotted on day of show. The hat night which followed was entered into with enthusiasm. A ramble was decided on, arrangements being left in the hands of the sec. Vote of thanks to the chair closed the meeting; next meeting, June 27.—A. Foreman, Sec.

MIDDLESBRO' AND TEES-SIDE.

Meeting Crown Hotel, June 2. Mr. C. Watson presided over a good attendance. New members were again admitted, including some from Southbank, Stockton, and Darlington. Decided that, owing to difficulty to obtain colour food as before, each member use his own judgment as to advisability of colour feeding. Also decided to join Guisbro C.B.S. in a ramble from Guisbro (June 9), members and fanciers desirous of joining us to meet at Middlesbro Station and journey by the 2 o'clock train. June 16 selected as date for ramble to Pinchinthorpe, leaving Middlesbro at 2.40, and from there walking to Cross Keys and over the hills to Eston. A hearty welcome is extended to anyone desirous of joining us.—F. Stothard, Reporter.

Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S.

A Suggestion as to the Return Carriage.

Meeting, May 25, Trades Hall, Belmont Street, Mr. John Hector presiding. Present, Messrs. Balfour, Christie, Gibson, Grieve, Kirton, Knowles, Low, Mutch, Reid and Stephen. It was question night and the members present freely expressed their experience and remedies on such problems as: Substitute for egg; sweating hens; nesting diarrhœa, green food, etc., and the novice got some valuable information from the "old hands." The return carriage difficulty was also discussed at length, various ideas being put forward, and one which the meeting thought a good one was to charge 6d. extra for each entry from exhibitors showing from a distance. A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding brought an enjoyable and instructive meeting to a close.—R. J. Robertson, sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Meeting June 2. Mr. P. Lynn presided over a large attendance. The chief item was the Nest Feather show. We have had to alter date on account of the room being taken, so show will be held July 7, birds to be staged at 2, the show to close at 8 prompt. Judge not decided yet, through change of date. There will be 20 classes, three each for Norwich, Yorks., and Borders, Crests two, A.O.V., Goldf., Bullf., Greenf., Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite, A.O.V., also hen A.V., Mule A.V. Mr. G. Simpson and J. J. Walker gave their report from the bank, which proved satisfactory. Sec. was instructed to deposit £8 in same. Mr. W. Bolam promised 5s. for most points in Border section and 2s. 6d. 2nd most points; G. Simpson, 2s. 6d. most points in Yorks.; R. Johnstone, 2s. most points British classes by a novice; George Dobson, 2s. 6d. for most points gained by a novice in the show. A special is likely to be for most points in the show. We were sorry to have the resignation of sec. Mr. Geo. Dobson, who is well known, was proposed for same, and after a long discussion he decided to take it for the rest of the year; next meeting June 30, a week earlier on account of the show being held on the meeting day. All letters and correspondence to be sent to Geo. Dobson, 103, James Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.—J. J. Walker, Sec.

TREDEGAR C.B.S.

Meeting "Silver Grill," June 2, Mr. E. Powell chair. New members elected, Messrs. Lewis and Lippiatte. Decided to hold N.F. show at Greyhound Hotel on Aug. 11; 8 classes (4 champion, 4 novices). Judges were nominated; names will be published on acceptance. Members will be sent schedule later. The trophies, both champion and novice, will be up for competition at this show, and fanciers wishing to compete for same can do so by becoming members. At the request of members present the sec. promised to say a few words at next meeting on "How to feed and wean young Canaries." As I am anxious to increase our membership I would be very pleased to hear from anyone wishing to join. —W. B. Watkins, Hon. Sec., 32a, Whitworth Terrace.

SOUTHERN ROLLER C.C.

A Lecture on Roller Canary Tours.

Meeting May 29, Imperial Restaurant, Old Bailey, London, E.C. Capt. Bloomfield presided over large gathering, which included several lady members and visitors. Messrs. Aspinall and Hocking were appointed delegates to represent club at the conference of non-federated clubs. After other club business had been expeditiously dealt with and ten new members proposed by the sec., the members settled down to hear Mr. Fisher's lecture on "Some Training Reminiscences and the Great Glucke Tour." As was to be expected from a judge of Mr. Fisher's experience, the lecture proved of more than ordinary interest, and members present were given a treat.

Dealing with his training reminiscences, the lecturer gave an interesting account of how he was converted some 25 years ago from Crests to Rollers through hearing the latters' song, and proceeded to give a graphic description of the methods of training in vogue at that time, when the Deep Glucke and Deep Bubbling Water Tour were very prominent in the English-bred birds. The famous Seifert birds of the period were very deep and pure in tone, and excelled in their Bass and Hollow Roll. Their repertoire was, however, limited to some four or five tours, and it has been the ambition of Roller fanciers since then to produce a strain of birds that possess a greater variety of tours, and at the same time retain the purity of song which characterised these Seifert birds. Experimenting on these lines, Mr. Randall, of Wimbledon, produced a strain that possessed the very beautiful Water Glucke Tour, which, given in a rising and falling manner, constituted, in the lecturer's opinion, the most charming of all the Roller's song tours.

Passing on from the various methods of training and the precautions to be taken against the young birds' song being contaminated by unpleasant sounds, the lecturer proceeded to the second part of his discourse, dealing with the controversial Glucke tours. Doubtless the correspondence on the Bell Glucke Tour which has recently appeared in Cage Birds had served to arouse the interest of all present in this tour, and the views of so experienced a judge as Mr. Fisher were listened to with the greatest attention. After describing the chief peculiarities of the four Glucke tours, he dwelt very fully on the difference between the Bell Glucke and the Glucke Roll, and expressed his view that there was no mistaking the distinct metallic bell ring in the former. The Glucke Roll was brought quicker and with a roll. The Deep Glucke was given very slowly, and the slower it was given the more points it scored.

The old Seifert birds excelled in this Deep Glucke, and he regretted that such a very striking and beautiful tour should have been to a great extent lost. Although he had never known any one bird to possess the four Gluckes shown on the judging sheet, yet he had heard some that had three good, distinct Gluckes, viz., the Glucke Roll, the Water Glucke, and the Deep Hollow Glucke. The tour known as the "Triller Glucke" was not a recognised tour with us. It was of a high pitch, and, as the name suggested, was given with a trill.

The song of several birds brought to the meeting by members served most appropriately to illustrate the lecturer's remarks on the various tours. Arrangements are being made for a lecture to be given at our next meeting, June 26. Particulars will be announced later. Birds will again be brought, and their song explained. This will become a regular practice at our meetings, for it is realised that this is the best, if not the only, mehod of making members conversant with the Roller's song tours. Towards the end of the year judging competitions will be held, and thus an opportunity will be given to members to show what knowledge they have acquired by these monthly instructions, and, as a further encouragement to the novices, the President, Capt. Bloomfield, has generously promised to present a Novice Challenge Cup to the club.—R. Dugdill, hon. treas. and reporter.

Singing Contests.

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SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, June 3; 28 birds sang. 1, Jackson; 2, Parlett; 3, Bayston.—E. Phillipson Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing, June 3; 32 birds entered, and there was only six seconds difference between the three winning birds. 1, Potter; 2, Collinson; 3, Plows. Timekeepers, J. Cooper, J. Wallis; tappers, W. Perkin, J. Liversidge.—R. Plows, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Linnet contest, Empire Hotel, Bolton Road, May 26; 15 birds entered for five prizes: 1, 2, Beet; 3, Topping; 4, Brooks; 5, Statham. Members' contest for cup, June 9, commence 2.30; hoping all members will attend.—T. Hayhurst, Sec.—(Advt.)

LEIGH.

Linnet contest, King's Head, Market Place, June 2, for time and quality; 44 birds entered. Time: 1, Brooks, 108; 2, Bates, 66; 3, Murphy, 60; 4, Finoh, 56. Quality: 1, Statham; 2, 4, Ashley; 3, Jones. Judges, T. Statham, J. W. Jones; timers, W. Meadows, J. Murphy; minutes, J. Whittle.—R. Disley, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Open Linnet sing, held Star and Garter Hotel, Castleford, May 28; 57 birds sang for four prizes. 1, Pickersgill, 100 sec.; 2, W. Nelson, 97; 3, Williams, 96; 4, Potter, 71. We had birds from Sheffield, Kippax, and Pontefract.—A. Longfield.

Castleford Potteries, Grey Horse Inn, Linnet contest; 37 entries. 1, Watkiss, 2 min. 11 sec.; 2, Watson, 1.48; 3, Williams, 1.47. Pool: 1, Watson; 2, Williams. Timer, S. Tolson; checker, W. Mosley.—J. H. Nicholls, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Woodman Inn, May 26, big Whitsuntide sing; 65 birds sang for 23 prizes. 1, B. Nelson; 2, 22, W. Nelson; 3, 4, 10, Skidmore; 5, A. Clayton; 6, Scotson; 7, 11, Watson; 8, Scotson; 9, E. Clayton; 12, Foster; 13, Butler; 14, Wilson; 15, 20, 21, T. Jones; 16, 17, 18, 19, Wingham. Linnet sing, May 27; 42 birds sang for three prizes. 1, A. Clayton; 2, Wilson; 3, shared W. and B. Nelson. June 2; 40 birds sang for four prizes. 1, Skidmore; 2, Clayton; 3, Scotson; 4, W. Nelson. June 3; 40 birds sang. 1, R. Plows; 2, W. Nelson; 3, Skidmore; 4, Shaw. May 27, match, W. Nelson and Watson. Nelson just won.—A. Wingham, Sec.

LEEDS.

Old Bird House, Albion Hotel, Saville Green, Leeds. Big singing contest, May 28; 40 birds sang. 1, 4, Chippindale; 2, 3, shared, Corkham and Parker; 5, Nayse; 6, 10, Sissons; 7, Hinson; 8, 12, Stead; 9, Ward; 11, Appleyard. Linnet contest, June 3; 37 birds sang for five prizes. 1, Richardson; 2, Clegg; 3, 4, Chippindale; 5, Butler.—T. Stead, Sec.

Open contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, York Road, June 3; 27 birds. 1, Platts; 2, Buckley; 3, Marshall. At night, 20 birds. 1, Marshall; 2, 3, Marshall and Buckley shared; 4, Stockill. Judges, Mr. Bomfield, Mr. Dearlove.—G. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

Linnet singing contest, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, June 3; 28 birds; 14, Bamfield; 2, Binner; 3, Hodgson. Judges, F. Wells, C. Ward, B. Lockwood.—F. W. Wells, Secretary.

Linnet singing contest, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, May 27; 39 birds sung for four good prizes: 1, Wigfield; 2, Binns; 3, Hodgson; 4, Ward. Judges, T. C. Summers, S. Butterfield; timekeeper, C. Ward. May 28: 26 birds sung in the Championship of England contest of our annual yearly singing club. Some extraordinarily good singing was heard by members from all parts of Yorkshire, Cumberland and Lancashire: 1, A. Summers; 2, S. Butterfield; 3, 4, H. Wigfield; 5, W. Dobson; 6, Bamfield; 7, Callighan; 8, G. Hayes, of Morley, Yorkshire. Judges: T. C. Summers, C. Ward. Timekeeper: A. Binns. May 29: Finishing up contest for the holidays; 36 birds faced the judges, who gave every satisfaction: 1, A. Summers; 2, Bamfield; 3, Hodgson; 4, Bamfield. Judges: Wells, Ward. Timekeeper: Rayner.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

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Nov. 3-5.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.**—(E. H. Hulse, 23, Hartington Rd.) J.R., C.H.

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Nov. 14.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Kent. 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.)

Nov. 28.—**Reading C.B.S.**—(O. C. Smith, 73, Audley St.)

Dec. 7-8.—**Barrow C.B.A.**—(D. McFarlane and M. Frantor, 26, Lord Roberts St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.) J.R., H.W.B., J.B., J.M.

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Oct. 24.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(J. Webber, Nant-y-Graig, East Side, Cwmtillery, Abertillery).

Oct. 27.—**Landore Plasmore C.B.S.**—(H. Fry, 22, Plasmarl Terrace, Plasmarl, Swansea.)

Nov. 10.—**Skewen C.B.S.**—(T. Pattinson, 177, New Rd., Skewen, nr. Neath, S. Wales.)

Nov. 15.—**Swansea C.B.A.**—(J. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk St.) D.J., S.J.N.

Nov. 21.—**Maesteg C.B.S.**—(C. Williams, 247, Bridgend Rd.) C.A.H.

Dec. 5.—**Nantymoel, Ogmore Vale and Dist C.B.S.**—(T. Davis, 29, Clifton House, Oakfield Terrace, Nantymoel, Glam.).

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. C. A. House has been appointed to judge the Maesteg Show, Nov. 21.

Mr. O. C. Smith, sec., writes that the annual show of the Reading C.B.S. has been fixed for Nov. 28 next.

Mr. T. Dixon has been elected to judge our Nest Feather Show on July 14, and Messrs. J. Riseboro and J. Hands our Annual Show, writes Mr. R. Ward, hon. sec., Chester-le-St. C.B.S. As we have got a few additional members, and the majority seem to be just getting the young birds hatched, we are looking forward to a decent turn-out at our Young Bird Show.

The Avicultural Magazine for June, the journal of the Avicultural Society, contains a most instructive and interesting article by Dr. Amsler, entitled, "An Avicultural Medley." Among the valuable hints given are the breeding of gentles as a food for insectivorous birds, to take the place of the now very expensive mealworm, the collection of hive ants' cocoons for the same purpose, and an ingenious device for the killing of mice by poisoned grain without risk to the birds in an aviary. The rest of the communication consists of a recital of the doings of the birds in Dr Amsler's aviaries during last year. Mr. Allen Silver, whose many friends will learn with satisfaction that he is doing as well as may be expected, considering the terrible experience which resulted in the loss of his right leg, contributes an interesting article, "Birds in London and Suburbs," and other articles are, "The Golden Crested Wren," by Dr. A. G. Butler; "Some Tasmanian Birds' Nests," by H. Stuart Dove; reprinted from "The Emu"; and "Birds of Queensland," by the London correspondent of the N. Queensland Register. The last-named appeared in CAGE BIRDS of March 31

I much regret to announce, writes Mr. W. D. Fryett, Hon. Sec., Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S., that our worthy chairman, Mr. Foxen, will attend our next meeting for the last time previously to being called up. Mr. H. Norman will lecture on British Birds.

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An Important New Edition.

The many enquirers for the great standard work, "Our Canaries," will be pleased to hear that a new edition is to hand, and copies can be supplied by return post so long as they last. Full particulars were given on our back page last week, and are repeated in this issue. Those who have not seen this grand work should write for the illustrated booklet mentioned in the coupon, and if they send at the same time a P.O. for 1s. on account, a volume will be reserved for them.

"Thanks for 'Our Canaries,' received safely I am very delighted with it, and have already found it most useful. I hope, with its help, to have some luck in my first year of Breeding Canaries."—J. SMEATON (Brentwood.)

The June issue of "British Birds," Messrs. Witherby and Co., High Holborn, 1s., monthly, is the first of a new volume, Vol. 11. It includes a second list of Additions and Corrections to the "Hand list of British Birds," bringing this very valuable work, published in 1912, fully up to date, and a continuation of "The Moults of the British Passeres," by Mr. H. F. Witherby. Other articles are on the nesting of the Dotterel on the Yenesei, by Miss Maud D. Haviland, and in Scotland by the late Capt. C. S. Meares, and there are the usual interesting "Notes" and "Short Notes."

Notes by the Editor, Mr. Wesley Page, form the greater part of the May issue of "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club. These are: "The Green Woodpecker," "The Orchard Finch," and "the Private Importation of Indian Birds," the last being supplemented by a long and interesting extract on the Indian Bank Mynah from Mr. Douglas Dewar's "Glimpses of Indian Birds." Other articles are "The Blackbird that Blighted my Life," by B. T. Stewart; "My Aviary Room and its Occupants," by Mrs. M. A. Burgess; "The Story of Jobo," a Senegal Parrot, by Miss E. Maud Knobel; and "Birds of British Guiana," by C. Dawson.

A Ramble for Liverpool Fanciers.

The members of the N. Liverpool C.B.S., writes Mr. H. Holden, hon. sec., will hold their ramble with Garston C.B.S. as scheduled on June 10, through Oglet and district. Liverpool members and friends meet at Royal St. (Everton Valley) at 10 a.m., or at Garston tram terminus at 11. Tea at Oglet as last year; friends are cordially invited.

Seasonable Hints on Useful Weeds.

By RICHARD MORSE, F.R.H.S.

A weekly feature which will be found of the highest value to all who keep seed-eating birds, and of interest also to all who appreciate the beauty and usefulness of the flowers of our waysides and meadows. The first of the series appeared in our issue dated March 17.

THE present spring has indeed been a most remarkable one. After a life spent almost entirely in the country, and a continual acquaintance with Nature and her ways, I never before remember such rapid transformation scenes in the countryside. Not many weeks since, I was bewailing the unusual lateness of the season, and watching anxiously for the awakening of the springtide herbs, but the growth has of late been so rapid that it is almost impossible to keep pace with it, and before one can hardly realise the fact we are plunged almost directly into the height of summer.

A week or two ago I noticed in my ramblings abroad some fields of clover and such-like crops which seemed to promise a good harvest of weeds in the near future, for it was easy to recognise amongst the growing crops a quantity of vegetable "trespassers" of many kinds, and, making a note of the locality, I determined to re-visit it a little later on. Two days ago I carried out my intention, and long before reaching the spot my eye was arrested by vast sheets of white, covering several acres of ground, leaving no doubts in my mind that the white campion had rushed post haste into blossom.

A Fragrant Weed

Although apparently not used to any large extent by bird-keepers, this campion (Lychnis alba Mill) is really a plant worth notice, for it is a large and easily recognised weed, and produces a great quantity of valuable seed which is readily devoured by Linnets, Bullfinches, Greenfinches, Siskins, Canaries, etc. It delights to grow in such habitats as those above mentioned, and, provided one does no damage to the cultivated crops, the farmer is, of course, glad to have his land freed from the pest. It also grows plentifully in hedge-rows, waysides, and cornfields.

A portion of the mature plant is shown in the accompanying sketch at A, which illustrates the opposite pairs of pointed leaves, an open flower, and a mature seed-pod, the latter opening by teeth at the summit to liberate the seeds.

Sexes in Campions

A very similar plant to this is the red campion (Lychnis dioica L.), which differs principally in having red or bright rose flowers instead of white ones, and in remaining open all day, whilst the white variety scarcely ever opens except in the evening, when its flowers are beautifully fragrant.

Both the white and the red campions are remarkable amongst our wild flowers in that they produce both male and female plants, and if you go collecting their seeds you will soon learn to distinguish at a glance the one sex from the other, for from our point of view it is, of course, only the female plants that are of any use, as the flowers of the other sex are, naturally, followed by no seed-pods whatever.

Campion seeds will not, of course, be ripe for some little time to come, although one must always guard against postponing collection too long, for the seeds are very easily lost when once the capsules open. These latter should be shaken into a bag immediately they are picked, and in this way a large quantity of the brownish seeds may be gathered in quite a short time, which, after suitable drying, may be safely stored for future use.

A, White Campion. B, Cold of Pleasure.

The other weed shown in the sketch (B) is not really a native plant at all, but, under its popular name of gold of pleasure (Camelina sativa Cr.), is well known to most of us as a valuable food-plant for birds, though it is, of course, very useful in many other ways.

Gold of pleasure is not at all a common plant in a wild state, though one may occasionally find small colonies of it in fields and waste places as an escape from cultivation. It commonly reaches a height of about two feet, and bears at this season a number of small yellow flowers, which are quickly followed by the well-known pods shown in the sketch. Up to the present I have not this year been able to find a single specimen of this plant, though I have reason to believe that in some districts it is common.

The seeds of this plant contain a high percentage of oily matter, and so are inclined, if not used with care, to cause digestive disturbances, but if judiciously employed they are of the greatest value, and are by many fanciers held in higher esteem even than shepherd's purse.

Readers are invited to send any botanical specimens which they have difficulty in identifying. The whole plant, including fruits, should be sent whenever possible. Packages should be addressed "The Editor," CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, and must be accompanied by a P.O. for sixpence. Answers will appear in this column.

A Lonely Soldier Fancier.

If there are any cage bird fanciers in any of the camps round Catterick or Richmond, writes Mr. G. H. Stubbs, of Stubbs Bros., Cheltenham, I should like them to communicate with me, as I should be pleased to meet them. My address is 136082, Gunner Stubbs, G. H., R.G.A., No. 46, A.S.C. Lines, A Siege Depot, Hipswell Camp, Catterick, Yorkshire.

The Patronage of Specialist Clubs.

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A Golden Oriole in Cornwall.

My colleague "H. M. S.," says "T. A. C.," in the "Manchester Guardian," has had one of those treats which fall to the lot of but few of us—a good view of a male Golden Oriole, one of the most brilliant of the rare birds which visit our islands from time to time. She was sitting at the edge of a Cornish cliff with a friend when the bird passed below, and at once its orange and black plumage caught her attention. The description she sends could apply to no other bird. The Golden Oriole might be a regular summer visitor to England, especially to the southern and western counties, but it is seldom allowed a chance to nest. How pleasant it is to record the bird's presence without the words "shot," "trapped," or "killed."

Birds' Nesting as it Should Be.

Within the last five years writes R. H. Mallinson, in "Country Life," one is glad to notice that birds'-nesters in general are leaning towards a study of the eggs and young rather than towards a collection of dry shells. The collecting of these shells, though a very exciting business, maybe, is not, after all, a very scientific hobby, and the admirably illustrated books now upon the market are inducing birds'-nesters to make collections of photographs rather than of dry shells, which tell so short a story of the life of a bird. The photographing of birds' nests, eggs and young ones is not an easy matter, and for that reason alone is to be strongly commended as a hobby for boys. Schoolmasters who offer small prizes to their pupils are surprised at the results obtained by some of the more intelligent and scientific scholars.

A DISPUTED POINT SETTLED.

The following paragraph, taken from the June issue of "British Birds," finally dispels any doubt that may have existed as to the bona-fides of the claim of Mr. Anderson, of Darvel, that he had produced hybrids between a male Song Thrush and a female Blackbird. The hybrid examined by Mr. Witherby was one of the second year's lot, and was the one which, while living, had been accepted as genuine by the committee of the National British Bird and Mule Club.

For ourselves, we never had the slightest doubt as to the parentage of the three hybrids reared by Mr. Anderson in the previous summer from the same two birds, and have never hesitated to say so, although there were some who could not see the Blackbird in their parentage, and were equally certain that they were Song Thrushes pure and simple.

HYBRID SONG THRUSH AND BLACKBIRD.—Mr. G. Crabb recently kindly showed me a male example of a hybrid between these two species bred in captivity. The upper-parts were darker than those in a Song Thrush, but browner than in a male Blackbird, while the under-parts were much like those of a Song Thrush, but the spots on the breast were smaller and not so rounded, and the belly was cream-coloured rather than white and the under tail-coverts and axillaries darker and richer than in the Song Thrush. The median wing-coverts had no golden-buff tips as in the Song Thrush. The length of the wing was equal to that of the Blackbird, measuring 123 mm., as against 111-121 in males of Song Thrush and 120-132 in males of Blackbird. The tail measured 92 mm., which is longer than a Thrush's and short for a Blackbird. The sixth primary, was not emarginated as it is in the Blackbird, and thus resembled the Song Thrush. The wing-formula, however, was more like that of the Blackbird, this being especially noticeable in the sixth primary which was 7 mm. shorter than the longest primary, whereas in the Song Thrush it is 12-18 mm. shorter.

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The Intelligence of Pet Birds.

The Baya Weaver Bird.

The following interesting account of the Baya Weaver is taken from the "Indiaman," and at the end is added an account of its meeting as given in Mr. Douglas Dewar's delightful work, "A Bird Calendar for Northern India," which book was reviewed some months ago in our columns.

THE common Weaver-bird, the Baya, "Ploceus baya," is an inconspicuous little brown bird, not altogether like, but not very unlike, a hen Sparrow. But in the hot weather, when the breeding season is about to commence, the cock breaks out into golden tints like a gorse bush which blossoms in yellow flowers. At that time he, at any rate, is easily recognised; and, even if we have not noticed the birds particularly, we all know the strange, penduline, retort-shaped nests, in use or disuse, hanging from the kikar trees. The "Ploceidæ" are very skilful architects, their operations are worth watching, and if we care to watch them, now is the time.

The Baya's Beautiful Nest.

Beauty, it is said, is appreciation of purpose, and purpose rightly used. The nests are therefore beautiful, for there could hardly be a better expression for their constructive necessities. The structures, hanging like long-necked flagons from slender branches of the trees, are built of threads of grass, lined with soft material within.

The threads are manufactured by stripping the blades of the elephant grass into strands of the desired thickness, and are then woven into shape, beginning from the tree-attachment and working downwards. The only opening is a narrow neck at the lower end, and the inmates of the nest are thus secure from the attacks of squirrels, monkeys, and birds of prey.

The skill displayed in the construction of these little homes, with all the devices for comfort within and protection without, is very remarkable. Instinct comes, of course, into play, but it is not all instinct. It is partly the outcome of intelligence and experience.

In any colony of cradles, a certain number of unfinished nests will be observed. The natives say that these are summer-houses, built in order that the cock may sit and sing to his mate to relieve the tedium of incubation. It is a pretty legend, but it is much more likely that these incomplete constructions are the work of young birds learning the business.

Most nests, again, have pellets of clay attached to them, and it is an Oriental conceit that fire-flies are stuck into the clay to light the nests at night. This is still more of a fable, and it is probable that the clay is used to balance the nests and prevent them swaying dangerously in a high wind. It is safe, however, to assume that the weights have a use, and the use implies a certain amount of reasoning power.

But no one can watch the Weaver-birds at work without noticing, in addition to their intelligence, their joyous enthusiasm. You see them in the sunshine after rain, flashing with vitality, bubbling with song and laughter, bestowing on artist's work an artist's labour, a perfect riot of happiness. "I look on that man as happy," said Emerson, "who, when there is a question of success, looks into his work for a reply, not into the market, not into opinion, not into patronage." In a wild state, the Bayas are like that, and if they are secure of their own verdict, they ask for nothing else.

A Clever Performer.

It is only when they come into contact with man that the love of approbation is aroused. The Bayas are sagacious in other ways than in the construction of their tree-rocked cradles, and for that reason they always form a part of the stock-in-trade of the "tamasha-wallahs" exhibiting performing birds.

Most of us will have seen them hauling miniature buckets out of miniature wells, threading beads with a needle and thread, and retrieving small articles thrown into the air. The Indian trainer is not a great expert, or the Baya would go much further than that. It has all the qualifications of the performing bird, it is readily trained, capable of great attachment, very intelligent, and almost eager to be taught.

The birds are so delightful to watch in their natural state that I had no particular desire to own a tame Baya. But one day in the bazaar of a great city I found a young Weaver-bird exposed for sale with a number of bullet-headed Green Parrots and Red Munias, and I carried him home with me. I would have given him his liberty, but it was early in September, and he was barely fledged; and later with almost unrestricted liberty he never wanted to go. When he was caged it was solely for his own protection. He was usually loose, and would follow me into the open air with no other thoughts than to follow.

That he was very clever goes without saying. A young Baya is just the sort of young fellow a crammer likes to coach for an examination. But cleverness is not the only point; the Crow is very clever, but no Crow would pass any examination at all. As an examinee he would be annoying his neighbours, spilling the ink, and writing ribald remarks on the folly of the questions and the incapacity of the examiners. The Weaver-bird is a born competition-wallah with a thirst for marks at an examination, and what marks represent. And when all that is said, the Baya, as a companion, has another and a more excellent gift.

Cunningham, in his charming work, says that Bayas are very undesirable additions to an aviary, as they are very aggressive, and are possessed by a deeply-rooted desire to hammer in the skulls of their neighbours. That may be a grave objection to the Baya for aviaries, but it is that very aggressiveness which makes it so valuable as a house pet.

Rough on the Sparrow.

Everyone knows the extreme annoyance caused by Sparrows in the interiors of our Indian houses. The Sparrow is recognised as a pest, but it is worse than a pest, it is an abominable nuisance, and a source of profanity. When once it enters it has to be ejected, but the ejectment is a troublesome campaign. It means the employment of bamboos and driving whips, tennis-balls, and other missiles, and it ends in a disordered room, bad temper, and a subsequent sense of shame.

A tame Baya, and all that disappears. You can sit coolly in your chair, and the Baya does the rest. The Sparrow enters through the top window with its usual impertinent and exasperating chirrup; and the Baya, always jealous and alert, looks up with a "Who goes there?"

"Sparrow."

But it is no case of "Pass, Sparrow, and all's well," it is "you clear out, Sparrow, double-quick, or I'll knock your head off."

The Sparrow does not mind that. It is accustomed to bad language, and its business in life is to incite Billingsgate. But opposed to a Baya, it very soon finds a hasty retirement prudent; and then my little friend used to flutter down right on to my blotting-pad, and ask for praise. He got it.

An Extract from "A Bird Calendar for Northern India."

By DOUGLAS DEWAR

Of the scenes characteristic of the rains in India none is more pleasing than that presented by a colony of nest-building Bayas or Weaver Birds (Ploceus baya). These birds build in company. Sometimes more than twenty of their wonderful retort-like nests are to be seen in one tree. This means that more than forty birds are at work, and, as each of these indulges in much cheerful twittering, the tree in question presents an animated scene. Both sexes take part in nest-construction.

Having selected the branch of a tree from which the nest will hang, the birds proceed to collect material. Each completed nest contains many yards of fibre not much thicker than stout thread. Such material is not found in quantity in nature. The Bayas have, therefore, to manufacture it. This is easily done.

The building Weaver Bird betakes itself to a clump of elephant grass, and, perching on one of the blades, makes a notch in another near the base. Then, grasping with its beak the edge of this blade above the notch, the Baya flies away, and thus strips off a narrow strand.

Sometimes the strand adheres to the main part of the blade at the tip so firmly that the force of the flying Baya is not sufficient to sever it. The bird then swings for a few seconds in mid-air, suspended by the strip of leaf. Not in the least daunted, the Baya makes a fresh effort and flies off, still gripping the strand firmly. At the third, if not at the second attempt, the thin strip is completely severed.

Having secured its prize, the Weaver Bird proceeds to tear off one or two more strands, and then flies with these in its bill to the nesting site, uttering cries of delight. The fibres obtained in this manner are bound round the branch from which the nest will hang. More strands are added to form a stalk; when this has attained a length of several inches it is gradually expanded in the form of an umbrella or bell.

The next step is to weave a band of grass across the mouth of the bell. In this condition the nest is often left unfinished. Indians call such incomplete nests jhulas or swings; they assert that these are made in order that the cocks may sit in them and sing to their mates while these are incubating the eggs. It may be as "Eha" suggests, that at this stage the birds are dissatisfied with the balance of the nest, and for this reason leave it.

If the nest, at this point of its construction, please the Weaver Birds, they proceed to finish it by closing up the bell at one side of the cross-band to form a receptacle for the eggs, and prolonging the other half of the bell into a long tunnel or neck. This neck forms the entrance to the nest; towards its extremity it becomes very flimsy, so that it affords no foothold to an enemy.

Nearly every Baya's nest contains some lumps of clay attached to it. Jerdon was of the opinion that the function of these is to balance the nest properly. Indians state that the bird sticks fireflies into the lumps of clay to light up the nest at night. This story has found its way into some ornithological text-books. There is no truth in it. The present writer is inclined to think that the object of these lumps of clay is to prevent the light loofah-like nest swinging too violently in a gale of wind.

After the formation of the cross-bar at the mouth of the bell one of the birds sits inside and the other outside, and they pass the strands to each other, and thus the weaving proceeds rapidly. While working at the nest the Bayas, more especially the cocks, are in a most excited state. They sing, scream, flap their wings, and snap the bill. Sometimes one cock in his excitement attacks a neighbour by jumping on his back. This results in a fight, in which the birds flutter in the air, pecking at one another. Often the combatants "close" for a few seconds, but neither bird seems to get hurt in these little contests.

The Essentials of Aviculture.

By J. W. N.

(Continued from page 185.)

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Some More British Birds.

And How to Keep Them.

CROW.—A very easy bird to keep in captivity. Is much better running about with one wing clipped than confined to a cage. In this manner he will provide himself with all the insects necessary. As he is of a mischievous disposition he should be kept away from cultivated ground. *Food*: Large Softbill mixture, or soaked dog biscuits mixed with mashed potatoes or scraped raw carrot; Melox soaked overnight is another useful food. *Extras*: Tablescraps; all sorts of insects, fruits, and berries.

FIELDFARE.—*Food*: Large Softbill mixture. *Extras*: Insects of all kinds. Berries are greedily eaten, especially those of Mountain Ash. Fruit, in particular the apple, will usually be taken.

GOLDFINCH.—One of the most popular of British Finches in captivity. Invaluable for mule and hybrid breeding. *Food*: British Finch mixture. *Extras*: British Finch tit-bits, and a few cracked sunflower seeds. A constant supply of seeding thistle heads should be kept up if possible, and then the bird will eat little else. Small insects occasionally. The heads of burdock and plantain when procurable will afford a pleasant change, and even flowering grasses are eaten occasionally.

GREENFINCH.—Do not overfeed this bird, as he quickly gets fat and ungainly. *Food*: British Finch mixture. In summer, if he is too fat, allow only canary and rape in equal parts. *Extras*: Insects, fruit and berries are all eaten, and an occasional treat of a few sunflower seeds will improve the plumage.

HAWFINCH.—A very shy bird, although large in size. Give a large, roomy cage. *Food*: Although the British Finch mixture will do, it is better to add hemp and sunflower and to diminish the quantity of canary and rape. *Extras*: Finch tit-bits; insects occasionally; berries and fruits, the stones of which get their due share of attention. Beech nuts in the autumn are of great use in giving variety.

HAWKS.—Of various kinds, are not favourites as cage birds; they are carniverous, and require the bodies of small animals, preferably newly killed and still warm. Sparrows and mice are the usual animals employed, but the former must have the large flight and tail feathers removed. The larger insects ought to be supplied when procurable.

JACKDAW.—See Crow.

JAY.—Prized for his plumage and power of mimicking sounds; he makes a splendid pet. *Food*: Large Softbill mixture, with changes such as advised for the Crow. *Extras*: Fruits and berries; insects and an occasional mouse are all disposed of; eggs, peas, beans, chestnuts, nuts, and acorns afford a means of supplementing the mouse.

KINGFISHER.—Not suitable for cage life, but in an aviary built over a stream their beautiful plumage and graceful flight and quaint mannerisms will provide endless interest. *Food* mainly consists of fish, so see that the stream is well stocked with minnows and sticklebacks; frogs and small lizards are favourite variations, and a few shrimps make a tasty tit-bit.

LINNET.—Specially prized for his power of song. *Food*: British Finch mixture. *Extras*: British tit-bits; dandelion and thistle-heads with bunches of wild grasses are his favourites.

MAGPIE.—Like the Jay, has wonderful powers of mimicry; is very mischievous, and all feeding utensils must be outside cage. *Food*: Large Softbill mixture, soaked Melox, etc. *Extras*: Table scraps, beetles, mice, frogs, sparrows, the latter three only to be given occasionally.

MISSEL THRUSH.—See Song Thrush.

NIGHTINGALE.—The best of all British song birds. *Food*: Small Softbill mixture. *Extras*: Mealworms and other forms of insect food, a little crushed hemp seed can be added to the stock mixture. Berries, such as raspberries, are sometimes eaten.

OWL.—Difficult to keep in good health owing to the carnivorous nature of the food. All the items mentioned for Hawks are used, and pieces of liver are liked.

PIPITS OR TITLARKS.—Make difficult cage birds. They must have plenty of exercise, so a large cage is indicated. *Food*: Small Softbill mixture. *Extras*: Bunches of seeding grasses; insects and berries.

RAVEN.—Same as Magpie.

REDPOLL.—Their quaint mannerisms make them great favourites, so give roomy cages. *Food*: British Finch mixture. *Extras*: Tit-bits; heads of plantain and charlock.

REDSTART.—*Food*: Small Softbill mixture. *Extras*: Insects, fruits and berries.

REDWING.—See Fieldfare.

RINGOUSEL.—Use a Blackbird's cage and feed in the same way as for that bird.

ROBIN.—*Food*: Small Softbill mixture. *Extras*: Fruit and berries, mealworms and other small insects. A few grains of canary seed are sometimes eaten, and make a change.

ROOK.—See Crow.

SISKIN.—A great favourite amongst British bird fanciers. *Food*: British Finch mixture. *Extras*: British Finch tit-bits, and all kinds of wild seeds and berries.

SKYLARK.—Is very hardy, and this combined with its power of song make it much sought after as a cage bird. *Food*: Large Softbill mixture. *Extras*: Insects and seeding grasses.

(To be concluded.)

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The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. T. J McMillan, 55, Vernon Street, Belfast.

Wasp Grubs as Bird Food.

How May They be Gathered and Preserved?

SIR,—I should be obliged if some reader of CAGE BIRDS would be kind enough to tell us the best methods to (1) capture wasp nests in ground; that is, kill wasps without damaging nest and grubs; (2) capture wasp nests hanging from trees, etc.; (3) preserve comb for the winter use. Now that live food is so expensive I think the information would be most valuable—certainly to me, and I am sure to many others. GEO. E. LOW.

Is Maw Seed Restricted?

Plantain as a Substitute.

SIR,—As I am a breeder of Canaries, and as maw seed is the seed which all bird fanciers use during the breeding season to their egg food, I should like to know if any other fancier has been refused maw seed. My wife, a few days ago, went into a large seed merchant's shop in the Midlands to purchase some maw seed, but the salesman, to her astonishment, said he was not allowed to sell this seed, it comes from foreign countries. We all know that most of our seeds come from foreign countries, so why is this one especially restricted? In place of maw seed now I use plantain seed which I gathered last autumn.

G. BALL.

Is Tredegar C.B.S. Dead?

A Protest Against a Suggestion.

SIR,—It is not my intention to reply to the letter written by the secretary, Mr. W. B. Watkins, until he unreservedly withdraws his statement that "I never thought my friend, Mr. G. O. Thomas, would allow himself to be a tool in other people's hands." This is an open statement, and evidently he is suspicious of some one who is innocent, and it is for the sake of the person or persons whom he suspects that I have adopted this attitude. If he does not withdraw, the matter will be put into other hands, and will have to take its course. I should never stoop so low as to sign my name to other people's letters, and I say openly the letters are my own, and written by

G. O. THOMAS.

The Trouble of the Sweating Hen.

SIR,—I read with great interest Mr. Allsopp's article on the sweating hen, and have no hesitation in agreeing with him that feeding has nothing whatever to do with it. I may say that my birds are fed very plainly indeed, without any kind of rich food. I do not start giving them egg food until they have their first egg, and then only twice a week until the eggs are hatched, and then, of course, they get it as often as I think they require it. I also feed on groundsel and lettuce, giving them these two greens in preference to all others. I think no birds are fed much more plainly than mine, yet I have had sweating hens. I have bred many birds in other seasons, but I am sorry to say that this season has not been quite so good. As for feeding being the cause of sweating I fail to see it, for although as mentioned above my birds are kept very plainly, yet I have been a victim. H. KAY.

IN-BREEDING:

WHAT IT IS, AND WHAT IT DOES.

A Treatise of the Greatest Interest to all Breeders of Live Stock.

BY

C. A. HOUSE.

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Hand-reared Skylarks.

A Query as to Feeding.

SIR,—Would any reader of CAGE BIRDS kindly tell me what food to give Larks when they are about six weeks old, as I find when I hand-rear them they always die at about that age, even if they are picking.

T. HOOK.

Improving the Norwich Canary.

A Novice Seeks Information.

SIR,—I have read all the correspondence in CAGE BIRDS on the Norwich Plainheads. Mr. Johnson says the Norwich has been improved during the last few years; will he kindly let us know through CAGE BIRDS how it has been done, as they tell me mine are all too small for the show bench, too old-fashioned? I have been trying to breed them like the beautiful drawings of Mr. Norman's on the front of CAGE BIRDS, for five years, and then to be told that they are of no use is very disappointing to me. If he will tell me how to do it I shall be very much obliged.

INTERESTED NOVICE.

On Making a Start.

Honesty or Fitness?

SIR,—It is gratifying that Mr. Martin does not doubt the honesty of myself and other fanciers. In his lecture he said "Trust no one," now he is wobbling, and states he said "many" not "everybody," and he may tell us in a few days that he used neither statement. I say again that there are plenty of reliable and honest fanciers, and I am not quoting from books, or theory, but from practical experience. The "dozens that have been driven out of the fancy by taking such advice as 'Lover' gives" we have only Mr. M.'s word for. If the dozens had taken the valuable spoon-feed from our friend Mr. Martin, no doubt they would have been in the fancy to-day, and successful.

With regard to my fitness Mr. M. knows nothing of me, and why he made that statement I cannot imagine; I have never offered my services to buy a feather for him or any one else; when I do, then will be the time for him to comment on my fitness.

With regard to "A. Sticker," a man who makes use of such statements through your columns and has not the conscience to give his name and district, is not worth ink and paper. Fancy expecting a breeder to part with a pair of brids likely to breed a "Dreadnought." I wonder how many "Dreadnoughts" have been bred during the last ten years. A. HUTTON.

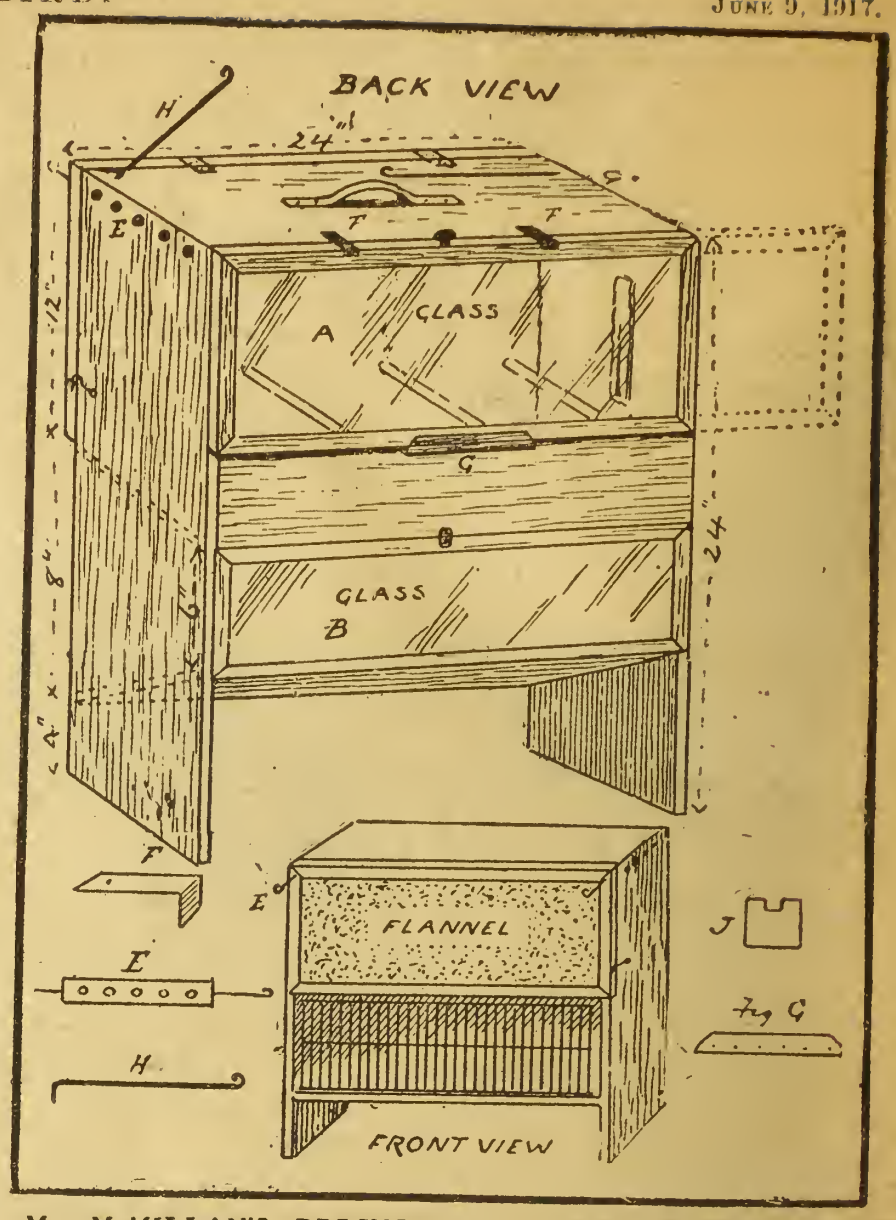
Non-sitting Hens.

How to Deal with Their Eggs.

SIR,—Having read in June 2 issue of CAGE BIRDS, the letter "A Novice's Experience in Breeding Canaries," which somewhat amused me, though I was glad to read of his ultimate success, I should like to give my experience of first round this season which may be a little service to many a novice, as I have been a breeder for a great many years. My first round, nine hens, brought me a total of 21 young ones, all on to hard seed.

On starting this season three of my hens were new to me, and of course I did not know their probable defects. However these three new comers each produced four grand eggs. Of course, all the nine hens I had were laying at about one and the same time. Now I had prepared myself ahead to catch these three new hens napping, and as it turned out they would not go on sitting their eggs, absolutely giving the sitting duty a complete miss, so I took the whole of the 12 eggs, and divided them among the other six hens. This rather overburdened them, yet it is as well I did so, otherwise I should not have had my grand total of 21 young birds. I shall give the same three lazy hens another trial, of course, but I shall prepare myself in fair time, to be ready to wink my other eye if they do it on me again next round. In conclusion I hope also our friend, "Novice" has a real good success in his second venture. Nil desperandum.

JOHN H. JOWETT.



Mr. McMILLAN'S DRYING CAGE. SEE LETTER BELOW.

A Home-made Drying Cage.

Full Particulars of Construction.

SIR,—I send you herewith sketch and particulars of a drying cage for use in front of the fire, in the hope that it may be of interest and benefit to other fanciers. I used a similar cage last show season, and it proved most satisfactory.

The material required to construct the cage is as follows:—Ordinary spruce, four pieces, 24in. x 9in. x ⅝in., one piece 24in. x 10in. x ⅝in.; two pieces 7in. x 2in. x ¼in. (for ventilator); one piece 24in. x 4in. x ⅝in.; yellow pine, 6ft. 6in. of 1in. x ⅝in., and 12ft of 1in. x ⅝in., ploughed ¼in. deep on top to suit glass (Fig. J).

Fittings, two pairs 2in. light narrow steel butts, two gib pieces, made from ⅜in. x ⅛in. iron (Fig. F), one lifting handle, one black turn button, two hooks and eyes, two pieces hoop iron 8in. x 1in. drilled (Fig. G), and the necessary glass. (In providing the glass it should be cut ⅛in. smaller to allow for contraction and expansion.) One piece of grey flannel 24in. by ⅝in. The flannel used for military shirts is very suitable, and keeps clean better than any other colour.

The method of construction is as follows:—Nail one of the 24in. x 9in. pieces on top of two others to form top and sides, taking care to drive the nails where they will not interfere with the ventilating holes when bored. Next place the bottom of the top compartment (A) in position and nail firmly in place.

Now proceed with bottom of compartment (B), sloping it toward the side which will face fire when the cage is in use. Use for this the 10in. wide piece of spruce, and when fixed in position clean off the projecting pieces which will have resulted. Nail on the bottom rail (24in. x 4in.) in compartment A. Then proceed with the two glass panels, the upper one measuring 24in. x 8⅝in., and the lower one 24in. x 6⅝in. over all, using the ploughed pine (Fig. J).

The flannel screen comes next; it should measure 24in. x 13¼in. over all. (It will be noted this door is fitted outside. At the first glance it would seem better flush, but the wood part would to a certain extent prevent the heat getting at bird sitting on bottom of cage.

Nail the frame temporarily to a firm board, and proceed by tacking the flannel on same. Unless the frame is secured the flannel cannot be properly stretched. Cut a small groove, ⅛in. x ⅛in., 1in. from the top of each side of this screw to allow the rods of ventilators to project (Fig. E).

Bore five ⅛in. holes at top of each side of cage to act as ventilators, and five similar holes in exactly the same position in the two pieces, 7in. x 2in. x ¼in. Drive carefully 3in. of galvanised wire 1½in. into one end of same, and another piece 5in. long with loop 1½in. into other end to act as a handle for adjustment (Fig. E). Fit the two ventilating slips in position inside cage, using two small staples, and allowing the slip to cover and uncover holes in side of cage, cranking the loop handle so that it may project towards the front between flannel screen and side of cage through the holes already provided.

Now let us come back to the glass panels, screw the two guide runners (Fig. G) in position on bottom rail of top panel; screw knob into centre of top rail; fix panel in position by means of the two iron gibs, Fig. F, which should be 6in. from each end. This will allow the sliding panel to be opened for six inches at either side of top compartment, to allow for placing in or taking birds out, and also to assist birds to the perches when necessary.

The panel of the "mummy" compartment is best hinged at bottom, being secured by the black button. Fix the wire front in this same compartment in the front toward fire. I prefer to use this wire front, as a bird sometimes get free of the cloth with disastrous results. Hinge flannel screen at front and provide hooks and eyes for securing.

Now fit three perches 6in. apart, in top compartment, fix in thermometer, screw on top handle and fix the rails for drying flannels, etc. (Fig. H), into two holes, and the contrivance is ready for action.

My method of using is as follows:—Strew the top compartment with sawdust ½in. deep, spread a flannel, size of bottom, over the sawdust, place in front of a bright fire until a steady temperature of 80 degrees is attained, and proceed.

The making of this cage will provide only a few nights' work, and will be complete for First Feather shows. It can be made more simple by using only glass (without frames) and nailing flannel without frame and netting wire towards fire, but the extra trouble and expense in making it correctly will amply repay any fancier who "makes a job of it."

T. J. MCMILLAN.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 308.)

Birds to and from Shows.

The Return Carriage Question.

Sir,—Experience teaches. Two shows have been held since the new rule came into force. Ossett was the first, and there was a little confusion, because no definite arrangement had been made. Some exhibitors sent the return carriage with their entry fees and some did not. At Lincoln Show, at the end of April, there was no trouble at all. Mr. Fenwick, the secretary, asked exhibitors to send the return carriage with their entry fees, and this was the result. Mr. Fenwick said: "To be candid it was a real success, and I am sure that when we have had a few shows exhibitors will fall into line, and it will be no trouble to the secretary."

Your correspondent speaks of the trouble of weighing the crates at the station from which they are returned. This has always been the practice. Parcels, whether "paid" or "carriage forward," are always weighed at the forwarding station, and the charges made there, and not at the receiving station, as W. R. S. seems to think.

If fanciers all do their bit there need be no trouble about the return carriage, as the railway authorities will supply the show secretaries with sheets so that they may enter up all the names and addresses, and the railway clerks will weigh the cases, stamp them, and collect the charges from the show secretaries.

C. A. House.

A Perfect Travelling Box.

Some Hints on Sending Birds.

Sir,—I would like to tell readers how to make a perfect travelling box for sending live birds by rail. I might say that, having received a lot of birds at different times from various advertisers, I have been sometimes struck with the condition in which they reached me. In most cases plenty of seed had been put in the cage or travelling box, but, after being tossed about by the railway people, in nearly every case the seed was found in the paper wrapper on arrival, being wasted, as the birds could not get at it.

After thinking the matter over for a time, I think I may claim to have made a perfect travelling box which provides sufficient air for the birds and entirely prevents the seed from coming out.

A light wood box about 3½in. high, 11in. long, and 8in. wide is necessary, with no cracks, and with a close fitting lid. In the centre of each end of the box, bore a hole 1½in. in diameter, with a brace and bit; then get some perforated zinc or tin, cut off a size sufficient to reach about a quarter of an inch beyond the hole all round (a square piece is best) and nail at each corner with small tacks on the inside of box. Do the other end in the same way.

Then put an oval perch across the middle of the box about half an inch from the bottom, and put a tack through each side to hold in position. Split two inches off one side of lid, (by this means you have a narrow opening through which to put your bird, and there is not the risk of bird escaping or injuring its feathers), nail the other six inches of lid on the box with strong nails, I find ¾in. boot rivets are good, and it is ready for the bird. This size is sufficient for two or three small birds.

If the birds which I am sending off are British I get some chickweed and soak it in water for ten minutes, also a small cube of bread soaked; these are put in the box with a good supply of seed. I treat Canaries the same, and for foreign birds I put soaked seeding grass, with a small piece of bread. This provides them with enough moisture during a long, hot journey.

If I am sending birds off at night, and that is the best time, I always water and feed again at mid-day in addition to their morning feed. On receipt the birds should be placed in a cool room with fresh water and seed like that in the box, and then left alone for an hour to recover from the effects of the journey.

Send your customer a card two days before sending the birds, telling him the necessary seeds and time of dispatch, and ask him, if possible, to get them from his station with all speed. Finally, an hour or so before sending off, put a "live bird label" on the box; they are very cheap at the office of Cage Birds. If you do this, it will dry on the box and not be so liable to be torn off.

If these little details are followed it will make a great difference to the condition of a bird when received by purchaser. I have sent birds over 300 miles in these boxes, and they have arrived in perfect condition, so I hope my fellow fanciers will give this plan a trial.

H. Hood.

Non-feeding and Sweating Hens.

How a Bad Case was Cured.

Sir,—I had one particular hen which was a very poor feeder, and also sweated the young birds very badly. With this hen I lost four young birds in the first nest through nonfeeding and sweating. I gave the hen a couple of doses of Epsom salts, and also salt-water baths, which took no effect. I could see the young birds turning a kind of yellowish colour through the hen sweating them so badly, and I lost them just at four days old.

In due time I had this hen nesting again, and I kept a close eye on her this time. When it was drawing near the time for the hen to hatch out her eggs I began by giving her a dose of Epsom salts two days previous to bringing the young birds out, and I also gave her salt-water baths as before. The treatment again had no good result, for the hen was just the same with her non-feeding and sweating.

At night of the day of the young birds being hatched I took all seeds away from the cage, and on the second day I gave the hen a small portion of yolk of egg in the morning, and sprinkled a small bit of white sugar on top of the yolk of egg. By doing this I drew the hen off the nest to feed, and she began feeding the young birds. This I did for three days, and then I commenced to give them white and yolk of egg and a little crushed biscuit, until seven days, when I gave crushed hemp, etc., and the feeding came all right.

On the second day, to prevent the hen sweating, I took a large-size nest-pan and knocked the bottom of it right off, leaving just the rim of the nest pan to hold the wire hanger. Then I took a clear piece of strainer and made a nest lining and a shallow nest. I put the young birds in this nest, which enabled them to have plenty of ventilation, and I could see the young birds gaining every day. The hen could not sweat them in this nest, so I managed to rear four good healthy birds. This nest certainly looked very peculiar in the cage, as if I was studying war economy and using half a nest at a time, but all the same it was pleasant to look into the half nest to see four whole young healthy birds.

Thos. Davies.

The Trouble of "Going Light."

Can it be Prevented?

Sir,—Having been a breeder of Canaries for four seasons, with much success on the whole, I would be greatly indebted to any experienced fanciers if they could enlighten me (and at the same time many others) as to the cause of this deadly complaint, and at the same time give a cure for it. Generally speaking, I have had very little trouble in breeding young Yorkshires until they have arrived at the age of six to ten weeks old, but at this age I have lost many a promising youngster.

The symptoms are as follows:—The bird eats greedily, feathers puff out, eyes become dull and heavy, and on examination the breast bone is found to be very prominent. After two or three days' illness they are as dead as a doornail. I have tried many so-called remedies, but without success, and if there is no definite cure I should be relieved if told so.

It will be as well, perhaps, if I roughly outline my method of feeding. Egg food given when young are due, a leaf of lettuce or dandelion on the appearance of young, in addition to egg food. After a day or two I scald some teazle, drying it off in pan before using; I give fresh supplies of all foods three times daily. I find that hens feed excellently on scalded teazle. I give a variety of green foods in addition to the above, such as groundsel and chickweed, etc.

When the young are quite capable of feeding themselves, at about the age of a month, I remove them to a double breeder, giving them plenty of exercise, and a bath regularly, supplying them with egg food, but gradually decreasing the supply of green foods and scalded teazle. Occasionally, in place of the latter, I give some scalded summer rape, until the birds are well on plain seed. At this period it is time to add colour food, with egg bread, for first moult, and I add a little linseed meal to the colour food occasionally until fully through moult.

Once safely through the first moult, they appear to be as safe from death as the German Emperor is from being bayoneted in a charge in France. I have not yet seen this subject of "Going Light" discussed in Cage Birds, and now seems the time to discuss it, and thus prevent, perhaps, a serious loss to fanciers who, like myself, are unable to cope with the difficulty. I hope that some kind fanciers will give us the benefit of their knowledge.

Another Novice.

A Veteran Border Canary Hen.

Nine Years Old, Still Going Strong.

Sir—I was quite surprised when I received my Cage Birds on Friday to find my old Cinnamon-marked Buff hen depicted on the front page although I have been expecting to see her in this position after her 51st first prize at the Cardiff Show. Since then she has stood 1st at Portb, 1st Llanelly, 1st Penygraig, and 2nd Swansea F. and F. S.

It is quite unnecessary for me to write anything further about her, as I gave a short career of her life in Cage Birds about six months ago. But one thing I should mention; this breeding season she has reared a nest of three and is now sitting on a clutch of five due to hatch on Thursday. I think it is a wonderful performance for a hen in her ninth year. Thank you again for conferring another honour on me, and I wish your paper every success. Last, but not least, the greatest praise is due to your able artist, Mr. Norman, for the life-like drawing of her.

D. Jenkins.

In-breeding.

Using it with a Definite Purpose.

Sir,—I am always interested in the correspondence columns of Cage Birds, and have been especially so latterly on the subject of inbreeding. I always consider that as controversialists Mr. House and Mr. Johnson are about a match for each other, and notwithstanding the latter's lack of "credentials" he is certainly no "mug" as regards a Norwich Canary.

To my mind all depends on what you are trying to produce, and so long as your stock keeps healthy what possible harm can there be in inbreeding. Now I have recently acquired a big Norwich cock, with a beautiful head and beak. I am anxious to perpetuate those qualities, and should I have any luck this season, I purpose another season to inbreed with the special object of retaining in my stock the fine head and beak of the cock mentioned, that is, presuming some of the youngsters bred this season are endowed with the same qualities.

I consider that by so doing I am more likely to achieve my purpose than by breeding from unrelated birds. What have Mr. House and Mr. Johnson to say with regard to my proposed action?

"Three Spires."

A Disclaimer.

Sir,—In your issue of Cage Birds for May 26, I see a letter over Mr. C. A. House's signature, re inbreeding, in which he mentions my name, and which I think is very detrimental to me as a breeder of high-class Yorkshires. He says he does not enter into controversy unless he is certain of his facts, and then goes on to say "as for, Mr. Dykes, that gentleman is more of an exhibitor than a breeder; if he cannot win with what he breeds at home, he will, if he can, get it elsewhere. Apart from this he is open at any time to buy, not one good bird, but a dozen, or a score if Mr. Johnson, or anyone else, can find them for him."

Now, Mr. House has never been in my rooms, nor seen my breeding stock, which I consider the finest in the country, and probably the largest for any one man, as I usually run about 60 hens, and am doing so this season, although putting in nearly 60 hours per week on munitions.

I have never empowered Mr. House, or anyone else to purchase a dozen, or a score winners or good birds for me, nor even to find them for me, so I think Mr. House is not so certain of his facts in this case.

I do not wish it to be thought that I am writing this to create the impression that I have bred all my own winners, but I do claim to have bred a very large percentage of them, therefore I consider Mr. House's remark unwarranted and uncalled for.

L. Dykes.

An Out-and-out Believer in Breeding In and In.

Sir,—As a student of inbreeding for well over thirty years I have been deeply interested in the many letters which have appeared in the correspondence columns of Cage Birds, and I have thought that a few lines from a breeder and systematic observer on the effects of inbreeding would perhaps be helpful to some of your younger readers.

Mr. House asks for credentials, rightly so! Not that a fancier has no right to speak or write upon the subject unless he has a life experience, but the success or non-success of those giving their experiences is of some guide to the reader in forming his, or her, opinion which is the best and proper line to take. My practice, like that of Mr. House, has been somewhat varied, but it does not include hedgehogs and mice, although of the latter I have dear recollections of bringing fourteen out of my bird room one night in a bunch. If they had been inbreeding, all I can say is to all appearances they had been quite a success.

Reverting to Canaries I might say that my knowledge gained by trial and practical test extends well over twenty years, whilst the previous ten years or thereabouts were spent in breeding Canarics from winners purchased here, there, or anywhere, so long as they could do the needful; win.

I will deal first with the ten years I was breeding in the dark, so to speak. Although I was breeding with the very best exhibition birds that money could buy, my success as a breeder of winners was at that time almost nil. At this stage I had one set object above all others, and that was to be a "top dog;" hence my reason for purchasing all the winners I could lay my bands on.

This having become an accomplished fact I returned to my old love, inbreeding, which I had previously practised with success in another branch of the fancy. It is fast approaching twenty years since I first began to inbreed with Canaries. I have practised it in a steadfast manner, and my stock today is as much inbred as at any time of my keeping Canaries, yet my birds are larger than those with which I originally commenced which is quite contrary to the theories most people advance.

I followed the lead of Mr. Battye who favours the idea of breeding up to the standard by using typical, good feathered, well bred stock, though they be on the small side, in preference to using big, sluggish stock birds, and breeding down to the standard so-to-speak. My Cinnamon marks have been built round a single bird, a clear, pink-eyed buff cock, little better than a cage bird in size, yet in other respects a real gem, and with judicious selecting of my stock, and applying the necessary discretion in pairing up, I am to-day the proud owner of some of the finest stock birds in the fancy. Not that alone, but during this time of inbreeding I have bred some of the finest specimens that ever graced a show bench, carrying off premier honours at the largest exhibitions.

In the green-eyed section I have done likewise, having bred birds that never suffered defeat whilst in my hands, birds which have carried off the very highest honours at the Crystal Palace, birds which, for size, have out-classed their progenitors, yet the theorist tells us that inbreeding tends to small birds, insufficient in feather, and otherwise weak.

To-day, after a great many years of practical tests, I stand a convert to inbreeding, feeling more convinced than ever that if we are to be successful we must know our stock and know it well. I can honestly say that I breed twenty winners where I bred one in the old days of face-value breeding.

I have often seen it stated that inbreeding tends to sterility, this I do not doubt in some fanciers' hands, but I contend that it has just the opposite effect if one's stock is properly handled. I well remember breeding with a marked buff cock for eight seasons, which was a very prolific breeder. I sold him to a London fancier for whom he sired several winners, and he was inbred. I might also say that my hens produce more eggs than the normal, six in a clutch being far from infrequent, and this I attribute to two causes, viz., careful selection and proper feeding.

After long years of practice I stand more convinced than ever that almost anything can be accomplished by inbreeding. Experience has taught me that face value in a stranger brought into one's room very very rarely produces a fac-simile, no matter what big figure one might have paid for same, whilst on the other hand inferior looking, but well inbred birds are generous in the production of stock superior in face-value.

I have one such instance in my room to-day. I well remember an old fancier looking through my stock four years ago, and he came across this particular bird which had been put aside for stock purposes. He remarked "tha'll nivver breed wi' that; that's nut thy sort I knaw." I assured this fancier that I felt positive that the bird in question would produce some right stuff. Since then I have run him with a distant relation three years in succession, and from this pair I have bred several winners, one a clear yellow cock whose lowest record during two seasons of exhibiting is a third prize, and which was in a letter to me by a very prominent exhibitor, characterised as the best young bird he had seen out that season. This very heavily variegated corpulent buff stock cock, now in his fourth season of breeding in face value has little to recommend him save carriage of wings, pipe tail, and good size, yet he has been the sire of several winners in clears and ticks, both yellows and buffs. So much for inbreeding. I could give many more such instances did time and space permit, but "nuff said."

Tee Bee.

(Some letters unavoidably held over.)

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

NOTE.—Only the details asked for on our cards can be published. Such phrases as "a large attendance desired," etc., must not be included. Classification for forthcoming shows, appeals for new members, and any other matter in the nature of an advertisement will only be inserted if paid for at advertisement rates.

Alfreton C.B.S.—June 9, Red Lion Hotel, 5.30. Table show of young birds. Birds staged by 5.30; Mr. R. Simpson judge; special on each class; other business.—G. Sawer.

Barry F. and F.S.—Aug. 11, Headquarters, 7.30. Owing to so many of our members being engaged on work of National importance, and finding it difficult for attendance, it was decided to postpone meetings until August 11. Show date fixed Nov. 24.—H. P. Thomas.

Beamish C.B.S.—June 9, Bird Inn, High Hold, 6.30. Business important; N.F. Show, June 30.—J. H. Elliot.

Bolton Roller C.C.—June 12, Joiners' Arms, 7.30. Rule books; judges for members' and open show.—T. Ormston.

Bradford West C.B.A.—June 9, Girlington Hotel, 7.30. Members' schedules.—F. P. Terry.

British Roller C.C.—June 12, The Cock and Lion, Wigmore Street, London, W., 7.30. Breeding problems; a hearty welcome to all Roller fanciers.—J. W. Norris.

Chester-le-St. C.B.S.—June 9, King's Head Hotel, 6.30. Confirmation N.F.S. schedule, business in connection with same.—R. Ward.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—June 11, Church Institute, Paddington St., W., 8. Young Yorkshire table show and judging competition.—F. J. Martin.

Clay Cross C.B.S.—June 16, Angel Hotel. Nest Feather show, also class for old birds and Mules, 4.30 p.m. staging; and general business.—F. Harrison.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—June 16, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7 p.m. Election of officers and arrange for N.F. show.—Smith and Lees.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—June 13, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 7.30. Schedule Y.S.S.; lecture by H. Norman, "British Birds." Friends invited; audit books.—W. D. Fryett.

East Ham C.B.S.—June 14, Town Hall, 8. Demonstration of colour food mixing, by Mr. W. L. Taylor. Arrangements for ramble, June 17, and F.F. show, June 23.—H. J. Kybert.

East Ham F.S.—June 8, New Headquarters, Hasler Memorial Hall, Green Gate, Plaistow, opposite Free Library. General meeting; 1st show, Saturday, June 23.—E. Winser.

Gt. Horton O.S.—June 9, Station Hotel, 7.30. Business for 1st members' show. Schedules will be ready.—F. Hodgson.

Hirst East End C.B.S.—June 9, Social Club, 7.30. Business important; to take new members and subs.—Wm. Hall.

Huddersfield O.S.—June 14, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Selecting room for open show; delegates' report and other business.—A. Lawford.

Hull C.B.S.—June 9, 2.30, Oddfellows' Hall, Charlotte St. N.F. show; final arrangements re ramble.—W. Furnandiz.

Larkhall C.B.S.—June 9, Y.M.C.A., 7. Fixing date of annual show.—A. Kerr

Liverpool B.B.A.—June 14, Oldham Hall, 8. Lecture, "Preparing Birds for Exhibition," by Mr. W. Young, also "Preparing Egg Food," by Mr. T. Plunkett. Syllabus for July, Aug., and Sept.—T. R. Jones.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—June 16, Ante-room Drill Hall, 6. Of the utmost importance.—W. Grewar.

Manchester and N. Counties O.S.—June 11, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Nest feather show business, etc.—F. Wilkinson.

Morley C.B.S.—June 9, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.—B. Cook.

Nantymoel, Ogmore Vale C.B.S.—June 13, Ogmore Hall, 6. Selecting judges for F.F. show.—T. Davies.

Newcastle C.B.S.—June 14, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 7.30. Business very important, in regard to holding an open show.—F. W. Laidlow.

North West Glasgow C.B.S.—June 12, 308, New City Road, 7.45. Replies from judges and hat or question night. Ramble on June 16 to Cathkin. Members meet at Burnside Car Terminus at 4.—P. Houston.

Keighley C.B.S.—June 12, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Business very important.—J. Bower.

Open Norwich Plainhead Club.—June 16, Oddfellows' Hall, Thornton Road, 6.30. Arranging specials, shows, etc., and any other important business. Societies wanting our patronage write at once to S. Wilcock 16, Back Manor Street, Eccleshill, Bradford.

Openshaw Gorton C.B.S.—June 13, Room, back of stage, Alhambra, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. F.N., June 30; schedules ready; latest date, June 27.—A. W. Newton.

Porth and Rhondda Valleys C.B.S.—June 9, Llwyncellyn Hotel, Porth. F.F. show, 5 till 10; judge, Mr. J. Hoare.—A. H. C. Legg.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—June 12, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Minutes; arrangements for young stock show; other business to clear up.—G. H. Macleltan.

South London Col. and F.A.—General meeting and election of annual judges, June 14, 7.30. Headquarters, Druids Head, Deptford Broadway, S.E.—F. Tottle.

S. Shields "Always Ready."—June 13, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road, 7.30. Consider specials for Young Bird show.—J. W. Watson.

Springburn and Possilpark C.B.C.—June 13, Reid Hall, Queenshill St., 8. Hat night; ramble to Cathkin Braes, Saturday, June 16; meet at Fire Station at 3, or Burnside Terminus at 4.—A. Hamilton.

Walton and Everton C.B.S.—June 13, Kilshaw St. Misson Room, 8. Table show of British birds; judge, W. Leadbetter.—J. Lloyd.

Wigan Roller Club.—Legs of Man Hotel, meeting postponed until June 16, at 7.30. Business important.—P. Greenall.

Country Rambles

The first ramble of the season of the Maesteg C.B.S. took place on May 29, beautiful weather prevailing when a start was made from near the Town Hall. The number of starters might have been better, and those that were absent missed a treat; several members no doubt were taking advantage of the holiday to snatch a few hours by the seaside. The route selected was tho well-known Margam Route, where bird-life was seen at its best, especially among the smaller birds; though some of the larger species were also seen. We worked Llestwen woods on both sides of the brook, starting from Gellilenor farm, for some considerable distance until we reached the roadway leading to Margam.

The first find was credited to Mr. T. Griffiths, the youngest member of the party, a Blackbird's nest with four bonnie young, and judging by their appearance food was fairly plentiful in that part. We now wended our way back across the fields towards Llangwynwd village, well-known throughout Wales as being the home at one time of the Maid of Cefn Ydfa, who now lies buried within its church. A few Linnets were seen, but we were unable to locate any of their nests, and the Cuckoo was heard to advantage. Reaching the highway, a walk of about a mile brought us to the village where a halt of about an hour was made, and refreshments were partaken of. We had now travelled a number of miles without having seen an egg, each nest containing young. Our next move was made in the direction of Tondu, the idea being to inspect the old ruins of Cefn Ydia, but we had only gone some little distance when a thunder storm of unusual severity swept over the district and put an end to rambling for the rest of the day. We, therefore, retraced our steps towards home, wet and tired, but nothing daunted, and at Garth railway station we parted, after having spent a most enjoyable day among the wild birds.—Chas. Williams, Sec.

THROUGH DELIGHTFUL SURREY

The annual ramble of the National British Bird and Mule Club took place June 2 to Gomshall and Shere, Surrey. The train left London Bridge at 9,55, and reached Gomshall at about 11. Fine weather favoured the company, amongst whom we noticed the old familiar faces of Messrs. Robson, Carr, Vale, Cooper, Trower, Cook, Sanders, Peck, etc.

Arriving in an ideal spot for bird life, all thought they were in for a good time. Hillside, lanes, meadows, commons and woods were well searched for nests, etc., but the results were most disappointing. A strong wind during the afternoon certainly tended to keep birds under cover, and very few nests were found. About 37 species of birds were seen and heard, the most prominent being the Willow Wren, Nightingale, Greater Tit, Blue Tit, Long-tailed Tit, Greater and Lesser Whitethroat, Blackcap, Chiff Chaff, Wren, Pied Wagtail, Garden Warbler, Flycatcher, Goldcrest, Tree Pipit, House and Sand Martin, Swallow and Swift.

What was lacking in bird life was compensated for by the lovely display of various butterflies, wild flowers, and ferns. It is many years since such an enchanting display was encountered in our rambles. After covering about six miles amidst a splendid panorama of scenery the company went in good form for the substantial tea provided at the Old White Horse Hotel, Shere, to which ample justice was done. Previous to sitting down, the club despatched a wire to our old and esteemed wounded member, Allen Silver, at Newport, Mon., sending him good wishes and wishing him a speedy recovery.

A mile walk from the lovely village of Shere to Gomshall Station found the company ready for the 8.4 train to London, which was reached about 9.40. Although the display of bird life had been somewhat disappointing, everyone was enthusiastic with the charms of this delightful neighbourhood. The results of the ramble bear out the serious inroads the late cold winter has made on wild bird life.

On Saturday, June 16, the ramble will be to Hatfield and district. Train leaves King's Cross at 1.45. Fanciers and friends welcome. J. R. Trower, hon. treasurer, L.B.B. and M.C., 442, Caledonian Road, London, N.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN

RED-EYED ROLLER.

D. J. W.—The bright red eyes, as you term them, are undoubtedly analogous with what we in England call the pink-eye, and as such are the hall-mark of Cinnamon blood in the hen. You do not mention anything about the general colour of the plumage, but this is, I surmise, more of a dun or dove colour than the ordinary yellow or buff colour of the Canary, this peculiar colour being what is termed cinnamon colour. Unless the cock with which the hen was mated also had more or less Cinnamon blood in his veins, it is certainly remarkable that the young of the hen should also possess the red eye, as the pink-eye or the cinnamon hue is not in any ordinary circumstances transmitted by the hen alone. The bird would not be of any greater intrinsic value on account of the colour of its eyes.

ALARMING SYMPTOMS.

C. SIMPSON.—There can be little doubt that some abnormal occurrence took place in the passage of the egg from the ovary to the oviduct the effect of which will probably be to put a stop to the hen's breeding career for the rest of the season at least, but the way it will terminate cannot be foreseen; very often this trouble ends the breeding career permanently. You can only leave the remedy—such as there may be—to nature, but you may do something to relieve the diarrhœa by giving six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for one day only, and after this four drops each of dilute sulphuric acid, tincture of gentian and tincture of opium daily until the symptoms are relieved. You should endeavour to clear the mice out of the room. Their presence there is always most objectionable, but it would not necessarily be the cause of this trouble with the hen. The ordinary seed diet may be given, but add to it a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of the oil you are using on it every second day for a fortnight or so, and on the alternate days a little seedy chickweed or groundsel, but do not give any dandelion at all to this hen.

CAGES AND SWEATING.

A NOVICE (Bedworth).—(1) As a rule most of the single breeding cages sold in shops are somewhere round about the size you give, though they vary a little in length. The full standard size, so to speak, is 20 in. long, with the same height and depth as you give. The pattern you describe, without any sand tray or any other means of removing the dirt, except through the door, is the cheapest and most objectionable type. It is well worth the little extra cost to have them made with proper sand trays to draw out for cleaning, as it is not only a great aid to cleanliness, but saves a very considerable amount of disturbance of the birds. Removing the dirt through the door with a small scoop or scraper is a most objectionable procedure during the breeding season, especially with highly-strung, nervous hens. (2) You may quite safely continue giving steel to birds in soft moult two days in every three for a fortnight, and after that every second day until the feathers cease dropping, even if the whole course lasts five or six weeks, which is not often the case. (3) Practical experience, coupled with close observation and familiarity with the birds will enable one to tell the sex quite apart from the song with a large amount of certainty, but there must always be cases which are puzzling even to the experienced. In comparison with the hen, the cock has a bolder and more defiant appearance, the eye is more bolting, the "tweeting" more short, incisive, and liquid than the drawn-out and harsher note of the hen. When the birds are in breeding condition a fairly good judgment may be made from the appearance of the vent, that of the cock being more prominent and pointed than that of the hen, which is flatter and more in a line with the abdomen. (4) Hens that are incorrigible "sweaters" are best discarded altogether, to avoid the possibility of implanting the taint in the stock as an hereditary defect. If of exceptional typical qualities, the most rational method, supposing one intends breeding with them, is to provide a few common foster hens and transfer the young to them to be reared. But with young or nervous hens the type of cages described in No. 1, are by no means unlikely to turn a passable parent into a "sweater." If the cocks have hitherto been left with the hens during the period of incubation, try removing them, and leave the hens to hatch out and rear the young by themselves. You will find several replies in last week's issue, notably, to "Will Pill," and "Nat," giving fuller details for combating this trouble, which I need not repeat.

LEAVING NEST PREMATURELY

ROLLER.—I take it you are using the ordinary nest pans and hanging them on the wall or other supports in the same way as you would place them in a breeding cage. This is certainly not a good method for use in an aviary where the birds have liberty to fly about, as there is always the risk of the young fluttering over the side of the pan as soon as they begin to clamber on to the side of the nest to meet the parents returning with food. When nest pans are used at all it is best to place each one on a small shelf or bracket, which may be easily made by nailing together two small pieces of wood at right angles, with a hole bored in one to hang on the wall. This, of course, means you would require pans with more or less of a flat bottom, or otherwise you would need to turn out a round hole into this shelf into which you could drop the pan up to the rim. In either case this gives a small platform all round the pan itself on to which the young bird drops if it stumbles over the side of the nest before it is able to use its wings sufficient to return. But the best method of all would be to employ the small wicker travelling cages used for Roller Canaries as nesting sites, as frequently advised in this column for use in aviaries. These you can simply hang on the wall after removing the seed box, perches, water-pot, and, most or all of the short bars at the end where the seed-box was. Nursery cages would serve very much the same purpose, or cages similar to the wicker ones might be quite easily improvised. In the absence of anything of a more permanent description, fix up a piece of board about eight inches square immediately beneath each nest pan to catch any young that may topple over, and be careful not to scare them when they begin to get fairly well fledged.

YORKSHIRES DYING.

A. N.—There is nothing whatever in your letter which gives me any clue to the probable cause of the death of the birds, though it is quite certain that the safflower seed of which you enclosed sample would not be the responsible agent. Sturdy, rank-grown dandelion has been known to give rise to serious trouble, and even death, but this almost, or quite, invariably occurs among hens that are going to nest and not after they have commenced sitting. I can only suggest that possibly the deaths may have occurred from a sudden chill setting up pneumonia, or, if the birds were mated with newly introduced ones without quarantine, it may have been due to some infectious disease. The one and only satisfactory method of discovering the truth was to have sent one of the bodies for post-mortem, as per instructions under that heading. I would advise you to make a point of doing this in case another death occurs under similar circumstances.

LAYING UNSHELLED EGGS.

M. C.—Errata: Please note that in reply last week a line of type seems to have been inadvertently omitted between the fifth and sixth lines. It should have read "four drops each of dilute sulphuric acid, tincture of gentian, and tincture of steel," and so on.

A SUDDEN TERMINATION.

NO NAME.—The only way to have got a really reliable opinion as to the cause of death was to have sent the body at once to our Mr. Yates, as per instructions under the heading post-mortems. There is just a possibility that it was due to a bacterial disease, but this would imply either that the bird was infected after it came into your possession or very shortly before you bought it. But in either case the cage it occupied should be thoroughly disinfected before another bird is put into it if this surmise were correct. Apart from this the most likely thing was a chill, with broncho-pneumonia supervening, but in this case I should have expected more pronounced symptoms than your letter suggests.

REMOVING COCKS, ETC.

A. SCOTT.—(1) It sometimes happens that a hen will leave the nest and refuse to sit when the cock is removed from her, and in these cases there is nothing for it but to let him remain, unless you should by chance have a quiet old hen or cock, which is unmatched and then it will often answer if this odd bird is put in the place of the cock removed. Another plan which will sometimes answer is, to let the hen sit for a day or so, that is, until she has got thoroughly broody, and then take the cock away quietly in the evening. Then you must take particular notice of her last thing at night and next morning to see if she leaves the nest and shows no disposition to return. If this happens, the only way out is to return the cock and leave them together. You can do nothing to compel a hen to sit when she has not the desire to do so. (2) You could improve upon your feeding either by adding a fourth part of bulk of the staple of summer rape, or giving

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a little rape separately daily. Give a teaspoonful of the seed mixture you will see frequently advised in this column to each pair three times a week and egg food daily when young are in the nest, and twice a week at other times. Give a little green food daily during the summer and vary it according to the season. For the fullest details of feeding all the year round you should get our Manager to send you a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free. (3) It is the custom of many fanciers to give a clean nest when the young are about a fortnight old. This, however, is not essential, and may be determined by the condition of the nest—that is, if it is dirty and unsightly you may give a clean nest of cowhair, but it is neither necessary nor advisable to interfere with the felt lining at this time, unless, indeed, you had a spare nest pan of the same size and type, when there would be no harm in preparing the nest beforehand and transferring the young to it, destroying the dirty nest, cleaning the pan and fixing it up afresh for another pair when required. (4) Canaries bred and reared under normal conditions of temperature are quite able to withstand the cold of any ordinary English winter in an open air aviary, and will thrive under such conditions, especially if the aviary has one portion covered in so that they can seek shelter from wet or cold winds if so disposed. (5) Sorry, but it is not possible to give plans for aviaries in this column. You should get our Manager to send you a copy of "Aviaries, Birdrooms and Cages," 2s. 3d., post free, wherein you will find full instructions and plans for this kind of work.

SWELLING ON ABDOMEN.

A. McKIE.—You ought to have given much fuller details about the substance, its size, colour, general appearance and described its actual position as closely as you could. Without such information it is most difficult to even hazard a guess as to what the mischief is without seeing the bird, as you will all the more readily understand when a medical man, with the advantage of seeing the bird, does not express a definite opinion about the cause of the swelling. Anyway, you cannot do any harm by painting the substance slightly with a feather or small camel-hair brush dipped in tincture of iodine, four times with an interval of four days between each application. If this does not cause the substance to be asborbed, write again and give the fullest particulars you can, and I will do my best to help you further.

DANDELION SEED HEADS FOR YOUNG.

SALOPIAN.—(1) Provided the use of the dandelion in unlimited quantities does not force the hens to re-commence nesting before the young are able to look after themselves, I see no objection to the hens having as much as they like, seeing that they prefer it to anything else for feeding the young. See that it is given freshly gathered, and I do not think it is at all likely to be responsible for the slight looseness you notice. To correct this add a sprinkling of carbonate of bismuth to one supply of soft food daily; do not add any excess of sugar to the soft food, and mix with the bread or biscuit, whichever you may use in making the egg food, a little crushed arrowroot biscuit. (2) As the loss of voice has come on since he was mated you should look into it to see whether he is more exposed to cold draughts or extreme fluctuations than in his former quarters. If so, try to protect him from this effect. Then every second day for a week or so you may add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice, two of pure honey, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and on the alternate days give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it. It will not matter about the hen helping to dispose of these items, but I would not advise any further dosing whilst they are together.

DULL YORKSHIRE COCK.

D. E. D.—You do not give sufficient details of the symptoms for me to say much definitely about the health of the Yorkshire cock. The lack of vigorous song does not necessarily indicate either ill-health or that the bird would not be suitable for breeding, and the frequent opening and shutting of the beak, if unaccompanied by any other symptoms, may be due to sheer nervousness, or it may be due to a slight catarrhal cold or to bronchial trouble. Judging from your description I should imagine that the birds are a suitably matched pair, the cock being a buff and the hen a yellow. Whether the cock is old or young you might judge from the condition of its legs and feet, large coarse scales and thick blunt toe-nails being generally indicative of age. With regard to your separate questions: (1) Yes, in all probability. (2) Without more details of the bird's condition and symptoms, if any, shown it is impossible to say definitely what is wrong with the big bird. The above leading remarks might help you to judge. (3) The above remarks will tell you how to form an idea as to whether the bird is old. For reasons given in No. 2 I cannot say whether he is diseased or unfit for breeding. The lack of song does not necessarily imply this. (4) Again for reasons in No. 2 I cannot tell why he does not sing. Good vigorous song is certainly the ideal breeding condition, but is not absolutely essential to success. (5) If not quite satisfied in your own mind about the condition of the bird by all means return it whilst you may. I have no doubt whatever the vendor would prefer that course and be pleased to exchange the bird, and it would be much more satisfactory to both sides than to risk losing confidence in future dealings. (6) If you decide to keep him, keep in a fairly warm and equable temperature, and in addition to the staple seed diet give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar daily for a week or so, and meantime write again and give the fullest particulars you can about the bird, and I shall be pleased to help you as far as possible.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

HAND-REARING CHAFFINCHES.

CHIFF-CHAFF.—Young Chaffinches are not particularly easy birds to hand-rear, but it can be managed with care. Do not take the young at too early an age from the parents; remember the food they are giving them is far better than any you can supply, and wait until they show their feathers nicely. Mix two Osborne biscuits to the yolk and half the white of a hard-boiled egg, and beat up very finely with a thin fork. Take a small quantity of this mixture and make to a thin paste with new milk. See that it is perfectly sweet before using. Make it fresh as often as possible. As the youngsters grow add a little soaked rape to the mixture. Prepare the rape by soaking in cold water, changing the water daily until the seed commences to sprout, when it is ready for use; dry it in a cloth before mixing it with the egg food. Gradually increase the quantity of rape until they can peck up, and then offer other seeds soaked and cracked, such as canary, rape, hemp, maw, etc. From the first the young ones should be given pieces of mealworms, some house flies, small caterpillars, and other insects, and a few good ants' eggs should be mixed with the egg food if they can be obtained. One may sometimes manage to procure a few live ants' eggs, and these are particularly good for them. Keep the little ones warm by covering them with a piece of flannel, and give the first meal early in the morning. Do not cram them, feed with judgment, but the last meal at night should be a rather heavy one. Put a pinch of fine grit in the soft food occasionally.

USING HEN MULES.

POWER & CO.—All hen Mules will not nest, but some do so, and will make quite as reliable mothers as Canaries. If you have an aviary and a spare cock Canary you could turn them in, and doubtless some of them would soon show signs of nesting. You could let them set on their own eggs and change them just before hatching with the eggs from any known, reliable Canary hens. When they once commence to feed the young, they generally do it pretty well. (2) "Unflighted" is a term applied to a bird that has not moulted its flights, that is, a bird that has only had one moult. After the second moult a show bird is no longer eligible for the unflighted classes.

HAND-REARING RED-BACKED SHRIKE.

SHRIKE.—You can hand-rear a nest of Red-backed Shrikes providing you are willing to give them all they require in the matter of food and attention. They should be taken just as the quill feathers are nicely formed. Late in the evening is the best time, so that they have their first feed early in the morning. This should consist of hard-boiled egg and powdered biscuit, with a spoonful of good ants' eggs. Take a small quantity and make rather sloppy with new milk, and feed every hour at first, and later every two hours. As they grow, mix with the egg and biscuit some best insectile food, which will be their principal food when feeding themselves. From the first they should have insects, pieces of mealworms, caterpillars, beetles, etc., and a little scraped raw lean beef or mutton or rabbits' flesh. When grown up, young Sparrows and mice are greatly relished, and you must remember that without food of this nature they will not thrive. These should be offered as soon as killed. It is a good plan to soak the raw meat in a saucer of water to wash out the blood, as this appears to upset the birds if given in any quantity.

BULLFINCHES IN AN AVIARY.

A BEGINNER.—I fancy if your pair of Bullfinches act up to their natural instincts they should rear their young ones on the food you are now giving them, although it would be as well to offer a little soft food in addition. A daily supply of egg and biscuit, or soaked rape dried off with a little powdered biscuit. You should collect bunches of wild food such as chickweed, sow-thistle, groundsel, and all kinds of seeding grasses; get the sow-thistle from near the hedgerows or under trees, as when growing in these positions it is usually infested with green fly, which is just the food that is required for the young one. If you are fortunate enough to get young and rear them, they could be left in the aviary over the moult, if they all agreed; they would moult out better in colour than if moulted inside. (2) Do not overdo the salts. A dose occasionally when the birds appear to be dull is quite sufficient.

HAND-REARING HAWFINCHES.

S. W. F.—You will have no difficulty in hand-rearing young Hawfinches, and on the method advised for rearing Chaffinches in this issue. Carefully follow all the instructions, and when they start to feed themselves offer cracked hemp and sunflower, canary, a little soft food, a few garden peas, with seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed, also one or two mealworms. Later on sunflower will be their principal food; get it sound and plump, with good full kernels. They will live on this and a mealworm or two every day, but it is as well to offer a little hemp, safflower, linseed, canary, oats, wheat, dari, summer rape, maize, etc. They will also eat various other things, and one can easily make a change in their diet by offering the different seeds and berries as they come into season. Keep in nice roomy cages, and let them bathe freely.

SAMPLES OF SEEDS.

S. M.—The samples of canary seed are both good ones, No. 1 being particularly bright and clear. Rape is good. Linnet mixture should have an extra quantity of canary added and an equal quantity of teazle. Finch mixture should also have teazle added. The canary mixture is good, but would be just as well without the millet. The Lark food is all right for the bird to peck over in addition to his usual soft food, although whole seeds are considered to be better. You omitted to send your name and address.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

TALKING CAPACITY OF INDIAN PARROTS.

PARROT NOVICE.—All the Indian Green Parrots have the power to form and utter words, but vary considerably in the extent to which they use it. There is no royal road to achieve this end. From your description you have a young bird, and it should ultimately talk if you expend a little time upon it. Little can be done in the teaching till it is fairly tame and thoroughly accustomed to those around it. Most of the talented Parrots we hear of have picked up their vocabulary for themselves; their cages have stood in the midst of the home life, and they have copied the sounds and words they heard. Thus a Hawk-head Parrot of mine became a very talented talker; now, alas! he is no more. I have heard Parrots kept in the vicinity of children, which have not only uttered amusing childish prattle, but have mimicked their joyous laughter and also their tears and sobs when they were in disgrace. At the same time, till a bird is thoroughly at home to its surroundings, you must avoid it getting scared by too much of the vim and vivacity of young folk around; the time will come when it will enjoy these, but it must not be teased, or it will become a bad tempered screamer. Much depends on the temperament of the individual bird, and more still on the judgment and common sense of its trainer. When it is tame and steady you can also teach it, when it is in quiet and restful mood, by the constant repetition of such words and phrases as you wish it to repeat. Also, when offering it some tit-bit, accompany it with some such remark as "Something nice for Polly." On these lines, with kindness, patience, and perseverance, you should ultimately have a talking Parrot of more or less talent.

SCARCITY OF MILLET.

J. GRIFFITHS.—Budgerigars and Cockatiels will do well on canary seed and white oats (crushed or whole) and unlimited green food. However, as they are accustomed to this, continue to supply it as long as it is obtainable (you can use all three kinds, Indian, white, and red), but when making your mixture use two or three parts (by measure) of canary to one of millet, and keep a pan of oats continually in the aviary. At this period of the year supply the flowering and seeding heads of any of our indigenous grasses, as green food, ad lib. You can also supply, in addition, groundsel, chickweed, dandelion, etc. The birds prefer the weeds when they possess not only leaves, but also flowers and partially ripened seeds. When the winter period comes round sweet apple and frame lettuce are the best green food. Biscuit crumbs or broken pieces of same can also be supplied. At the same time it would be well for you to get in what stock of millet you can from several sources. Consult our advert. columns under the head of Foods. Hope your boys will return safely to enjoy the peaceful pleasures of aviculture once more.

FEEDING A YOUNG KING AMAZON.

M. TOWNSEND.—A mixture of canary seed, oats, hemp, safflower, and sunflower seeds and shelled pea nuts would suit your bird well. Get a quart of each and well mix together, storing same in dust-tight receptacle in any dry cupboard, etc.; also supply ripe fruit and any kind of shelled nuts it cares for (Barcelona and walnuts are as good as any), biscuits, and you can continue the rice (boiled in water) and chemical food. Also keep cuttlebone, grit, and a chunk of wood continually in the cage. Give every fourth day, for a month at least, one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intermediate days lightly colour the water with the chemical food. Ten drops of cod-liver oil emulsion mixed into the daily supply of boiled rice will also prove a good conditioner. Keep the cage very clean, and if it appears to need a stimulant of any kind give it a few sips of weak brandy and water (tepid) occasionally. Keep it out of draught, but where it will get plenty of light and air. It has, most probably, not yet fully recovered from the hardships of importation.

DULL AND INACTIVE AMAZON.

DULLARD.—The seed mixture and other items of dietary advised to M. Townsend in this issue will meet the requirements of your bird fully, and as yours is a fairly new acquisition also give fluid magnesia and chemical food as advised to that correspondent. Also give cod-liver oil emulsion (ten drops) with the daily supply of boiled rice (boiled in water only). Thinly spread a little honey and borax on the toast crusts, say for as long as a small box (procurable from any chemist) lasts. Spray its nostrils with a dilute solution of glyco-thymoline. Keep strictly out of draught, but not away from light and air. You should find "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit," 7d. post free from our manager, of much help to you in treating your bird. Shall be pleased to hear how it progresses.

DISCHARGE FROM NOSTRILS.

MRS. BURNARD.—You must continue with the treatment already advised. If it would permit you to handle it, first sponging the nostrils with tepid water containing a little Condy's Fluid, and then bathing with the glyco-thymoline solution would be much more efficacious than spraying. The sides of the face could also be bathed with the water containing Condy's Fluid, and then wiped over with a dilute rose water and zinc eye solution, but the latter is rather risky to use as a spraying solution. It will greatly benefit your bird if you can get it to take honey and borax once or twice a day, either from the end of a stick or thinly spread on biscuit, bread, or plain cake. Give it a few sips of tepid brandy and water (say 3 drops of brandy in a teaspoonful of chilled water) twice a day, for about a fortnight. I think, in spite of your fears, the bird is gradually improving. The above are merely additions and slight modifications to the treatment already advised, and to be used in conjunction with same. If unexpected adverse symptoms should develop it would be better to take it to a vet. at once, and not lose time waiting for a reply per post. I shall be pleased to hear how the bird continues to progress.

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D. I. P.—Heart failure following congestion of the lungs, attributable to the heat and probably the storm experienced the previous night.

PENHITE.—Regret to state "septic fever." Do not introduce any new birds. It is doubtful whether any of the remaining birds will weather the storm. Isolate diseased from apparently healthy stock, and take measures to disinfect everything very thoroughly. One of the "Nutshell" series, Disinfection of Cages and Aviaries, obtainable from this office, will give you full particulars.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

ON MAKING A START.

ANOTHER STICKER.—You send neither your own name and address as authenticating your letter, nor the name (in confidence) of the person referred to therein. If you will supply these we shall be pleased to insert your letter. At the same time, however, we would point out that it was a little unreasonable to expect "topping" pairs of birds at £1 per pair or "champion" cocks at 10s. each.

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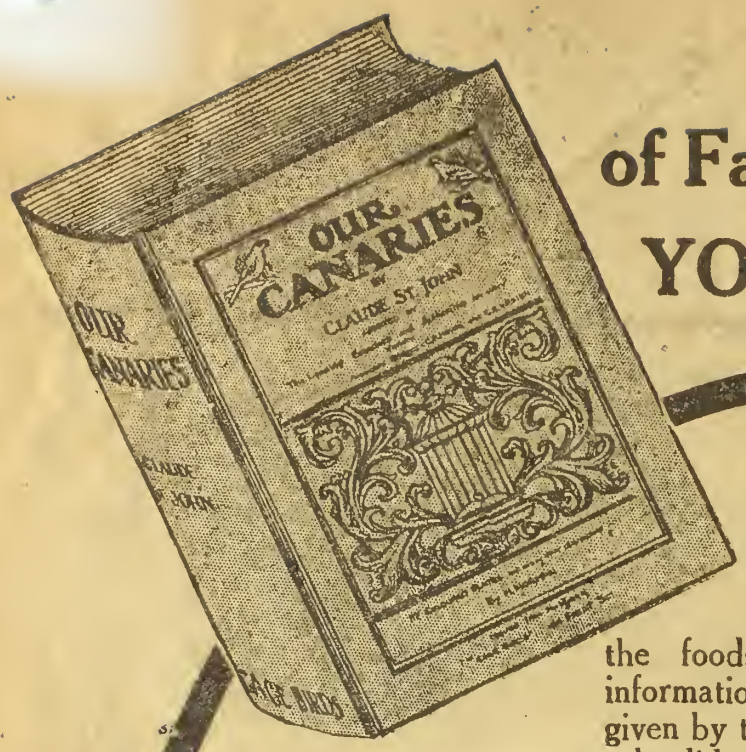

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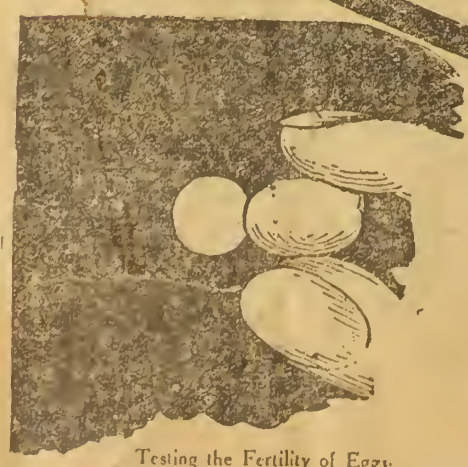
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